

# OVER AND UNDER ACROSS OKLAHOMA



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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow! There's change in the air. The weather can't decide if it wants to be winter or fall. The guild is in just as much change. We have new meeting dates. There is a new format to the meetings. We have a new Vice President ready to jump in and get things done. Thank you Virgil. He will be my right hand man this year and get the meetings started at 10 am at the Western Heritage Museum. I will get there about 11:30 and start the business meeting at 12 noon sharp. We will continue to have a raffle drawing and a door prize drawing. Lunch will start at 12 noon and coincide with the business meeting. Please bring a dish to share.

Our guild project is a great one that the guild is providing the materials for. Be sure to contact Virgil Staggs if you plan to be there and want to weave the project.

This guild meeting is a very important one as we will be discussing how to proceed with the retreat. At this time we still do not have a chairperson. No chairperson means no retreat. Please come and share your ideas. Better yet, offer to be the chairperson or to co-chair. We do have someone willing to co-chair. You can find this information on page 6.

The new by-laws are included in this newsletter on pages 4 and 5. Thank you to the people who helped decided the changes.

Linda Tickle and Pat Horsey are working on the Beginner's Class. Please note that the Beginner class will not have a business meeting. That information is on page 10.

Be sure to make note of the dates for this year's meetings. Because the Beginner Class was already set we will have 7 meeting this year. The year will end with a Christmas Party. Be thinking of what you would like this meeting to include and let me know.

See you Feb. 13th. Janet

## FEBRUARY GUILD PROJECT

Our February 13th, 2016 project will be a round reed double walled basket taught by Virgil Staggs. The basket is 4" by 6" made with round reed. The guild will provide the materials. If you want to weave this project please contact Virgil Staggs at 405-315-6992 or at old3ponies@yahoo.com. Please contact Virgil by February 3rd so He can plan on having enough supplies.

### PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES

### FOR 2016 GUILD MEETINGS

February 13

March 12

April 9

June 18

Aug 13

October 8

December 17

The March meeting is our beginner class. We will need all hands to help. Guild members who help will receive a free kit at the June meeting. The kits will be ordered at the March meeting.

## BWGOK Officers - Elected and Volunteer Positions

President: Janet Newman

Vice President: Virgil Staggs

Secretary: Jo Ann Miller

Treasurer: Pat Horsey

Historian:

Membership: Janet Newman

Librarian: Marcia Balleweg

Newsletter: Janet Newman Newsletter submissions can be sent to: dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net

BWGOK meetings are held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum located near I-44 and NE 63<sup>rd</sup> Street in Oklahoma City. The meetings are held the second Saturday of every odd month at 10:00AM. Meetings generally start with the business meeting followed by a basket raffle, then lunch. Everyone brings a covered dish. After lunch we work on the scheduled project or whatever you bring to weave on. We are usually done by 2-3.

Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma Minutes  
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

November 14, 2015

At 10:00 Susan Ybright started the project of weaving a reindeer (red & green) and a snowflake (neon blue, pink, & green) with paper.

Business meeting started at 11:08 and was held during lunch.

The minutes were approved as printed in the October newsletter. Motion – Mike Tickle, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Pat Horsey

The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Balance of Checking Account \$12,048.29.

Old Business:

- Dale & Mary Garnett Scholarships were awarded at the Weavers Weekend. Lori Farley received the 1<sup>st</sup> Timer Mary Garnett Scholarship and Cecilia Shilling received the Dale Garnett Scholarship. Both received paid registration for the retreat weekend.
- Election results: Janet Newman, President – Due to a conflict in her schedule our business meetings will start at lunch time. Virgil Staggs volunteered to be the Vice President and will be in charge of the projects. Virgil will also be in charge of seeing that the projects get started at 10 am and will continue after the noontime business meeting so that there is plenty of time to finish the projects.
- Changing of By-Laws that were printed in the August newsletter Motion: Pat Horsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fran Cates.

Notes on changes:

Membership Coordinator was added to the list of officers. The development and distribution of the list of members will be moved from the secretary to the Membership Coordinator.

Meetings – 6 per year, meeting dates are in transition to the even months and a different week of the month. This will not be finalized until the 2017 year.

Added to VP explanation – VP is responsible for planning/arranging for the meeting programs.

- Mark your calendars for 2016 meeting dates:

**February 13, 2016** RR basket – Virigal Staggs and Mike Tickle will teach.

**March 12, 2016** – Beginner's Napkin basket class – need someone to be in charge – We are planning to reward all members who attend and help teach the new weavers with a kit from Susan Moore – The kits will be handed out at the next meeting, June 18, 2016. Motion was made by Linda Tickle, Second Pat Horsey.

**April 9, 2016**

**June 18, 2016**—Natural Materials as embellishments on baskets.

**August 13, 2016**

**October 8, 2016**—Bring Positive Tomorrow baskets filled with kitchen items

**December 17, 2016**—Christmas Party, Basket Exchange, Ornament.

The basket raffle was not held – instead it was postponed to February 13, 2016. Jeanette Loutsch wove the basket.

Attendance raffle was won by Susan Ybright. The prize was 2 little woven Panama hats that Jewel Cowan obtained on one of her trips. Thank you Jewel.

### **New Revised By-Laws**

On the next two pages you will find a copy of the revised by-laws that were voted on in the last guild meeting.

**Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma Minutes**  
**BY-LAWS**  
**BASKETWEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of the organization shall be BASKETWEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA, a non-profit organization.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

The object of BASKETWEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA is the preservation, promotion and education of the art of basketry.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in BASKETWEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA shall be open to anyone interested in furthering the purpose of this organization, accompanied by the payment of annual dues.

**ARTICLE IV – DUES**

Section 1: The annual dues will be \$15.00 due January 1, 2003 and each year thereafter unless amended. Dues are non-refundable.

Section 2: Members whose dues have not been received by February 1 shall result in forfeiting membership and shall be dropped from the membership list.

Section 3: Membership may be reinstated upon payment of full amount of dues.

**ARTICLE V – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

Section 1: The elected officers of BASKETWEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The elected officers will serve a term of two years.

Section 2: Elections shall be held in October of odd years for President and Treasurer and even years for Vice-President and Secretary.

Section 3: The term of office shall begin upon the adjournment of the October meeting.

**ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1: Duties of the President**

Preside at all meetings.  
Direct and coordinate the program and the activities of the guild meeting according to the by-laws.  
Prepare a written agenda for all meetings.  
Create and dissolve committees as necessary.  
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**Section 2: Duties of the Vice-President**

- a. A. Work in close cooperation with the President.
- b. Perform such duties as may be assigned by the President.
- c. Preside in the absence of the President.
- d. Coordinate programs for meetings.

**Section 3: Duties of the Secretary**

- a. Record all minutes of the guild.  
Be responsible for coordinating and distributing a membership roster.
- b. Be custodian of all records and papers pertaining to the office and pass on all records and papers

to the incoming Secretary.

Section 4: Duties of the Treasurer

- a. Receive and deposit all revenues of the guild and pay all authorized bills, keeping an itemized account of all disbursements and receipts in depositories designated by the officers.
- b. Obtain the required signature cards and forms from the designated financial institutions for the officers qualified to sign.
- c. Present a written financial report at each regular meeting.
- d. Be custodian of all records and papers pertaining to the office and pass on all records and papers to the incoming Treasurer.

Section 5: Duties of the Membership Coordinator – volunteer position, non-elected.

- a. Keep accurate records of members
- b. Notify membership of dues paid or not paid
- c. Be responsible for coordinating and distributing a membership roster.

ARTICLE VII – NEWSLETTER

Section 1: A newsletter will be the primary means of communication among the members.

Section 2: Newsletter editor is a volunteer position.

Section 3: Newsletter editor will be responsible for compilation and distribution.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1: The BASKETWEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA will meet six times per year.  
Meetings to be held every other month on a date and place agreed upon by a quorum.

Section 2: Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President at a site designated by the President. Written notice, by newsletter or special mailing, must be given to all members in such an event.

Section 3: A quorum shall be the members of the guild present and entitled to vote.

ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION

Section 1: In the event of dissolution, the elected officers at the time of dissolution shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of debts, dispose of all remaining assets to a legally constituted, non-profit organization.

Section 2: None of the property or any other asset of the guild nor any portion thereof shall be distributed to or for the use of any member of BASKETWEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The by-laws may be amended at any general membership meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting providing the proposed amendment(s) has been submitted in writing and presented to the members one month prior to the vote.

Section 2: By-laws will be reviewed yearly or as needed for the operation of the guild.

ADOPTED: November 14, 1998

AMENDED: November 13, 1999

AMENDED: July 14, 2001

AMENDED: November 9, 2003

AMENDED: November 14, 2015

## Weaver Weekend Update

2016 Date for Weavers Weekend: October 21, 22, 23

2017 Date for Weavers Weekend should be: October 27, 28 29

The date has been chosen for the 2016 retreat and the Shawnee Expo has been reserved and a deposit has been made to hold the spot listed above. Because of the problem getting a retreat chairperson, we have held off reserving the Expo for 2017.

At the February 13th meeting next month one of the biggest things on the agenda will be deciding if we will have a Weavers Weekend in 2016. We will also decide about reserving the Expo Center for the 2017 year so we can get the date we want. At this time we still do not have a retreat chairperson. Becky Walker has offered to co-chair but will not do it alone. Virgil Staggs has offered to help but he lacks strong computer skills. The retreat organization and registration uses Excel strongly and registration is done using PayPal. There are several other people who have offered to help in different areas. We have instructors contacting us wanting to know why they have not received vendor and proposal letters. It was decided to wait until the February meeting to see if someone steps up and offers to chair or co-chair the retreat. If no one does, we will have to vote on what to do. That is why it is so important for guild members to be present at the February meeting. Supplies for the project which will be a double walled round reed round basket, will be provided by the guild. The business meeting and retreat are up to you, the guild members. Virgil Staggs will start the guild meeting at 10 am and Janet Newman will conduct the business meeting at 12 noon. After the business meeting, we will continue weaving on the project.



### Report from the 2015 Weavers Weekend.

There were about 77 people at the retreat. Attendance was down a little but we had a wonderful time of weaving, friendship and shopping, and more weaving. The Dale Garnett scholarship was won by Cecelia Shilling. The Mary Garnett scholarship is for a first time weaver attending our retreat. It was won by Lori Farley. Both of these ladies had their retreat registration paid for.

We want to thank all those who worked on the retreat, helped put it together and donated to the silent auction and the raffle. Without help and donations the retreat would not go on or be a success.





Letter of help needed:

An email was received from Chuck Clowers, email address—chuckclowers@outlook.com.

Could someone call me. I need someone to replace 1/2" wide rattan strip back on some chairs for a client. It is in an open basket weave done by hand. It is not a kit or cane. My number is 450-417-4464. My company is Generation III in OKC, OK. Thank you Chuck.

Letter of help needed:

Jennifer Adkisson at the Midwest City Library would like for us to display baskets at the library. We have done this before. They have large locked displayed cases. Baskets would be displayed for one month. We have a choice of May, June or July. We have to decide if we want to do this decided which month and decide on someone who will gather the baskets and deliver them to the library. We will also need someone to pick up the baskets afterwards. This is great publicity for our guild. This decision will be made at the February guild meeting.

## NEW MEETING DATES FOR 2016

### And Calendar of Events

February 13	Round Reed Basket taught by Virgil Staggs. A free project for guild members.
March 12	Beginners Class. Helpers will receive a free kit purchased by the guild.
June 18	Natural Materials for weaving and embellishing baskets taught by Virgil Staggs and Mike Tickle.
August 13	
September 12	SeptemberFest at the Oklahoma Historical Society, basket demo open to all guild members.
October 8	Bring Positive Tomorrow Baskets filled with kitchen items.
October 21-23	Weavers Weekend in Shawnee, OK.
December 17	Christmas Party, Basket Exchange and Christmas Ornament.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month and day only) \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in teaching at guild meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in serving on a committee? \_\_\_\_\_

Membership is renewed each calendar year in January and your \$15.00 dues may be mailed to:

Janet Newman  
3401 Eagle Lane  
Bethany, OK 73008  
[members@okbasketweaversguild.com](mailto:members@okbasketweaversguild.com)

Do you have a friend we can send guild information to?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_



## MEMBERSHIP TIME

**This is the last call for membership dues for 2016. People who have not paid by the end of February will be dropped from the membership roster and will not receive any more newsletters. Registration to the retreat does not pay for the next year's membership. You had to have included an extra \$15 to pay for membership. If you have a question about payment send an email to [dnin3227@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnin3227@sbcglobal.net) and ask if you paid. You can also go to the guild website and pay with PayPal. [www.okbasketweaversguild.com](http://www.okbasketweaversguild.com).**

## Septemberfest at the Oklahoma History Center

Join the Oklahoma History Center and the Governor's Mansion for the 19th Annual Septemberfest on Saturday, September 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to all of the activities and the museum are free for the entire day. Along the Red River Journey, visitors will enjoy interaction with living historians representing WWII, cowboys, land run participants, nineteenth century American Indians, antebellum musicians, the Civil War, and more! We will bring the past to life with learning stations, hands-on activities, demonstrations and more. The adventure continues inside the History Center with live performances, storytelling, and unique exhibits about Oklahoma. Come early, stay late, and celebrate Oklahoma at Septemberfest. This event is free and registration is not required. For more information, please contact [education@okhistory.org](mailto:education@okhistory.org) or (405) 522-3602.

This is an annual basket weaving demonstration event for the guild. We always have several people who weave at this event. Come for the entire day or part of it. Entry is free. Bring something to weave on and talk to people as they walk around the History Center. There will be many crafts demonstrated. It is a fun and interesting time for all.

## Beginner's Class March 12, 2016

Our beginners class is one of our ways of giving back to the community and to fulfill our purpose of promoting basket weaving and providing education on basket weavers. The people who attend the Beginner's Class are found through the demonstrations at the OK State Fair and the OK Winter Quilt Show. If you know someone who would like to attend have them contact Pat Horsey at 405-603-4723 or [phorsey@cox.net](mailto:phorsey@cox.net). We can not allow people to just show up therefore reservations are required.

The project will be a square napkin basket.

This year we are trying something new. We are rewarding all the guild members who come to the Beginners Class and help the new weavers with a basket kit. These kits will come from Suzanne Moore's NC Basketworks. There will be several kits to choose from. The kits will be delivered to each person at the June 18th guild meeting. Kits will not be mailed. If you are planning to be there and help please contact Pat so she knows how many people to plan on. This is always a fun class.





## 2015 Weavers Weekend Pictures

