



OVER AND UNDER ACROSS OKLAHOMA

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Dedicated to the preservation, promotion and education of the art of basketry.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

WOW! I find myself as both President and Newsletter Editor. Both are wonderful jobs but I'm not sure I should have both. I'm willing to share if anyone is looking for a place to serve our wonderful guild. I took president only because no one else wanted to take it over. We are also in need of a Vice President as Shirley Hill was unable to finish her term. Thank you Shirley for all your hard work on the board and with the retreat. One of the official new duties of the Vice President that was added to the by-laws is that of organizing a project for each of our meetings. If I stay as President, the Vice President during 2016 will have to start the meeting at 10 am with the project as I will not be there till 11:30 most of the time.

Please note our meeting dates for 2016. Some are the second Saturday and some are the third Saturday. We will also be meeting on the even months for most of 2016. Then in 2017 we hope to have the even months set as a permanent time. What has to be worked out yet is if we will meet the 1st or 3rd Saturday of the month. This will get us away from meeting the same week as the Quilt show and October Fest at the Historical Society. This will free up people to both go to guild meeting and participate in weaving demonstrations. So be sure to mark you calendars for the coming year.

Come support Sue Ybright next Saturday as she teaches paper Christmas ornaments at our November meeting.

Changes are happening to our guild in response to your desire for a more active guild. One of the best ways to keep our guild going is to come to the meeting, do the projects and stay for the lunch and business meetings. Without a guild we will not have the great retreats we have. We are in need of active participants. Our guild is aging. We need young blood. Please bring your family and friends to guild meeting and continue the art of basket weaving.

We are in need of a Historian. If you like to scrapbook this is the job for you. We have a lot of pictures that record what our guild has done over the years. It would be nice to have these pictures printed and put into a binder. The guild would provide supplies for this endeavor.

Please send your ideas for newsletter articles and projects for the coming year.

See you Saturday. Janet

NOVEMBER GUILD PROJECT

Sue Ybright will be teaching how to fold paper into Christmas ornaments. Come join in the fun and learn this technique of weaving with a different element. Follow the new format of our meeting, weaving will start promptly at 10 am. A break will happen at 12 noon when we will eat lunch and hold our business meeting. Then we will continue to weave until 2 or 3. Come with tools and excitement. This new format of our meetings gives us time to not only start a project but to finish it. There is time for fellowship too.

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES

FOR 2016

February 13

March 12

June 18

Aug 13

October 8

December 17

The March meeting is our beginner class. We will need all hands aboard.

BWGOK Officers - Elected and Volunteer Positions

President: Janet Newman

Secretary: Jo Ann Miller

Treasurer: Pat Horsey

Vice President:

Historian:

Membership: Janet Newman

Librarian: Marcia Balleweg

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

Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma September 12, 2015

Weaving of the Flag Basket started @ 10:00. This basket had a long explanation about the color placement of spokes and the rim. Shirley Hill taught us a really unique woven boarder. It was a great basket! Thank you Shirley for teaching this project.

The business meeting started at 11:44 and was held during lunch.

The minutes were approved as printed in the August newsletter.

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

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deposits</u>
Vendor Refund	\$ 50.00	\$2000.00
Storage Unit	99.00	\$1519.51
Scholarships	90.00	
Retreat Catering	1727.32	
Shawnee Expo Center	\$1697.50	
Totals	\$3663.82	\$3519.51
Endiing Balance	\$13,228.07	

Old Business:

- Retreat: Shawnee Chamber of Commerce is donating the welcome bags.
- Climate controlled Storage for the Guild patterns and files, etc. will cost \$49.50 per month.
- State Fair demonstration day was Tuesday, September 22 from 4-8:00 p.m. Volunteers were: Jewell Cowan, Pat Horsey, Rena Vickery, Janet Newman
- Changing of the By-Laws that were printed in the August newsletter discussed at the meeting. Proposed changes follow:
 - * Membership Coordinator was added to the list of officers.
 - * Added to VP explanation – VP is responsible for planning/arranging for the meeting programs.
 - * Meeting date was suggested to be the 1st or 3rd Saturday of the even numbered months, but the Museum will not be available during the first year for all of these dates.
 - * Voting on changing the meeting dates will be during the November 2015 meeting.
- **Elections:**
 - * President—Janet Newman – contingent of changing the meeting dates
 - * Treasurer—Pat Horsey
 - * Resignation—Vice President – Shirley Hill – Thank you for your service! Position still vacant.

November Project – Woven Paper Ornaments most likely in Christmas colors

Raffle Basket Winner: Jeanette Loutsch – Weaver was Janet Newman

Attendance raffle: Karen Marichal, basket donated by Janet Newman

Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma Minutes

BY-LAWS

BASKETWEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA

Section 2: Elections shall be held in September 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 November meeting.

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.

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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By-laws continued:

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. (Proposed change: Add this line.)**

Section 3: Duties of the Secretary

- a. Record all minutes of the guild.
- b. **Be responsible for coordinating and distributing a membership roster. (Proposed change: remove this duty.)**
- c. 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: **Membership Coordinator – volunteer position, non-elected. (Proposed Change: add this section)**

- 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.

Section 4: Secretary will provide a current mailing list to newsletter editor. **(Proposed change: change duty from secretary to membership coordinator.) Membership Coordinator will provide a current mailing list to the newsletter editor.**

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1: The meetings of BASKETWEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA will be held the second Saturday of the following months: January, March, May, July, September, and November. The meeting will be held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City or a site approved by guild officers.

By-Laws Continued:

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

NEW MEETING DATES FOR 2016

As stated in the last newsletter and talked about at the September meeting the guild is in the process of changing our meeting dates. We need an interim year before we can establish new permanent dates. 2016 will be that year. Meetings will be all over the calendar. Then in 2017 the National Cowboy Museum should be able to accommodate the new dates. Below are the dates for 2016.

February 13

October 8

The date in March is the beginner class. That

March 12

December 17

date has already been set so can not be

June 18

changed.

Aug 13

State Fair of Oklahoma Basket Weaving Winners

Congratulations to the following people:

Traditional Weaving

- 1 Debbie Williams
- 2 Karen Marichal
- 3 Patricia Isbell
- 4 Karen Marichal
- 5 Debbie Williams
- 6 Amy Dodson
- 7 Sally Kelly
- 8 Sally Kelly
- 9 Brenda Newton
- 10 Pam Haynie

Non-Traditional

- 1 Dwbbie Williams
- 2 Laura Schimmel
- 3 Pam Haynie

Holiday

Debbie Williams

Best of Show

Debbie Williams



A Day in the Life of a Moose

By Riley Woodford

I'm always amazed what I will find when I type in something on Google to do a search. I wanted to let you know about the willow now that winter is at our doorsteps. I wondered if I could find out anything about taking care of willow to get it ready for winter. I typed in how to bed down willow for the winter. I found an article about moose in Alaska and how they figure out what animals do with their time. The following actually refers to moose eating willow:

““It's basically a day in the life of a moose,” she said.

After an hour of foraging, the moose and her calf bed down and Stacy logs them in as “resting.” It's a cycle for the moose during winter, feed and rest, feed and rest. The resting is largely digesting, as bacteria and protozoa in their digestive tract break down the dry willow twigs and horsetail stems, providing a fraction of energy these moose need to get through the winter. The remainder is supplied by fat and protein reserves the moose put on last summer and fall.”

So my friends, if you get hungeyr and want to eat willow this winter, just know that it does not give much energy even if you can swallow it.

www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=wildlifenews.view_article&articles_id=290



Wildlife biologist Stacy Crouse carefully observes the feeding activity of a cow moose and her calf near Gustavus in Southeast Alaska. Photo by Riley Woodford.



BWGOK meetings are held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum located near I-44 and NE 63rd Street in Oklahoma City. Meetings for 2016 have changed. See the dates on page 1. Meetings start with at 10 am with a project. The business meeting starts at 12 noon followed by a basket raffle, Lunch is during the business meeting. Everyone brings a covered dish to share. After lunch we finish the project. If you do not want to do the project, bring a new or unfinished project. We are usually done by 2-3 pm.

More Information on Willow

Janet Newman

10 Reasons to Grow Basket Willow

1. **Willows are carbon sequesters.** They take in carbon and use it in their leaves and store it in their roots. When burned, it gives off less carbon than it stores so it is good as a break between a garden and the road.
2. **Willows help to filter toxic waste and purify the soil.** Willow is grown in areas where the soil is polluted with toxic waste such as gasoline. This willow can not be used for medicinal purposes.
3. **Basket willows are fast growing.** These willows have been grown for centuries. When they are green the stems are flexible and can be bent at a 90 degree angle without breaking. They grow 4 to 8 feet without branching.
4. **Willows are a versatile resource.** Making baskets will get more plastic out of your life. Left to grow for 2 or 3 years it will reach 10 to 12 feet tall. After cutting new poles will grow in the same plot. Once established, they don't need much fertilizer or water. (This may not be true in Oklahoma.) In Europe farmers are growing willow for a few years then after harvesting use the poles for fence posts or fuel logs. The logs provide renewable fuel for electrical generation reducing the reliance on nonrenewable resources.
5. **Willow bark can be harvested for herbal medicine.** Willow bark is anti-inflammatory, takes away fever, reduces pain and reduces flu and cold symptoms. The bark is peeled and the inner bark is scraped with a knife.
6. **Willow branches can be used as a natural rooting hormone.** When rooting plants in a jar of water, put one inch pieces of the willow branch in the jar and roots will develop faster.
7. **Willows are super easy to grow.** You can grow a living trellis by planting willow branches and weaving them. Willow will grow just by placing a stick in the ground. If you cut all the sprouts from one of these sticks, it will grow a tree.
8. **Willow makes an attractive organic screen.** Grow willow to make a barrier between your yard patio and the neighbors or alley way. It will also make a wind break and provide shelter for birds and beneficial insects.
9. **Willows provide early pollen for bees.** When willows are allowed to grow and the pussy flower is allowed to open it will provide pollen earlier in spring before flowers have had time to grow and bloom. Planted next to an orchard, willow will encourage more bees to come to the orchard.
10. There are enough varieties of basket willow to offer color and interest in your garden in all seasons. Many varieties offer bright red, orange, yellow and purple stems in winter. In summer, the leaves offer different shapes and sizes for contrast to other garden plants.

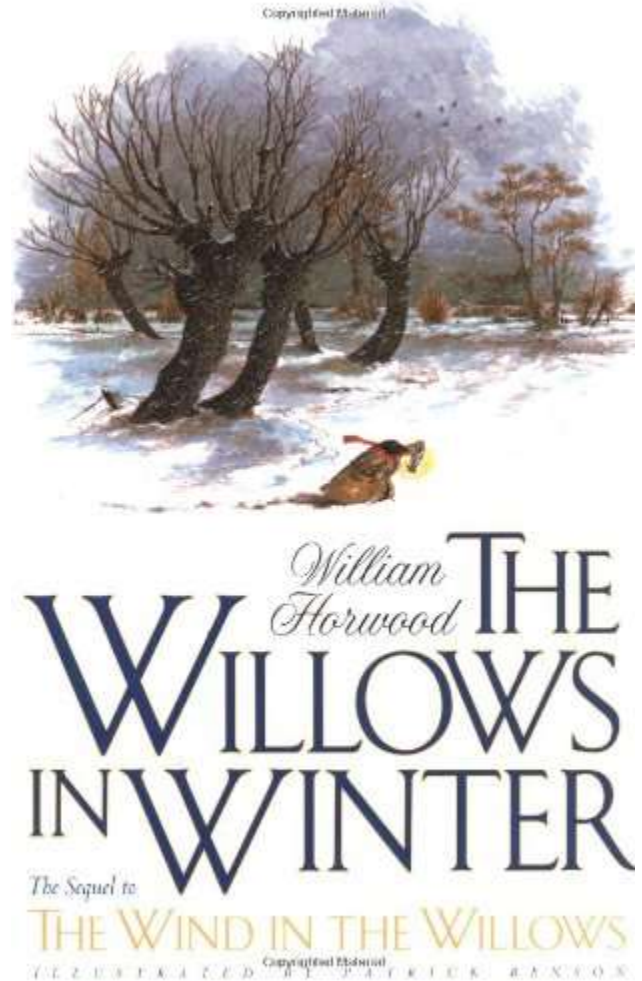
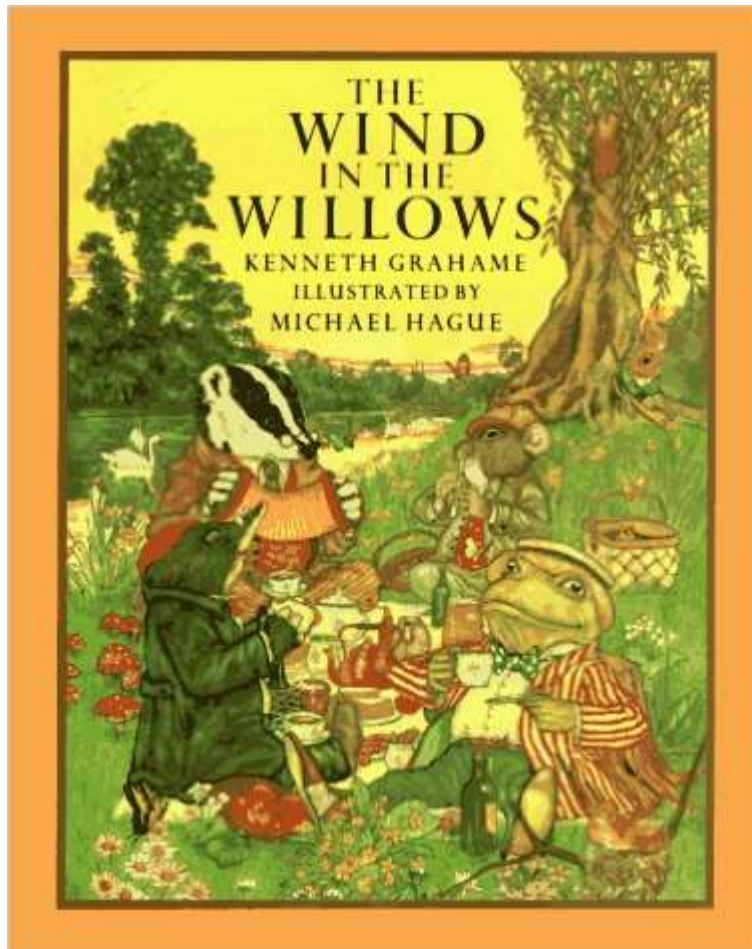
A word of caution:

Do not plant willow close to building foundations and septic drainage fields. Willow will seek out water.

Information is from Joybilee Farm at <http://joybileefarm.com/10-good-reasons-to-grow-basket-willows-on-your-homestead/>

The Willows in Winter (1996) Full Movie

This full length movie can be found on YouTube.com. Just type in the name above to find a full length move to watch with your grandkids. See Mole, Water Rat, Badger and Toad share a delightfully animated story. This movie is the sequel to the movie The Wind in the Willows and can also be found on You Tube also.



MEMBERSHIP TIME

If you did not pay 2016 membership dues with your retreat registration then it is time to pay up so you continue to receive the newsletters and information about the guild happenings. 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 and ask if you paid. There is a registration form on page 10. You can also go to the guild website and pay with PayPal. www.okbasketweaversguild.com

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone # _____ E-mail address _____



Weavers Weekend 2015

