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Basketweavers Guild of Oklahoma

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President's Letter

Greetings, BWGOK members,

I am writing this letter as your new BWGOK President. I have learned a lot in the few weeks since I became president, about the Guild and all the good things that are going on. I am going to try to share all this with you and hope that lots of people will participate and become involved in these great activities.

I joined the BWGOK in 2002, and I didn't know much about its beginnings. I asked Marcia Balleweg about the history of the Guild, and she said, "The guild had its first meeting in Sept. 1998 and officially adopted bylaws and elected officers in Nov. 1998. Our first Weavers Weekend was held in Davis, OK in Dec. 1999. We still have 14 charter members (these have been members since the first year)."

Every time our members demonstrate weaving and display baskets they have made, people ask how they can learn, and they often request someone from the Guild teach a class for them. We take a lot of names and information from people who would like to attend our beginner's class at our March meeting.

In November, Vivian Havenstrite and Jo Ann Miller went to Ralston, OK, to teach a beginning class for a Home School group. They had about 20 students there. Some were children ages about 9-16, some were mothers, fathers, and one grandmother. They taught a single-wall Cherokee basket of Jo Ann's devising. Jo Ann said, "A mom created a vase – very nicely shaped. One of the teen age boys had a 6 inch flat bottom – and wove straight up." Both Vivian and Jo Ann reported they enjoyed teaching the class.

Guild members have about 40 baskets on display right now at the Midwest City Library. The baskets are in locked glass cases in the lobby of the library. The display will continue until December 30. The library is open from 9-9 Monday through Thursday, 9-6 on Friday, 9-5 on Saturday, and 1-6 on Sunday, if you would like to go by and see the display.

The Guild has been invited to have a complimentary table at the Oklahoma Winter Quilt Show. This is a quilting, sewing, and craft show, and they assure us that our baskets will fit in nicely. The show will be at the Cox Convention Center January 14-16, 2010. The show will provide the booth, one 8ft table and two chairs. You can check out their website www.qscexpos.com. I have the coupons and you can pick them up at our January meeting. Be prepared to sign up for the time you want to work in the booth.

I am hearing some very good things about our annual Weaver's Weekend. Weavers are enjoying it and they are pleased with the baskets they make and skills and techniques they learn. Teachers are having a good experience here and looking forward to coming back. We need some people to help with this event to keep it strong and fun for all.

At the November meeting, Joan Galbraith showed us how to weave some nice little Christmas ornaments. They were basically tiny baskets made with #00 round reed. This was a fun project and could give us ideas on making lots of good decorations. At the January BWGOK meeting, Jo Ann Miller is going to present a "Hot Chocolate Basket" with a matchstick rim. This should be a good project for both new and more advanced weavers. I know I need to keep working on that matchstick border until I conquer it.

Our next meeting will be January 9. It is time to pay your dues and get back into the swing of basket weaving. I hope to see you there!

Onita Lynch

Basketweavers Guild of Oklahoma Meeting.

Minutes for November 14, 2009 Basketweavers Guild of Oklahoma Meeting.

Janell Hopkins called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Linda Tickle was not present, but sent an e-mail to Pat Horsey and Marcia Balleweg stating all Retreat bills had been paid.

Current Balance: \$3,468.27.

Committee Reports:

Janet Newman stated the Retreat is closed. Everyone had a great time. Next year the retreat will be held at the same place on November 5, 6 and 7, 2010. A deposit has been made for that time. Janet stated that a new Retreat Chairperson is needed. She will aid the new chairperson.

Old Business

Marcia Balleweg read a letter from Jenny Grigsby, Creative Arts Manager/State Fair Creative Arts Program, thanking the guild for our sponsorship. There was much discussion about only 14 baskets entered in the fair this year. This is way down from previous years. Need to support this better in the future.

The January Quilt Show is January 14, 15 and 16, 2010 at the Cox Center. The quilt Show has given us a free booth to perform weaving demonstrations. You may bring some of your baskets, cards and teaching schedules to display. We will need volunteers to work the booth. The time is 9 am – 5 pm. You may go to their website at www.qscexpos.com. Joan Galbraith, Janet Newman and Pat Horsey will work January 15, 2010. If interested contact Pat Horsey.

Jo Ann Miller discussed the need for a Guild hand out for the different demonstrations the Guild does. Jo Ann suggested using colored paper. It was decided that Marcia and Jo Ann will work on this. Janet Newman made a motion and it was seconded to have a color hand out printed.

Janet Newman stated there were 240 baskets made at the Wildlife Expo. Jo Ann Miller, Rena Vickery and herself demonstrated one day and taught two days.

Janell discussed the location of our meeting. In the past it had been suggested alternating our meeting between Tulsa and Oklahoma City. After some discussion this was dropped. It was decided to stay where we are.

New Business

Janell has received a request for demonstrations for the Western Spirit Celebration in Duncan, OK. It will be the third weekend of September 2010. Leah Mulkey at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center is in charge. She would love to have some of our members come and give demonstrations. Maybe sell some of their creations. Ms. Mulkey can be reached at 580-252-6692 or lea@onthechisholmtrail.com. Marcia Balleweg stated Linda Temple, librarian at Midwest City Library is having a basket display exhibit December 1, 2009.

Vivian Havenstrite suggested maybe meeting on an off month for a weaving project. Nothing was decided. Left open

Election of officers for President and Treasurer.

Onita Lynch was elected as President, Joan Galbraith as Treasurer.

Jo Ann Miller suggested having a Nomination Committee for next year. After discussion, Janell formed the committee to meet in July 2010 and Jo Ann Miller will be the chairperson.

Announcements

Joan Galbraith stated the Midwest City Library is having "Bead-In OKC" December 7, 2009 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm.

Janet Newman will be sending out a Retreat newsletter via e-mail.

Pat Horsey has three boxes of paper plates, napkins and etc for the guild.

Janell discussed our schedule for 2010. It was decided on these activities:

January – Jo Ann Miller – teaching

March – Beginners Class – Rena Vickery, Chairperson

May – Janet Newman – teaching weaving on a small bottle.

Basket raffle: Gwen RedCorn won the raffle. The basket was from Karen Marichal.

Meeting Adjourned. The guild members worked on a weaving project by Joan Galbraith.

Hot Chocolate Basket with Matchstick Rim

Jo Ann Miller will provide the materials at a cost of \$5.00 for the kit. You can bring your own materials.



Materials:

Spokes of 1/2" ff – 7 @ 22 inches long 3 @ 24 inches long

5/8" Bottom Filler weavers (2 lengths of the basket)

Twining row – 1/4" ff or #2 round

Weavers – can use any desired scraps and dyed reed - 1/2"ff, 1/4"fo, 1/4" ff, etc.

Weaving the base, the matchstick border, and variations including an arrow weave on the sides will be discussed at the meeting.

Meetings are held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. The meetings are held the second Saturday of every odd month at 10 am. 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 we are weaving. We are usually done by 2 pm. Then cleanup!

Schedule of Events 2010

January 09, Meeting: Jo Ann Miller will teach Hot Chocolate Basket,

Deadline for material for February newsletter: January 25.

March 13, Meeting: Beginner's Class. Chairperson: Rena Vickery.

Deadline for material for April newsletter: March 29.

May 08, Meeting: Weaving on a small bottle. Janet Newman will teach.

Deadline for material for June newsletter: May 24.

July 10, Meeting:

Deadline for material for August newsletter: July 26.

September 11, Meeting:

Deadline for material for October newsletter: September 27.

November 5 – 7, 2010: BWGOK Weaver's Weekend in Hinton, OK.

November 13, Meeting: Election for Vice-President and Secretary.

Deadline for material for December newsletter: November 29.

BWGOK Officers

President	Onita Lynch
Vice President	Janell Hopkins
Secretary	Pat Horsey
Treasurer	Joan Galbraith

Volunteer Positions

Librarian	Marcia Balleweg
Historian	Kathryn Kelley
Newsletter	Vivian Havenstrite cbh1936@cox.net

Membership applications due January 31, 2010.

Application form on Page 5

Additional guild members that were winners at the **Tulsa State Fair:**
Sue Ausmus won first in Traditional, second in Ribbed and third in Twill.
Sharon Wilson, Sand Springs won third in Traditional.



**January
14-15-16**

**Cox
Convention
Center**

1 Myriad Gardens
Oklahoma City, OK

**Vendor Mall
THU-FRI-SAT
10 am-6 pm**
Classes begin
WED Jan. 13th

Admission:
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Lecturer and TV Personality
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Crazy Quilt Workshop"
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Cindy is also offering seminars daily



KAYE WOOD
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Name _____

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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:

Marcia Balleweg
P.O. Box 647
Wellston, Oklahoma 74881
mballeweg@yahoo.com

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

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone # _____ E-mail address _____

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 13-20, 2010

Basket Weaving Cruise. Website: www.basketweavingcruise.com for pictures and a schedule of classes plus teacher bios. If you don't have internet access, contact Sandy Bulgrin or Lucille Prudden for a brochure (262) 835-4041.

February 26 – 28, 2010

Winter Weave, Mentor, Ohio. www.winterweave.com

March 11-14, 2010

North Carolina Basketmakers Association Convention 2010, Raleigh, North Carolina. Celebrating Baskets. www.ncbasketmakers.com

March 19-20, 2010

Land of Lincoln Weavers Event, Spring Fling, Rockford, Illinois. www.llbwa.com

April 15 – 17, 2010

Stateline Friends Weaving Retreat, Richmond, IN. www.whitewaterbasketguild.com Just a quick note: Attendance is limited to 350 and they now have 304 registered. Registration closed December 1 or until the limit is reached. At that time a waiting list was created. Registration is \$25 and opens to all weavers. Any questions: email Pam Feix: pfeix@woh.rr.com

September 30 – October 10, 2010.

www.tulsastatefair.com