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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Spring is here! Yah! I'm itching to get in the garden. I have little gourd plants growing trying to get a jumpstart on the season. Speaking of gourds, be sure to make a reservation for this month's project as it is simple and stunning.

Speaking of the garden, I have 4 kinds of willow that have lots of new leaves on them.

Sounds like planning for Weavers Weekend is well underway. Look inside for the logo for this year.

There's a rumor that Billy Owens will be teaching in Oklahoma in August. Be sure to check that out if you like white oak baskets.

Positive Tomorrows will be a little different this year.

See you Saturday. Come ready to weave and don't forget to reserve a gourd.

Janet Newman

Guild Project for April 15, 2017



For our April project we will be weaving on a gourd. This project is very much like weaving a round basket using #2 reed. You will weave the bottom first then start up the

sides. Leave a little space or a big space in the middle of the gourd and then start twining again going up to the top of the gourd. Once the weaving is done the project is finished with a simple braided border. Cost of the class is \$15 which covers the cost of the gourd and the #2 round reed. Because of the cost of gourds and the amount of time that is required to cut and clean the gourds only enough gourds will be available as make reservations.

Stain and shoe polish will be available if you want to stain the gourd before you start weaving.

This is a very simple project. If you have never worked with a gourd now is the time. Only simple basket weaving skills are needed.

Please contact Janet Newman by April 12th if you want a gourd. Contact information is 405-812-4454 or dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net.

BWGOK meetings are held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum located near I-44 and NE 63rd Street in Oklahoma City. The meeting dates are in transition for the 2017 year and are listed on page 2. Meetings generally start with weaving a project then the business meeting coincides with lunch at 12 noon. We finish the business meeting with a basket raffle and door prize drawing followed by more weaving time. Everyone brings a covered dish to share at lunch. If you did not order a project kit come anyway and bring whatever you want to weave on. Bring finished projects to show and tell. We are usually done by 2-3.

BWGOK Officers - Elected and Volunteer Positions

President: Janet Newman

Vice President: Vickie Gildon

Secretary: Fran Cates

Historian:

Membership: Janet Newman

Librarian: Marcia Balleweg

Newsletter: Janet Newman

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BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma Minutes
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 18, 2017

At 10:00 Janet Newman started the project of weaving an Easter basket.

The business meeting started at 12:05 and was held during the lunch break.

The minutes were approved as printed in the February newsletter. The motion was approved and seconded by Sue Ybright.

Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2017

Balance as of January 31, 2017	\$11135.65
Deposits	\$455.00 in dues
Withdrawals	\$383.52 to GoDaddy.com for website renewal
Balance a of January 31, 2017	\$11307.13

Old Business:

A. Weaver's Weekend—Janet

Co-Chairs: Diana Wilson and Marcia Balleweg

Class Selection: Vickie Gildon

Donations: Mary Lee will get the donations from local restaurants and update the donation list but does not want to head the committee again. We need a new donation committee chairperson.

Room Setup: Marcia Balleweg

Raffle & Auction: Jo Ann Miller

Signs for Class Tables: Need someone

B. Projects

April—Gourd weaving: taught by Janet Newman

June—Brenda McKinnon: small Noah's Ark taught by Brenda McKinnon

August—Proposed that the guild supply Positive Tomorrows basket kits to weave at the guild meeting and additional kits can be taken to weave at home and the guild would pay for the kits. People would have to RSVP the number of kits they want. The purpose of this is to get more baskets made to give to the organization. Motion was made by Vickie Gildon and seconded by Sue Ybright.

October—Christmas Ball Ornament. Bring Positive Tomorrows baskets back filled.

December—Christmas Bell Ornament. Christmas Party

New Business:

Raffle Basket was not brought.

Door Prizes went to JoAnn Miller, Vickie Gildon, Susie Pulis, and Janell Hopkins.

Meeting adjourned 12:32.



BasketWeavers Having Birthdays

April & May

Ausneus	Sue	4/1
Balleweg	Marcia	4/9
Havenstrite	Vivian	4/13
Rose	Cricket	4/15
McKinzie	Jimmie	4/22
Walker	Wahleah	4/23
Peck	Cathy	4/24
Horst	Cheryl	4/25
Bryan	Rachel	5/2
Powers	Marsha	5/3
Bryan	Marla	5/13
Katz	Candace	5/22
Lamb	Linda	5/25

WOW! Happy Birthday to all of you!!

I only have about half of our birthdays. Please send me your birthdate and I will let everyone know when you are celebrating.

It's Past Membership Time

About 40 names were taken off the membership list from last year because they have not paid for the 2017 dues. It's never too late to pay. If you don't get the newsletter and wonder why, it's because of dues not paid. A membership form is still in this newsletter or you can go online and pay through Pay Pal. The website is www.okbasketweaversguild.com.

Positive Tomorrows Baskets Changes

I'm excited to tell you about the new guidelines for our Positive Tomorrows Project coming in August. Positive Tomorrows is a nonprofit organization that offers a school for homeless children. While the children are in school the parents receive help and training to get back on their feet. When they are ready to move into a home or apartment they receive one of our baskets filled full with kitchen items. Last year we also asked people to donate school supplies.

This year the guild will be furnishing kits to weave at the August guild meeting and everyone is encouraged to take a kit or two home to weave and bring all the baskets back in October filled with kitchen items. This is one of our biggest community service items so we are encouraging everyone to give back by coming to the August meeting and making a basket for the Positive Tomorrows project.

BEGINNERS CLASS

The beginners class was a huge success and a lot of fun. We had 11 new weavers and 6 guild people who came out to help. The guild got ____ new members out of the class. Seven of them signed up for the April project. This is such a surprise to those who set this class up. Because of the cancellation of the Winter Quilt Show we didn't have any anyone interested in the class about two weeks before. It all worked out though and was a success.

WEAVERS WEEKEND UPDATE



A big thank you to Karen Hobbs' friend, Becky Rehder, for helping us with this year's logo. She incorporated our state wild flower, Indian Blanket (*Gaillardia pulchella*), with the basket from our website.

Plans for this year's Weavers Weekend are coming along. Classes have been chosen and the catalog is in the works. We have lots of great classes to choose from. Look for the catalog to go online around June 1. You can check our website, www.okbasketweaversguild.com for updates. Hotel information will be on the website in June, too.

Help is always needed for the retreat. Please contact Marcia to sign up for a committee or to make a donation.

Guild Dates for 2017

NEW MEETING DATES FOR 2017

Meeting time is 10am sharp.

Calendar of Events

- April 15 (third weekend) Gourd Woven Basket taught by Janet Newman
- June 24 (fourth weekend) Noah's Ark Basket taught by Brenda McKinnon
- August 19 (third weekend)
- September 9 (third weekend) September Fest at the History Center. Need volunteers to demo.
- October 21 (third weekend) Bring Positive Tomorrows baskets.
- October 27-29 Weavers Weekend in Shawnee, OK.
- December 16 (third weekend) Christmas Party

2017 Dates for Weavers Weekend: October 27, 28, 29

BILLY OWENS WHITE OAK BASKETS

Saturday and Sunday, Aug 5 & 6, 2017

**Cotton Electric Community Bldg.
302 N Broadway, Walters OK**

Billy Owens is coming to Walters, OK in August. These classes are being organized by the Lawton area weavers. Contact Vickie Gildon at cntrygrl@pldi.net or phone, 405-823-1674 for reservations. Registration required by July 1, 2017 with payment. Class size is limited so please call early to reserve your slot.

Saturday offerings (14 slots total and square or rectangular only)



T's Tote takes about 6 -7 hour hours to weave. It is 4" x 15" at the bottom and has 18 rolls of weavers and 2 braided leather handles. It cost \$105.00

The Bicycle basket is 6" x 12" at the bottom, about 8 1/2" deep and 2 leather straps to hold it on the bike. It is about 4 hrs. Cost is \$70.00.



The Double pie basket is \$85.00 and the platform insert is \$15.00. Cost is \$100.00. It is about a 6hr class

The Large Market has a 9 1/2" X 18" woven Oak rectangle bottom and is about 9" deep. It takes 6-8 hrs. Cost is \$95.00



Billy Owen's Saturday Classes Continues:



The Small Market has a 9" X 15" woven Oak rectangle bottom and is about 8 1/2" deep. It takes 6-8 hrs. and cost \$85.00

The Grape has a 6' X12" woven Oak rectangle bottom and is about 7" deep. It takes 4-6 hrs. and cost \$75.00



The Large Williamsburg has a 10" square woven Oak bottom and is about 9" deep and has a 14" diameter round top. It takes 6-8 hrs. and cost \$95.00

Sunday offerings (14 slots, round only)

Grandma's Wash pan it can be woven in 4-6 hours depending on the Weaver. It holds an old 16" in diameter Wash Pan (not provided). It cost \$75.00



Billy Owen's Sunday Classes Continues:



Small Apple is approx. 12" in diameter at the top. It has a woven Oak working bottom, 8 1/2" deep and one Oak handle. It takes about 4-6 hrs. and cost \$75.00

Large Apple is approx. 14" in diameter at the top. It has a woven Oak working bottom, 9 1/2" deep and one Oak handle. It takes about 4-6 hrs. and cost \$85.00



The Harvest is approx. 16" in diameter at the top. It has a woven Oak working bottom. It is 10" deep and has one Oak handle. It takes about 6-8 hrs. and cost \$95.00

Large Laundry is approx. 16" in diameter at the top. It has a woven Oak working bottom. It's approx. 14" deep with two loop Oak handles. It takes about 6-8 hrs. and cost \$105.00





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 _____