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Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma

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President's Column

Greetings BWGOK Members,

Our Weavers Weekend is coming up soon and I'm starting to get excited. It has been such a warm Fall that it is hard to imagine it might be very cool at Hinton in early November. Remember to bring a flashlight, and some small name stickers and lots of \$ for the raffles. It is also a good idea to bring some cards with your address, e-mail, etc, so you won't have to keep writing it down for everyone. You can't get or make cell phone calls in the canyon, but they do have a wireless network and internet connection in the lodge.

I do like getting my newsletter by e-mail -- and it is really great in color. Don't forget -- if you would like to get your newsletter by e-mail, then e-mail Rena Vickery, the newsletter editor, at rscmv1958@cox.net. Make sure both Rena and our Membership Chairman have your correct e-mail address so you will receive all communications smoothly.

Our November 12 meeting will be just one week after the Weavers Weekend, but it is an important meeting. We need to elect a new President and Treasurer, and we will vote on the By-Laws changes. Our project will be weaving some Christmas ornaments and decorations.

I look forward to seeing you at both events!

P.S. **Thanks to all who made and help prepare all our *Positive Tomorrows* baskets!**

Onita, BWGOK President

Schedule of Events

November 4 – 6, 2011: 12th Annual BWGOK Weavers Weekend.

November 12, 2011: Regular Guild meeting with elections for President and Treasurer, vote on BWGOK By-Laws changes, and Christmas Bell weaving project.

More events are listed on the back page of this newsletter. Please share your meeting program ideas with any BWGOK officer!

BWGOK Officers

President	Onita Lynch
Vice President	Julie Gates
Co-Secretary	Jo Ann Miller & Becky Walker
Treasurer	Joan Galbraith

Volunteer Positions

Librarian	Marcia Balleweg
Historian	Kathryn Kelly
Membership	Linda Tickle
Newsletter	Rena Vickery rscmv1958@cox.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 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 are weaving. We are usually done by 2:00PM. Then cleanup!

Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma Meeting Minutes, September 10, 2011

Submitted by Jo Ann Miller, Secretary

The BWGOK met Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, OK. President Onita Lynch called the meeting to order at 10:15AM. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as presented in the August guild newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was prepared by Joan Galbraith and read by Jo Ann Miller as follows:

<u>Primary Account</u>		<u>Retreat Account</u>	
Balance as of 08-08-2011:	\$2,452.16	Balance as of 08-08-2011:	\$2,026.91
NL Printing (08-08-11):	(\$250.10)	Retreat Deposit (08-15-11):	(\$302.50)
Deposit: Dues:	\$60.00	Deposit: Retreat	\$971.00
		Deposit: Retreat	\$794.00
		Deposit: Retreat	\$1,132.50
		PayPal Transfer:	\$3,000.00
		Raffle:	\$44.00
Balance as of 09-08-2011:	\$2,262.16	Balance as of 7-8-2011:	\$7,665.91
Combined Account Balance: \$9,928.07			

Committee Reports:

Retreat Committee: prepared by Marcia Balleweg and presented by Onita Lynch: We now have 85 people registered for the retreat with 9 full classes to date. After September 15, I will contact all the teachers and confirm their classes and kit availability. Then I will start sending out confirmation letters. If you registered online, you will receive your confirmation and kit order form by email. If you mailed in your registration, you will get these mailed in the envelope you provided to me.

Programs and Projects Committee: Julie Gates: A calendar planning form will be used to prepare for next year's meetings, projects, and events. Julie Gates and Onita Lynch will be working on this project with input from guild members. The form will be available during Weaver's Weekend.

Newsletter: Rena Vickery: So far 25 people are receiving the newsletter via e-mail (in living color!!) which saves printing and postage costs. Contact Rena Vickery at (405) 248-6643, (405) 201-1491, or rscmv1958@cox.net to take advantage of this.

Nomination Committee: Jo Ann Miller: President and Treasurer will be elected. Volunteer if these are areas of your interest or expertise!

Membership: Linda Tickle: The membership list is updated as retreat fees are received. The updated list will be sent to members by e-mail soon.

Pattern Library: no report.

Bylaws Committee: Proposed By-Laws changes were presented in the August 2011 newsletter. These changes will be discussed and voted on during the November meeting.

Website Updates: Marcia Balleweg reported that all current newsletters are online and that the membership application has been updated and may be submitted with PayPal.

Quilt Show: If you did not receive Quilt Show announcements, please ask Onita Lynch for this information.

Old & New Business:

Website Updates: no discussion.

Wire Shelving: Purchase or Rent? A volunteer is needed to be in charge of these shelves if the guild makes a purchase. The issue was tabled until next month.

Oklahoma State Fair: Volunteers have signed up to demonstrate basket weaving on September 20, 4:00-8:00PM.

Septemberfest: All volunteers working the booth located in the Okla. History Center are appreciated. Names will be published in the October Newsletter.

Linda Tickle won the raffle basket woven by Vivian Havenstrite.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43AM.

IT'S ALMOST TIME -- 2011 BWGOK Weavers Weekend -- November 4 – 6!

Everything is shaping up for a wonderful **Weavers Weekend!** As you know, it will be held at the **Canyon Camp & Conference Center** near Hinton, OK., Nov. 4, 5 and 6, 2011 (Friday - Sunday). We are expecting over 100 people this year with a total of 32 classes offered and 10 instructors.

We have the following vendors this year: *Bases to Weave*, *Gifts by Brenda*, *Atkinson's Country House* and *Oklahoma Basket Supply*. Remember to bring your scissors for Sonny Sechrist to sharpen -- he will be there on Saturday. In addition, on Saturday Carolyn Shafer will be providing chair massages and the *Teachers Marketplace* will be held later that evening.



Open classes are still available if you want to come join us or know someone who wants to register. The current list of open classes is on our website at <http://www.okbasketweaversguild.com/Events.html>. You may also access the **Weavers Weekend catalog** and registration forms through this website. The deadline for registration by U.S. mail has passed, but you may still register by calling Marcia Balleweg (contact information is below).

I'm hoping the weather will cooperate this year. Remember to bring a jacket, flashlight and layered clothing in case this cold snap we are having gets colder. We will have coffee, tea and water available in the Tabernacle all days. Bring snacks if you like to munch between meals.

Questions? Then call or e-mail me, Marcia Balleweg, Weavers Weekend Chairperson (P.O. Box 647, Wellston OK 74881, Phone: 405-823-5073, e-mail: info@okbasketweaversguild.com). Hope to see you there!

UPDATE: Proposed BWGOK By-Laws Changes Addressed at November Meeting

Proposed BWGOK By-Laws changes were presented in the August newsletter. These proposed changes are again provided in pages 8 - 9 of this newsletter. Members will be asked to vote on these changes at our November guild meeting on November 12. So members please review these changes before our November meeting. Many thanks to By-Laws Committee members Onita Lynch, Mike Tickle, Tom Galbraith, Marcia Balleweg, Mary Sorrells and Lee Rose for their service on this project.

Texas Basket Weavers Association (TBWA) Membership Information

For those interested, we have received information about membership in the Texas Basket Weavers Association. Membership includes (a) subscription to "Lone Star Twining", conference catalog, membership directory, and much more. Their website is at texasbasketweavers.com.

Membership dues are \$30. To join, contact Brenda McKinnon, TWBA Membership Director, 2020 Schumac, Bedford, TX 76022-6811, e-mail weavemealone@aol.com.



September BWGOK Meeting Highlights

Highlighting our September BWGOK meeting was completion of our *Positive Tommorrow's* baskets and making an *Indian Pottery Basket* (pictured at right). This proved to be a challenging basket! Special thanks to Jo Ann Miller and Rena Vickery for supplying the materials and weaving instruction!

Below are some photos from the meeting.



(left) Sybil Tibbetts beginning her basket. (right) Jo Ann Miller and Rena Vickery at different stages in making their baskets.



(left) twining up the basket sides. (right) beginning to install the feathers.

UPDATED BWGOK Members Currently Receiving THIS Newsletter by E-Mail

BWGOK members may receive this newsletter by e-mail if desired. By doing so, you will receive this newsletter in color and save on time and postage! E-mail Rena Vickery (rscmv1958@cox.net) if you would like to be added to this list!

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MEMBERS NOTE: November BWGOK Guild Meeting Project

Janet Newman will be presenting this basket at our November meeting. Cost is minimal – only \$5.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Pattern by MAURINE M. JOY

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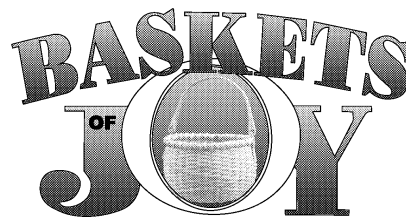
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Size: approx. 6" across bottom ; approx. 6½" tall

Materials:

- #3 round reed for spokes (stakes)
- ¼" flat reed for weavers
- #2 round reed for twining (optional)
- Narrow red satin ribbon
- 2 small gold or silver jingle bells

Read all instructions carefully before you begin to weave your basket. Refer to the **Terms and Illustrations** whenever you see a '*'.

STEP ONE: Preparation:

- Cut 11 stakes from the #3 round reed at 19" long.
- Soak stakes and #2 round reed for twining. Also soak some ¼" flat reed. Remember, all reed should be soaked for about 5 minutes, or until pliable, prior to weaving.

STEP TWO: Construction:

- Make two groups of spokes, one with 5 spokes and one with 6.
- Lay two groups perpendicular to each other, 5 over 6. (See Diagram, next page)

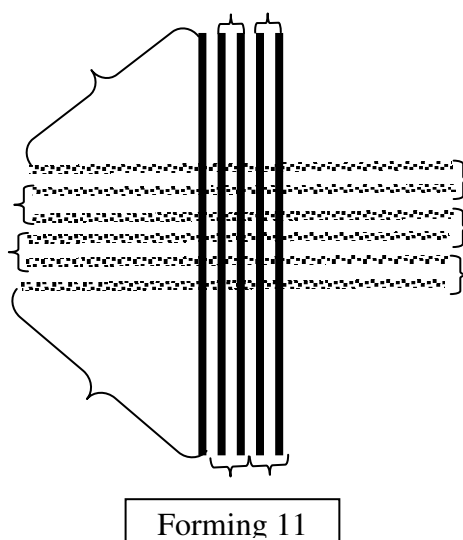
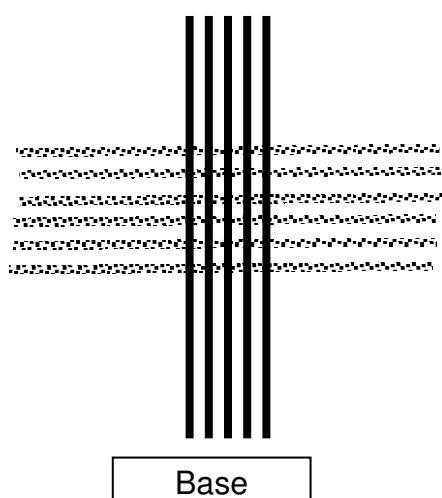
You will need:

- Reed cutters or a pair of heavy-duty shears
- Measuring tape
- Clothespins or heavy duty clips
- Ruler or straight-edge (we recommend a bone awl)
- Small tub (for soaking reed)

- Choose a long piece of #2 round reed. Fold slightly off-center and loop around one set of spokes. Twine* the two groups for two rounds, keeping them flat.
- Separate spokes into groups of two spokes each, forming 11 pairs. Continue twining for two more rounds.
- Lift spokes gently and shape into a cone; twine four rounds. End twining on inside of basket.
- Taper a piece of ¼" flat reed for about 14".
- You will now be weaving in over-under continuous weaving*. Continue shaping as you weave. Practice makes perfect!
- At the 9th or 10th row, begin to flare the body of the bell. Weave for another 5 or 6 rounds, for a total of 15 rounds. Taper the remaining end for about 14" and weave around so that the tapered weaver ends where the first weaver started.
- Twine with the #3 round reed, separating the spokes (now you'll have 22 spokes) and continuing to flare as you weave. End twining on the inside of the bell. Refer to photo for shape.

STEP THREE: Finishing:

- Soak the ends of the stakes to make them pliable.
- With the outside of the bell facing you, choose a spoke and pass it in front of (over) the spoke to the right and inside the bell. Repeat this with each spoke, continuing to the right. Trim ends neatly on inside of bell.
- Cut a piece of ribbon twice the length of the bell plus several inches. Thread a jingle bell on the ribbon and thread ribbon through the inside top of the bell. Knot ends of ribbon together at desired length and move knot to top (inside) of bell (so it is not visible).
- With a piece of round reed, form a loop at the top (outside) of the bell by looping under the top spokes. You will hang the bell by this loop.
- Weave a second bell as close in size to the first as you can. Tie the two together with a holiday bow and hang.



Available Basket Weaving Classes Around the State

Bethany: Janet Newman (e-mail: dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net ; phone: 405-789-4540)

Janet teaches at *Uniquely Yours Arts and Crafts* in Bethany and at *Francis-Tuttle Career Tech*. Janet's upcoming classes are listed below. Please phone or e-mail for more information.

Oct. 27: '*Napkin Basket*', at Francis-Tuttle Career Tech.

Feb. 9 and 16: '*Berry Basket*', at Francis-Tuttle Career Tech.

Feb. 13, 20, and 27: Journaling classes at Francis-Tuttle Career Tech.

March: Three Mondays (dates TBD): '*Spiral Waste Basket*', at Francis-Tuttle Career Tech.

Choctaw: Julie Gates (e-mail: gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com ; phone: 405-305-1313 or 405-391-5498)

Julie offers a basket class each week on Tuesday mornings at her home in Choctaw. Also, in January she will teach at *Eastern Oklahoma County Tech* on Monday evenings from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. These classes are free to beginning weavers.

Please phone or e-mail for more information about these or any other basket class. You may also check Julie's 'Stampin' Up' website: juliegates.stampinup.net. Julie's home is located 1-1/4 miles off of the Choctaw exit on I-40. As she says: "We always have a lot of fun and learn something new!!"

Duncan: Karen Scott (e-mail: klsweave@gmail.com ; phone: 580-252-4711)

Karen's classes focus on a particular skill and are geared toward beginners but can be upped to higher skill levels.

Karen has been weaving for 20 years, teaching for 19 years, and caning and repairing wicker for 18 years. Her classes are often held at the *First United Methodist Church* in Duncan.

Edmond: Rena Vickery (e-mail: rscmv1958@cox.net ; phone: 405-285-6643)

Rena teaches classes covering a variety of basket types. One upcoming class is listed below. In addition, Rena will be teaching this fall at the Edmond MAC center at Mitch Park (Covell & Santa Fe Avenues). Their new fall schedule is out and may be viewed at edmondOK.com. Upcoming classes are:

'*Woven Candy & Christmas Card Basket*' (Nov. 15 & 16; 5:30PM – 8:30PM).

'*Autumn Pumpkin Pie Basket*' (Nov. 21; 8:45AM – 3:30PM).

For information and registration call Edmond Parks & Rec at 405-216-7643.

Hinton: Paulene Asbury (e-mail: habasketry@cox.net ; phone: 405-722-1186)

Paulene teaches at the Buffalo Ranch in Hinton the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Upcoming dates are Nov. 5 & 8 and Dec. 6 & 10. Check out the *Sandy Springs Farms LLC* web-site, www.sandyspringsfarms.com, for news and current info. On Saturdays attendees may select from a number of basket selections (begin at 2:30PM; class enrollment \$35 – \$60). All tools, materials, coffee, tea, lemonade and a buffalo lunch are included in each class. Students will leave with a completed basket!

Wellston: Marcia Balleweg (e-mail: marcia@oklahomabasketsupply.com)

Marcia primarily teaches at *Oklahoma Basket Supply* in Wellston. Her website, www.oklahomabasketsupply.com, lists all her class offerings. When guest instructors are not at the shop, Marcia allows you to design your own Friday or Saturday class with several choices to choose from. Three upcoming classes are listed below. Check Marcia's web-site above or contact her for additional information or to order basket supplies.

Nov. 14 and 16: '*Sawtooth Wave Cathead Basket*', a 6-hour class at Gordon Cooper Tech Center, Shawnee.

Go to <http://gctech.augusoft.net/> to register for these classes.

Over and Under Across Oklahoma: Dedicated to the preservation, promotion and education of the art of basketry.

FOR MEMBER REVIEW: PROPOSED BWGOK BY-LAWS MODIFICATIONS

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 of** each year thereafter unless amended. Dues are non-refundable.

Section 2: Members whose dues have not been received by ~~February 1~~ **the March meeting** 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 ~~November~~ **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.

Section 4: In the event any current elected officer is unable to complete their elected term, the President shall appoint another guild member to assume the duties of that office and complete that term.

ARTICLE VI — DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: Duties of the President

- a. Preside at all meetings.
- b. Direct and coordinate the program and the activities of the guild meeting according to the by-laws.
- c. Prepare **and retain** a written agenda for all meetings.
- d. Create and dissolve committees as necessary.

Section 2: Duties of the Vice-President

- ~~a. Work in close cooperation with the President.~~
- b.a. Work in close cooperation with the President and p**Perform such duties as may be assigned by the President.
- b. Organize and schedule projects and program for guild meetings.**
- c. Preside in the absence of the President.
- d. In the event the current President is unable to complete their elected term, the Vice-President shall assume that office and complete that term.**

Section 3: Duties of the Secretary

- a. Record all minutes of the guild.
- ~~b. Be responsible for coordinating and distributing a membership roster.~~
- ~~c.b.~~ Be custodian of all records and papers pertaining to the office and pass on those records and papers to the incoming Secretary.
- c. Ensure 501c(3) taxes are completed and filed as required; maintain records of taxes filed**

annually.

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: Volunteer Positions

- a. **Historian**
- b. **Librarian**
- c. **Newsletter Editor**
- d. **Membership Coordinator**

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 ~~43~~: ~~Secretary~~ **Membership Coordinator** will provide a current mailing list to 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.

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: November 9, 2003



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Upcoming Events

November 4 – 6, 2011

BWGOK 12th Annual Oklahoma Weaver's Weekend. Canyon Camp and Conference Center near Hinton, OK. See www.okbasketweaversguild.com for information and updates.

November 12, 2011

BWGOK Regular Meeting, National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum, OKC, OK.

January 12 -14, 2012

Winter Quilt Show, Oklahoma City, OK. info@qscexpos.com or www.qscexpos.com

February 11 – 19, 2012

Carnival Freedom Cruise. See www.basketweavingcruise.com or basketcruiseinfo@me.com & travelers55g@aol.com for information.