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Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma

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President's Column

Greetings BWGOK Members,

At our January BWGOK meeting we took a field trip. We had a delightfully short meeting, then went to see a Coffin Basket at an Oklahoma City antique dealer, then went to the Winter Quilt Show at the Cox Convention Center. It was really fun being spontaneous. Our Quilt Show booth was a good success, and there were lots of ideas and enthusiasm there.

At the Quilt Show and at other shows and demonstrations we find people who are interested in learning to weave baskets. Our program for the March BWGOK meeting is always our Beginners' Class. This is a service our organization provides each year. Jo Ann Miller and Pat Horsey are in charge for meeting on March 10th. They are preparing to teach a beginning 'Napkin Basket' with all materials provided by the Guild. We will have many beginners, so we will need many of you intermediate and advanced weavers to help and provide much individual attention and help.

This time we DO ask you to bring food for the meeting. Bring lots because the beginners will arrive early and want to join us for lunch and snacks during the afternoon. The Guild meeting will begin at 10:00AM as usual, and the beginning weavers will be arriving about 11:00AM.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting and then the Beginners' Class!
(My countdown continues. By our May meeting I will be a retired person and Avid Basket Weaver!)

Onita, BWGOK President

Schedule of Events

March 10, 2012: Regular Guild meeting – Beginner's Class (see above and page 2).

May 12, 2012: Regular Guild meeting. Unfinished Objects (UFOs): handles that you would like to wrap or braid, rims that need to be finished, etc. Do you need to learn a certain technique – please let us know – Onita, Rena or Jo Ann to insure that your weaving needs can be met!

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	Pat Horsey

Volunteer Positions

Librarian	Marcia Balleweg
Historian	Kathryn Kelly
Membership	Linda Tickle
Newsletter	Rena Vickery

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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, January 14, 2012

Submitted by Jo Ann Miller, Secretary

Basket Weavers' Guild of Oklahoma was held January 14, 2012 at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Onita Lynch called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. No visitors attended this meeting.

Motion to approve the November 12, 2011 minutes was made by Joan Galbraith and was approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was submitted by Joan Galbraith as follows:

Primary Account:	Balance as of October 31, 2011	\$2,136.78
Payments:	Newsletter	\$(89.14)
	State Fair, Premium Award 2011	\$(25.00)
Deposits:	Dues	\$1,290.00
	Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$3,312.64
Retreat Account:	Balance as of October 31, 2011	\$11,104.11
Payments:	Canyon Camp, Balance for 2011 Retreat	\$(7,501.00)
	Retreat Expenses	\$(524.75)
	To Regular Account, Dues	\$(1,035.00)
Deposits:	Retreat Raffle & Auction	\$999.00
	PayPal Transfer	\$137.30
	Retreat Income, other (P.H.)	\$225.50
	Raffle for October Meeting	\$56.00
	Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$3,461.16
Combined balance of Checking account as of December 31, 2011:		\$6,773.80

This is a final Treasurer's Report for 2011. All accounts and records given to Pat Horsey - January 2012

Committee Reports:

Retreat Committee: Marcia Balleweg reported that the 13th Annual BWGOK Weavers Weekend would be held October 26 – 28, 2012 at the Shawnee Expo Center in Shawnee, OK. For lodging, the Holiday Inn Express will offer attendees a special rate. Check online for vendor and instructor applications. Logo contest entries are due March 1st.

Programs & Projects: Beginners' Class March 10th. JoAnn Miller and Pat Horsey will be instructing a 7"x7"x3" Napkin Basket designed by Rena Vickery. All materials will be provided by the guild. Please attend to help with the instruction and enjoy the party atmosphere. This is a fun meeting!

Nomination Committee: Jo Ann Miller announced that Vice-President and Secretary would be elected at the September 2012 guild meeting. Contact Jo Ann to volunteer or to make suggestions!

Newsletter: Rena Vickery reported that photos are enhanced by receiving your newsletter by e-mail. The December newsletter included a brain-teaser/contest of bracelets/hands. Rena has the answers, and encourages members to submit your answers by March 10 to be considered for the prize (a choice of a basket kit)! Contact Rena – rscmv1958@cox.net to receive your special color copy!

Pattern Library: Marcia – There will be a new book by the end of the year. Scanning pictures to a jpg file and organizing them will take time. Donated patterns are always appreciated and accepted.

Historian: Kathryn Kelley. No report.

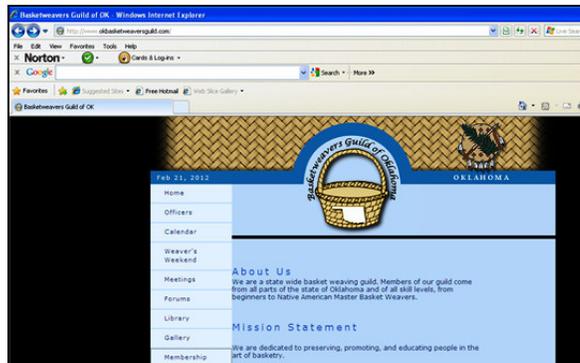
Old Business: Quilt Show: Pat Horsey arranged for the set up and the schedule. Volunteers were Pat, Shirley Hill, Pauline Asbury, Jo Ann Miller, Rena Vickery, Marcia Balleweg, Mike & Linda Tickle. Signup sheets were used to collect names for the Beginner class in March. We will help some of these "wanna be" weavers to fulfill their Bucket List.

Basket Raffle: Jewel Cowan will be bringing the basket for the raffle to the March meeting.

Adjournment at 10:30AM for the field trips: (1) Ancient of Days, antique shop, corner of 10th & May – woven coffin. It is in great condition. (2) Oklahoma City Winter Quilt Show.

2012 BWGOK Membership Renewal Due Now

BWGOK memberships need to be renewed by March 1, 2012 to remain current. Thanks much if you have already renewed! Otherwise dues are \$15.00, payable to the Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma. Also, if you have friends interested in learning the art of basket weaving, please share our information and invite them join us at one of our Guild meetings. Meeting information is posted in the bi-monthly newsletter, and our membership form will be attached to this newsletter for all recipients. You may also renew on-line via <http://www.okbasketweaversguild.com> using **PayPal** (see image at right – ‘Membership’ link).



Feel free to contact me for more information or to check your membership status.

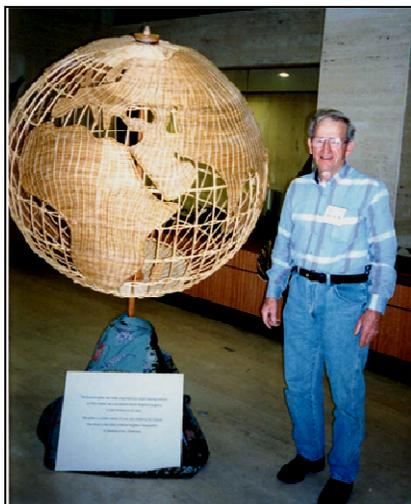
Thanks very much! Linda Tickle – Membership Chair (lindatickle83@yahoo.com)

2012 BWGOK Weavers Weekend Update (Marcia Balleweg)

Save the dates...October 26, 27 and 28! Plans are underway for our 13th Annual Weavers Weekend. A lot of "behind the scenes" stuff is going on right now: ★ Our Class Selection Committee is gearing up, ★ Teacher and Vendor proposals have gone out. We are working on the catalog layout and plan on publishing the catalog in June. **Remember that the 2012 BWGOK Weavers Weekend logo submission deadline is March 1!**

We are looking forward to our new location this year at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center in Shawnee, OK. You can look up this facility via <http://www.shawneeexpo.org>. I am meeting with Shawnee area hotels and will soon have information on lodging to publish with the catalog.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering with our committee then please contact Marcia Balleweg at info@okbasketweaversguild.com.



IN MEMORY OF: Oram Green

Mr. Oramel E. Greene was born December 14, 1921 and passed away November 11, 2011. He is survived by his wife Florence, sisters Marion and Florence, children Linda, Lexie, Norma, and Luis. During WWII Oram served in Civilian Public Service in North Dakota, Tennessee, and Puerto Rico where he stayed on and co-founded the Yuquiyu Rural Life Community and Conference Center. Oram later working with the American Missionary Association and then was Director of World Neighbors programs for Latin America and the Carribean area. He touched every heart along the way and made the world a better place.

Oram was a member of our Guild for several years, creating many original baskets. Pictured at left is Oram with one of his projects, a large globe weaving for World Neighbors.

Photos: January BWGOK Guild Meeting and Quilt Show



The BWGOK Quilt Show Booth: (left) Pat Horsey, Mike Tickle, & Linda Tickle, (right) Rena Vickery, JoAnn Miller, Pauline Asbury, & Shirley Hill.



**Coffin Basket
(rather odd, huh?).**

BWGOK March Meeting Beginner Class: Napkin Basket

Pat Horsey and JoAnn Miller will lead this weaving class for beginners. The Napkin Basket we will be doing is pictured at right. The materials list and pattern (given below) for this basket was provided by Rena Vickery.

Materials:

- 5/8" FF reed - Spokes
- 1/2" FF reed - Weavers inside and outside rim
- 3/16" FF reed - Bottom Retaining Row and Lasher
- Seagrass for Rim Filler

Base: • Base 7" x 7" square; Height 3" High.

- Using 5/8" FF, cut 14 spokes of natural reed at 18" each.
- Wet spokes and mark wrong (rough) side of all 18" spokes. Lay out 7 of these spokes horizontally.
- Weave in the center vertical spoke beginning under the first horizontal spoke.
- Square up the base to 7" x 7". Leave about 3/8" space between spokes.
- Weave with 3/16" FF around the square bottom one time, flattening the corners at an angle.
- Upset spokes gently.

Sides: • Weave 6 start/stop rows of 1/2" FF reed.

- The 6th row of 1/2" FF will be the under the rim row.
- Pack your weavers down, square the corners, and cut and tuck spokes.
- Rim with 1/2" FF reed inside and outside of rim, with sea grass between the rims. Lash with 3/16" FF reed.



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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From our Arkansas Neighbors: 38th Annual Dogwood Festival Upcoming April 27-29



Dear BWGOK Craftspeople:

The Dogwood Festival has been an annual event in Siloam Springs, Arkansas since 1974 and has been successful in attracting large crowds each year. This year we are placing special emphasis on arts and crafts. The festival offers crafters a good opportunity to sell their creations (baskets, etc) as our booth prices are reasonable. In addition, booth spaces will be provided at no cost to crafters who wish to demonstrate their crafting skills. More information is available at <http://www.siloamchamber.com/dogwood-festival> or by contacting Mr. Eddie Loyd, Festival Improvement Committee, Phone: 479-524-4343 X302, e-mail: eddie@altdesign.com.

Flo Hoppe Basket Classes Upcoming in Kansas!

Ms. Flo Hoppe will be coming to Fairway, Kansas in April to teach two basket classes. The classes are for Intermediate to Advance weavers. Please note recommended skill levels on each class. Class sizes are limited to 12.

'English Railwayman's Lunch Basket': Dates: April 26-27, 2012. Level: Intermediate/Advanced. Dimensions: 8-1/2" wide x 11" long x 10- 1/2" high. Cost: \$230.00.

'Kismet Basket': Date: April 28, 2012. Level: Intermediate. Dimensions: 8-1/2" diameter, 7-1/2" high without handle / 12-1/2" high with handle. Cost: \$145.00.

Visit <http://unionpoint.net/mbg/2012-APR-FloHoppe.pdf> to view photos of these baskets.

Available Basket Weaving Classes Around the State

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

Janet teaches at *Francis-Tuttle Career Tech*. Janet's upcoming classes are listed below. Please phone or e-mail for more information.

Feb. 27: Journaling classes at Francis-Tuttle Career Tech.

March 5: '*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.

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. Classes below will be held at the Edmond "Mac" Center east of Santa Fe Ave. on Covell Road (contact is Edmond Parks & Recreation, Ph: 405-216-7648):

March 2: '*Napkin Basket*', 8:30AM – 12-noon.

March 12 & 13: '*Large Round Easter Egg Basket*', 8:45AM – 12:30PM.

March 29: '*Round Tulip Basket*' with Woven Bottom, 8:30AM – 12:30PM.

April 11: '*Divided Comb & Brush Basket*', 8:00AM – 2:00PM.

April 27: '*Large Storage Basket*', 8:30AM – 3:00PM.

Please contact Rena if you are interested in her classes or for various supplies (we have a garage full).

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. You can check on her classes at [facebook.com/habasketry](https://www.facebook.com/habasketry).

Also check the *Sandy Springs Farms LLC* web-site, www.sandyspringsfarms.com, for additional information. Generally on Saturdays a number of basket classes are available (beginning 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 teaches at *Oklahoma Basket Supply* in Wellston and at the Vo-Tech school in Shawnee. Her website, www.oklahomabasketsupply.com, lists all her class offerings. For example:

March 3: '*Twill Tote*', 9:00AM - 3:00PM, Gordon Cooper Technology Center, Shawnee, OK.

Ms. Mary Brown will be a guest instructors at Marcia's shop in May. Three of Mary's upcoming classes are:

May 18: '*Black and Brown*' (21" cylindrical "rain stick", 2-1/2" diameter), 9:00AM - 5:30PM, Class Price: \$58.

May 19: '*Waves of Color*' (12" cylindrical basket, 4" diameter), 9:00AM - 5:30PM, Class Price: \$66.

May 20: '*Netted Gourd*' or '*Knotless*' Necklaces, 9:00AM - 1:30PM, Class Prices: \$30.

Check Marcia's web-site above or contact her for additional information or to order basket supplies.

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Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma is on the web at www.okbasketweaversguild.com!

Upcoming Events

March 2012: 2012 BWGOK Membership Dues are Due March 1! Regular BWGOK Meeting March 10.

March 14-18, 2012: NW Basket Weavers Guild Retreat, Port Orchard, WA. Contact Mary Auld for more information (maryauld@comcast.net).

April 19-21, 2012: Stateline Friends Weaving Retreat, Richmond, IN. Contact Pam Feix for more information (PamF@StatelineFriends.com).

April 20-22, 2012: Northeast Basketmakers Guild Spring Gathering, West Springfield, MA. Contact Ruth Garcia for more information (ranngarcia@cox.net).

April 28, 2012: 10th Annual Edison Spring Market, Edison Preparatory School, 2906 E. 41st Street, Tulsa, OK (www.edisonspringmarket.com). Contact Julie LeVan for more information (julielevan@sbcglobal.net).

April 2012 BWGOK Newsletter: Send your newsletter items/information to Rena Vickery (rscmv1958@cox.net) by March 15.

June 20-22, 2013: Midwest Weavers Conference 2013. Emporia, Kansas. Contact Jennifer Rhodes for more information (basketweavingsupplies@comcast.net).