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Ghost Pumpkin Basket

Come weave this basket with us on

Oct. 21 at 10:00.

While attending the Missouri Basket Weavers Conference in 2022, some of us saw this award winning basket and since the author of the pattern has provided it as a free pattern, we will be teaching it at the next meeting. This 7"x10"x12" pumpkin is a smaller version of the First Place basket design in the Hobbyist category at the conference and can be woven any size. Pat Walden, the pattern designer, created the pattern inspired by a pumpkin that she saw at Pottery Barn. She used 3 different weaving techniques (a twined round spoke base and top, chase weave, and feathers. Her design is very creative and you will be surprised by the

steps she uses to get this effect. The base of the basket will be completed at the meeting and the feathers begun, requiring you to finish the feathers at home.

Or, you may decide to weave the basket and stem without the feathers which takes less time. If you have not already signed up and paid for the pumpkin basket,

you may send a check for \$20 to Mary Lee, 4106 Stratford Ln., Norman, OK 73072 before Oct. 9.



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

With Fall the State Fair has come and gone. Winners are listed inside. We have many opportunities in the coming months to take basket classes. Bonnie Rideout, Mary and Jimmie Earl McKinzey and all the instructors at Weavers Weekend are coming. Take advantage of these people coming so that we can have them and others back. Please note that classes have to be paid for ahead of time.

The Weaver's Weekend Retreat is just around the corner.

Have you picked out your classes and reserved a hotel? Be sure to bring a jacket and umbrella. You never know the weather in Oklahoma.

There is only a few days left to order a kit for the guild meeting. What a special pumpkin. The Norman ladies have worked hard on this project.

Remember donations for the retreat for the silent auction, raffle and goodie bags are still being accepted. Bring to the guild meeting. See you soon. Janet

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 on the 3rd Saturday of the even months. Meetings generally start at 10am with weaving a project then the business meeting coincides with lunch at 12 noon. 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 between 2-3.

BWGOK Officers - Elected and Volunteer Positions

President: Janet Newman

Vice President: Mary Lee & the Norman Weavers

Secretary: Sue Scott

Treasurer: Marcia Balleweg

Membership: Janet Newman

Librarian: Susan Steele

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

Bonnie Rideout is Coming Back

On Jan. 16, 2024, Bonnie Rideout will be in Norman at the Norman Library Central to teach two baskets. You may sign up for these classes/kits with either Mary Lee, Susan Steele, or Nancy Rimassa at a guild meeting. The classes will begin at 9:00 am. You may also send your check to Mary Lee at 4106 Stratford Ln, Norman, OK 73072. Money MUST be collected before the event and preferably by the Dec. 16th guild meeting. Bring a lunch and a drink. The library is at 103 W Acres St. Norman, OK 73069.

Summer Breeze Tote

\$60 6 hours 7 ¼" W x 10" L x 7 ½ H (w/o handles)

The Summer Breeze Tote starts by inserting spokes into a slotted wooden base. Techniques include twining, start/stop weaving, continuous weaving, and the use of overlays. A pretty, blingy dragonfly adorns the front. The braided handles really set the basket off! The accent colors are gray, sky blue and periwinkle. The measurements are taken on the finished basket and do not include the handles. The handles are 12" long not including the hardware. Shaping will be emphasized! I recommend students bring glue for their spokes.



Bumble

\$38 4 Hours 7" H x 6" W x 7 ¼" L (finished basket)

Bumble starts by weaving a filled base. Techniques include filling a base, twining, triple twining (3-rod wale) with a step up and the use of overlays. A wire bee embellishes the front. Feet are attached to the bottom. This is a fun basket for any weaving level! Bring glue.



23rd Oklahoma Weavers Weekend—October 27, 28, & 29

"Dear Basketweavers,
The BWGOK Weaver's Weekend is fast approaching and our latest tally is 79 participants with 19 of them being "First Timers"! We are so happy about that. Now we are requesting membership for help, as willing and able.

We are needing donations for our raffle. Some suggestions might be donations of complete basket kits you are not going to ever get to, duplicate tools, extra water "spritze" bottles – anything you think will be worthy of purchasing a ticket for, please consider and bring to the October 21st meeting at "the Cowboy."

Also, we offer candy and snacks to the participants all weekend, and we are wanting donations for that as well; bite size candy bars, granola bars, nuts...

Thanks for any help you can give. "

We will continue to accept registrations up to the start of the weekend. See the complete catalog and register at okbasketweaversguild.com/WeaversWeekend.

P.S. If you are not able to bring your Positive Tomorrow's basket to the October 21st guild meeting, you can bring them to the retreat. They will be wrapped and taken to the PT facility.

See you soon.



We need your help.

The guild is going to prepare extra supplies for the first time weavers' goodie bags at Weavers' Weekend. If you have any extra tools, zip ties, etc. that new weavers might need and that you don't need, please bring them to the Oct. 21st meeting. We will make their goodie bags special!

State Fair Winners

3521 Basketweaving

Place	Exhibitor Name	City, State
01 - Traditional		
1	Marcia Balleweg	Wellston, OK
2	Nancy Rimassa	Norman, OK
3	Marcia Balleweg	Wellston, OK
4	Nancy Rimassa	Norman, OK
5	Stephanie Williams	Ada, Ok
6	Michelle L Allen	Okmulgee, OK

04 - Coiled		
1	SHAROND DUNAGAN	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
2	Stephanie Williams	Ada, Ok
3	Michelle L Allen	Okmulgee, OK

05 - Non-traditional		
1	Elizabeth Dobes	Choctaw, OK
2	Nancy Rimassa	Norman, OK
3	Michelle L Allen	Okmulgee, OK
4	Stephanie Williams	Ada, Ok

06 - Non-wood		
1	Stephanie Williams	Ada, Ok

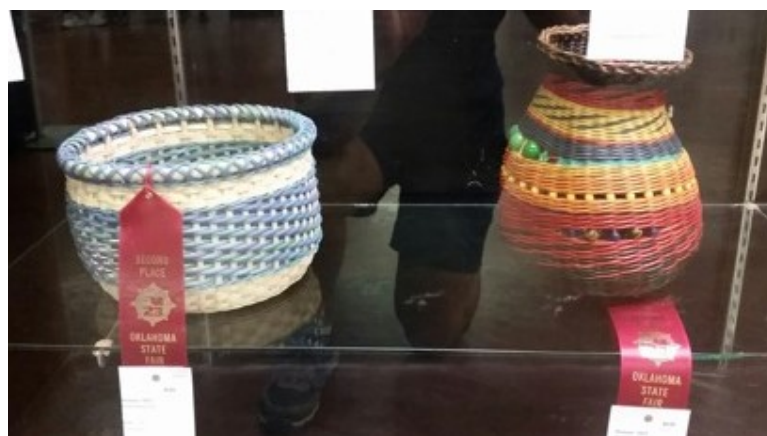
07 - Gathered materials		
1	Michelle L Allen	Okmulgee, OK
2	Stephanie Williams	Ada, Ok

08 - Holiday		
1	Stephanie Williams	Ada, Ok
2	Michelle L Allen	Okmulgee, OK

09 - BEST OF SHOW		
1	Marcia Balleweg	Wellston, OK



Congratulations
Marcia



Minutes for Aug. 19: Basket Weavers of Oklahoma

Officers and Members Present: Janet, Marcia, Susan, Nancy, Mary

There were 22 members present to weave Positive Tomorrows baskets and return them filled in Oct.

Minutes for June mtg. were approved and seconded by: Becky and Lorraine

Marcia gave the treasurer's report: We have a balance as of July 31, 2023 or \$3331.65

Janet reported that we have 123 (?approx.) members on the roster.

Weavers Week-end: Sue and Nancy have 70 responses, 14 are first-time attendees. We are still needing donations for a total of 100 attendees for goodie bags. Lorraine and Daniell are making pencil gifts, some others agreed to bring candy and/or snack packages or bars. If members have contacts for advertising merchandise, please ask for some for our bags and bring them to the Oct. meeting. Whatever you have for the bags should be brought to the Oct. meeting, please. Mary will compile special bags for first-time attendees. Members are asked to bring extra tools or other basket supplies to the Oct. meeting to help fill first-time attendees goodie bags.

State Fair: Marcia said that drop-off of baskets to be entered in the fair is to be Sat., Aug. 26 from 10-4 and Sunday Aug. 27 from 11-4 in the Creative Arts Bldg. No early drop-offs will be accepted. She asked for volunteers for the Fair's Basket Demo on Sept. 21. Marcia, did you get enough?

Sept. 16, Susan, Nancy, Diana H., Diann S, and Mary will teach the museum's basket class from 9-5. Soon we will need to bring baskets for Gretchen to choose from for next years' museum classes.

Oct. 21: Next mtg. where we will weave the Ghost Pumpkin Basket. Also, we will return our PT baskets filled.

Oct. 27-29: Weavers Week-end. Sue and Nancy are working on the classes and making sure which teachers' classes have enough participants to support their travel effort and make a class quota.

Dec. 16: Christmas Party and Santa Basket

Jan. 16 (Tues.) Bonnie Rideout will teach a basket class at the Norman Central Library. Bonnie travels the nation teaching at basket conferences. (www.boniesbasketsil.com) Mary will share options of her selected baskets and get a flyer out. Money for kits will have to be collected early so will begin soon.

May 3-4 Jimmie Earl and Mary McKinsey will be at the Norman Library to teach several options of basket types. More info on that later.

Susan has the basket pattern books and asked that you continue to look through them at meetings to see if you want to check any out for your own use.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Compiled by Mary Lee.

The McKinzie's are Coming

Basket Classes on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4

Hoping you can come!

This is a wonderful opportunity that the guild is offering where you can learn new techniques from nationally known basket weaving teachers, Mary & Jimmie Earl McKinzie, from Washington, IL. They will be here on May 3rd and 4th, 2024. They will offer 9 beautiful baskets to choose from in all three weaving levels; beginner, intermediate & advanced. They can do this because they team teach and know the baskets well. The classes will be held in Norman, OK at the Norman Library Central located at 103 W Acres St. Norman, Ok 73069.

Mary and Jimmie Earl teach at several basket conferences where Mary Lee goes. She recruited them while taking one of their classes at the MO Basket Conference. They are excellent teachers!

This is VERY IMPORTANT

You will need to sign-up and give Mary Lee your money before March 1.

Checks can be mailed to Mary Lee at 4106 Stratford Ln, Norman, OK 73072. Make checks out to Mary McKinzie and postmark May 3. Because the McKinzie's are traveling and need to finalize their plans, they require a minimum of 15 paid participants 2 months in advance so don't wait too long to sign up and pay. Thanks, Mary

Any questions can be asked of Mary Lee at 405-820-0354.

Mary and Jimmie Earl McKinzie Beginner Basket Classes



Rum-pa-pum

Color choices available

Make this charming project for a fun holiday treat! This basket has matching dyed spokes and weavers, and is woven over a class mold. The drum design is completed with gold or silver buttons, matching cord, and a set of wooden drumsticks.

\$65

6 hours

All Levels

7" diameter x 7" high



Snowy Treat

Blue Space-Dyed

This small wintery basket is a nice size for a gift or to store your own treats. It has a wood base and is woven with blue space-dyed reed. The playful snowflakes add the perfect finishing touch.

\$35

4 hours

All Levels

6" diameter X 4" high



Streamers

This colorful basket could have many uses. It features a solid woven base using assorted colors of spokes and natural fillers. This is a no stress, fun project. A variety of color choices will be available for the leather handles.

\$45

6 hours

All Levels

12" x 8" x 4" high to Rim

6" high with Handles

Mary and Jimmie Earl McKinzie Intermediate Basket Classes



Down By the Sea
Color choices available

Make this charming project with a beachy vibe! This basket starts with triple twining and features a continuous twill weave with dyed round reed as an accent. It is woven over a class mold. Tie on a beachy embellishment or leave it off to let the twill shine.

\$52

6 hours
Intermediate
7" Diameter x 6" high



McClintock
Color choices available

This big basket is woven using dyed and natural reed, for a lovely two-toned effect. The handle is a rectangular hoop, which gives the basket a unique shape. The V-stitch handle wrap is the ideal finishing touch.

\$75

8 hours
Intermediate
19" x 12" x 6" high to Rim
9" high with Handle



Terina
Black and Natural

This dramatic basket features bright white X's on a black background around the basket. The final design accent is a unique black suede handle wrap with matching white X's. This striking small market basket with a solid woven base is both decorative and useful.

\$48

8 hours
Intermediate
11" x 6" x 5" high to Rim
10" high with Handle

Mary and Jimmie Earl McKinzie Advanced Basket Classes



Jadzia

Color choices available

Inside this square double wall basket, the spokes and weavers are natural, topped with rows of dyed reed. Placement of natural and dyed reed on the outside creates an eye-catching pattern. Black leather handles and wooden spool feet accented with black yarn provide finishing touches.

\$80

8 hours

Advanced

13" x 13" x 10" high to Rim

13" high with Handles



Janus

Color choices available

This charming oval double wall basket is woven on a double slotted wood base and has a solid dyed interior. The exterior features two striking sections of coordinating randing framed by triple twining dyed to match the interior color.

\$70

8 hours

Advanced

10" x 8" x 5" high to Rim



Tripoli

Color choices available

This fun basket features a braid done with a choice of 3 colors of reed, or 2 colors of reed and a strand of seagrass. It has a wood base and is woven over a class mold. The natural weaving makes the colorful braid pop.

\$66

8 hours

Advanced

7" Diameter X 9" high to Rim