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President's Column

Greetings, BWGOK Members,

I am now a Retired Person, and I have moved to Bartlesville. My mother and I have adjoining apartments at Green Country Village, an Independent Living retirement community. It is interesting, and I look forward to telling you all about it.

All my basketweaving materials are in a nearby storage room. I think I am about ready to get some of it out and get back to weaving. I am looking forward to our July 14 meeting. Plans are shaping up for the October Weavers' Weekend. The basket we will be making after the meeting sounds really good. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for details about what to bring and how to reserve your kit.

Please come to the meeting on July 14 ready for fun and sharing. Bring something good for lunch, and I'll see you there.

Onita

Note from the Editor:

Hope you enjoyed the last newsletter. As always, I appreciate any contributions to the newsletter. It was voted at the May guild meeting that all newsletters would be e-mailed out except for those who tell me they want a paper copy and those people who do not have e-mail. This is the first newsletter that will follow that format. If you decide that you want a paper copy, you will have to contact me directly. This will make things easier for me and will save the guild on postage and printing costs. Janet

BWGOK Officers

President	Onita Lynch
Vice President	Julie Gates
Treasurer	Pat Horsey
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Librarian	Marcia Balleweg
Historian	Katheryn Kelly
Membership	Linda Tickle
Newsletter	Janet Newman
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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 bring to weave on. We are usually done by 2-3 p.m. Then cleanup!

BASKET WEAVERS' GUILD OF OKLAHOMA—Minutes

May 12, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Jo Ann Miller at 9:58 a.m. There were 4 guests and 14 members present. Guests were Joann Gant, Brenda Allen, Helen Chon of South Korea, and Roger Edwards, translator. Congratulations to Onita Lynch on retirement and moving!

Minutes of the March 10, 2012 meeting were approved as presented in the BWGOK Newsletter with the addition of the raffle basket winner Margaret Smith.

Treasurer's report by Pat Horsey is as follows:

Primary Account Balance: 2-29-2012	\$3159.75
Payments: Printing newsletter	91.64
Reimburse Retreat Account for stamps	45.00
Pat Velte Web Work	56.33
Beginner's Class supplies – Ok Basket	43.79
Pat Horsey – Table rental Quilt show	100.00
Deposits: Dues	195.00
Balance as of 29 April 2012	<u>\$3023.01</u>

Retreat Account Balance: 2-29-2012	\$3152.81
Karen Scott –catalog photo printing	33.82
Deposits: stamps	45.00
Raffles- last meeting & 9-2011	117.00
Balance as of 29 April 2012	<u>\$3280.99</u>
Balance of two Accounts	<u>\$6433.80</u>

Committee Reports:

Retreat Committee – Marcia Balleweg - presented by Pat Horsey – October 26-28, 2012 – Selection Committee has met and will offer 42 classes with 15 instructors. The catalog will be published soon. We are expecting several vendors,

The Holiday Inn will offer rooms with 2 queen beds and couch for \$89.00 about 8 miles from the Expo Center

Meeting Programs and Projects – Julie Gates – Project for July will be Sandy Atkinson's door hanging basket. Julie has the CD from the TV show for us to watch while we weave.

Newsletters – Janet Newman – newsletters will be sent by e-mail to everyone, but those requesting otherwise and those who do not have email. Should be about 10 members needing the print copy.

Nominations Committee for Officers – Jo Ann Miller; Elections will be held in November for Vice President and Secretary

Membership Committee – Linda Tickle has updated the membership list -- There are 115 members. Dues are due March 1st to be included in the count.

Pattern Library – Marcia Balleweg

Historian – Kathryn Kelley (Onita will call her and pick up materials soon)

Minutes Continues:

Old Business

Audit Report – Carol White and Jo Ann Miller completed an audit of the accounts. Both accounts passed the audit.

New Business

Announcements

- Julie Gates will be teaching a beginners class at the Choctaw Library July 10 at 7:00 p.m.
- Susan Ybright won the basket raffle that Margaret Smith brought!
- Adjournment – Lunch
- Visited with Helen Chon and other guests

Basket Project – Braiding Handles – by Julie Gates

Gwen RedCorn brought a very good salad to the last guild meeting and people asked for the recipe so here it is.

Black Bean Salad w/corn, red peppers, Avocado/Lime-Cilantro Vinaigrette

- 6-8 cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 2 15-ounce cans black beans (I prefer Bush's)
- 3 ears fresh cooked corn, kernels cut off the cob
- 2 red bell peppers, diced
- 2 cloves garlic or minced garlic, 2 tablespoons
- 2 tablespoons minced shallots, add if you like shallots
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Dressing:

- 9 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 6 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, plus more for garnish, chopped into fine pieces.
- 2 Avocados, chopped

Combine all ingredients except for avocados in a large bowl and mix well. I leave out the dressing until you are ready to serve. Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Right before serving add dressing, and cut up avocados. Try not to mash avocados. Garnish with extra cilantro. Serve at room temperature. Serving 6-8.

Enjoy!!!

By Gwenn G. RedCorn

We were honored with a special guest at our March meeting. Helen Chon, a basket-weaving artist from South Korea, paid a visit. She had been visiting her daughter and grandchildren in Stillwater and was interested in comparing styles with American and Native American weavers. Besides weaving a large variety of baskets using traditional Korean fibers, Helen also creates sculptures and other art objects using basket weaving techniques. She invited everyone to visit her web site, www.pulzip.com. She has also written a textbook which shows traditional natural fibers and how they can be used in various applications, even shoes! Helen was brought to the meeting by a family friend, Roger Edwards, a local electrical engineer. Roger and Helen's daughter hope to have both her web site and her textbook translated into English before the end of the year. We invited Helen to come back to visit, and do a special class, maybe next Spring.

Helen is now back in Korea, getting over jet lag and gearing up to fulfill an order from a museum at the south end of the peninsula, for 30 crane weave-sculptures, due some time later this Fall. I told her about the "art factories" run by Michaelangelo and Leonardo Da Vinci, where apprentices did most of the "heavy lifting". She will certainly be a busy lady until she comes back to visit next year.



In looking through Helen's book it was realized that it contains a technique that was recognized as exclusively Cherokee.



Helen Chon, a basket-weave artist from South Korea visited our March meeting.



Samples of Helen's work.



Schedule of Events:

July 14-15, 2012: Fiber "U", Lebanon, MO. www.mopaca.org.

July 15-21, 2012: Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. Long Beach, CA, www.weavespindye.org.

July 18-21, 2012: Kentucky Basketweavers Association, Sheperdsville, KY; www.thekentuckybasketassociation.org. Go to the website to see a fun video of their conference.

July 27-28, 2012: Mid-Summer Weave, Heritage Basket Guild, Dayton, Ohio; www.heritagebasketryguild.com.

August 2-5, 2012: Missouri Basketweavers Guild Convention, Independence, MO; mbg.unionpoint.net.

Sept. 8-9, 2012: Salida Fiber Festival, Salida, CO, www.salidafiberfestival.org.

Sept. 7-9, 2012: Camp Tuck-a-Basket Land of Lincoln Basketweavers Association. Blooming, IL; www.llbwa.com/events.htm

Sept. 13-16, 2012: 2012 Weaving Odyssey, Gettysburg, PA; <http://basketry.hoestead.com>

Oct. 13-14, 2012: Kentucky guild of Artists and Craftsmen's Fall Craft Fair, Berea, KY; <http://kyguild.org/fair.html>

Oct. 26-28, 2012: Weaving Your Cares Behind Retreat, Bedford, PA; <http://www.bedfordbasketguild.com>

Underwater Basket Weaving

We have all heard this term but where does it come from? According to the definition on Wikipedia, underwater basket weaving is an idiom referring to a negative way to supposedly easy and/or worthless college or university courses, and used generally to refer to a perceived decline in educational standards. It is also used to humorously refer to any non-academic elective course.

But where did the term come from? In early weaving of willow baskets, a trough of water was needed in which to soak the dried willow rods before the basket was woven. An issue of The American Philatelist from 1956 refers to an Alaskan village where "Underwater basket weaving is the principal industry of the Eskimos. By way of explanation, the native reeds used in this form of basketry are soaked in water and the weavers create their handiwork with their hands and raw materials completely submerged in water throughout the process of manufacture."

The phrase was used during the Vietnam War era to describe the sort of major that many young men who would otherwise not have entered college undertook to escape the draft. US Senator Gordon L. Allott referred in 1968 to "the situation that we were in after World War II where we had universities setting up courses in underwater basketweaving and all this sort of thing."

Since 1980, Reed College in Portland, Oregon has offered an underwater basket weaving class during Paideia, its festival of learning that offers informal, non-credit courses.

The Student Resource Center at the University of Arizona offered a submerged snorkeling basket weaving course in the Spring of 1998. Underwater Basket Weaving is a trademark of the US Scuba Center Inc., which offers a specialty class designed to improve or more fully enjoy diving skills from which participants can "take home a memorable souvenir."

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*.

Choctaw: Julie Gates (e-mail: gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com; phone: 405-305-1313 or 405-391-5498) Julie teaches at the Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center.

Duncan: Karen Scott (e-mail: klsweave@gmail.com; phone: 580-252-4711) Karen will be offering classes the last 2 Saturdays of June, July and August.. Her classes are held at the *First United Methodist Church* in Duncan.

Edmond: Rena Vickery (e-mail: rscmv1958@cox.net; phone: 405-285-6643) Rena teaches at the Edmond "Mac" Center.

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

Pauline teaches at the Buffalo Ranch in Hinton the 2nd Tuesday of each month. You can check on her classes at [facebook.com/habasketry](https://www.facebook.com/habasketry).

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

Marcia teaches at *Oklahoma Basket Supply* in Wellston and at the Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee. Her website, www.oklahomabasketsupply.com lists all her class offerings. Cass Schorsch will be at the shop on July 14 and 15.

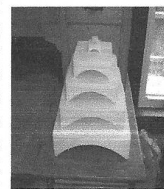
July Guild Project

We will be doing a Door Knob Basket by Sandy Atkinson. We have a DVD of this project taught by Sandy on a PBS channel and permission to use her pattern. Kits for the project will cost \$8 and can be reserved by calling Julie Gates at 405-305-1313 or by email at gatesjulie@mcloudteleco.com. Contact Julie by July 3rd. If you prefer to bring your own materials you will need about 40 feet of 1/2" flat natural reed and about 18 feet of 3 or 4 mm cane.



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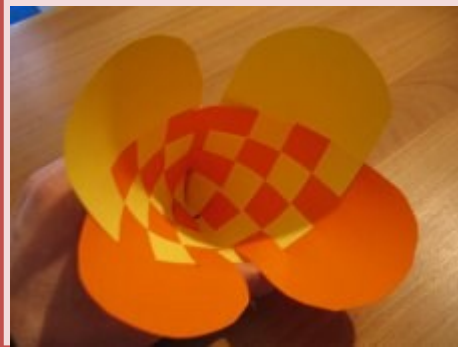
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Birthdays			
Judy Appleton	June 22	Linda Ormand	July 3
Bill Denny, Jr.	July 7	Nancy Trait-Lira	June 22
Janie Lou Dupler	June 18	Susan Ybright	July 10
Terri Hooper	June 11	Sue Yingling	June 12
Judy Keller	July 21		
Our birthday database is not complete so if your name got left off please let me know and it will be added.			

We have heard of gathering natural materials from nature to weave baskets. What I am familiar with is gathering vine type materials and weaving with them. I found two You Tube videos on how to make rope or cordage from the Nettle plant. You strip the bark of the Nettle and twist it into cordage kind of like seagrass and make things with it. Wouldn't it be fun to try this method to weave a basket! You can see the process by going to www.youtube.com. Do a search on these two titles and watch the videos.

- Ray Mears—How to make natural cordage from Nettles
- Natural Cordage—Nettles

Another video I found uses willow to make cordage.

- Bushcraft cordage from willow in winter.

Calendar of Guild Activities

July	Positive Tomorrows
September	Professional Photographer Election of Vice-President and Secretary
	Oklahoma State Fair Entries Deadline
October	18, Demo Baskets at the Fair
November	Weavers Weekend, 26-28
	Guild Project by Janet Newman, Small Gourd Snowman
January	17-20, 2013, Texas Basket Weavers Assoc. Conference, Mesquite, TX,
	www.texasbasketweavers.com

Call for Service: We will once again demo basketweaving at the Oklahoma State Fair. Our time slot is Tuesday, September 18th from 4 to 8 pm. Contact Marcia Balleweg so she can get you an admission ticket and a parking pass. It is fun. time. marcia@oklahomabasketsupply.com

2012 Weavers Weekend Update:

We are excited that by the time you receive this newsletter, our Weavers Weekend catalog will be online. Go to www.okbasketweaversguild.com/WeaversWeekend.html to see a full color catalog. Again this year, you will be able to register online or print off the registration form and mail it in. Registration deadline is September 5.

Since we are moving our conference to the Shawnee Expo Center, attendees will need to make their own lodging arrangements. The Holiday Inn and Suites in Shawnee is our host hotel, although other hotels have given us special rates. See the complete list on the Weavers Weekend page on our website.

In addition to the lodging info, you will find a shirt order form and directions to the Expo Center. Our logo wear includes a short and long sleeve t-shirt and a hooded sweatshirt for you to choose from. Brenda McKinnon is providing our embroidery again this year. Thank you, Brenda!

We are still looking for volunteers to help with committee duties. We need help with the registration table on Friday, help setting up the drawing and silent auction. info@okbasketweaversguild.com



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