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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Hope you have registered for the retreat and have your hotel room reserved. It's almost time for a storm of weaving. Maybe I shouldn't use the word storm. We have had too many of those lately.

Speaking of the retreat, donations are still needed and can be brought to the guild meeting on the 21st. Raffle and Silent Auction items can be brought to the guild meeting or to the retreat itself. Life would be a lot simpler for me & you if you pay your 2018 dues with your retreat registration or hand me a check at the retreat.

Don't forget to bring your completed and filled Positive Tomorrows baskets to the guild meeting. If you can't make the guild meeting and want to participate, you can bring your baskets to the retreat.

Thanks to those who responded with their birthday dates. As you will see inside there are a lot of Fall birthdays to be celebrated.

We have pictures of the baskets entered into the fair and of the demonstration at the fair. Thank you Rena for being there. Marcia, thank you for being at the fair and for taking the pictures.

Read inside to find out who the Wickerman was and see examples of 30-40' woven statutes. That's a lot of work to go up in smoke. Also see what happens when I spend time on Pinterest looking at weaving.

I'll see some of you at the guild meeting and hope to see all of you at the retreat. Don't miss out on this year's fun, fellowship and weaving with great teachers.

Janet

Guild Project for October 21, 2017

Christmas Ball Ornaments



These beautiful Christmas Balls will be taught by Vickie Gildon. We will be making the one on top with the red ribbon. Vickie will explain how the other two are made. The ornaments are made with #1 round reed. Two halves of the ornament are made over a 3" Styrofoam ball and then assembled together and the ribbon accent is woven in. Cost for making one ornament is \$5.

If you want to take the class please contact Vickie Gildon by phone, text or email; 405-823-1674 or cntrygrl@pdi.net. Only enough kits will be made for people who contact Vickie. These would make great gifts for the office or as stocking stuffers.

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 6. Meetings generally start at 10 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, August 19, 2017, Minutes
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

At 10:00 a.m. Su Ybright passed out the kits and patterns for the Positive Tomorrows market basket project.

At 12:05 President Janet Newman began the business meeting while members enjoyed their lunch.

The June minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Su Ybright made the motion to approve the minutes and Carol Milner seconded the motion.

BWGOK Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2017

Balance as of May 31, 2017	\$10736.17
Expenses: Amazon – bank deposit stamp	\$8.75
Deposits: Vendor fees	\$275.00
Member dues	\$60.00
Balance as of July 31, 2017	\$11062.42

Old Business:

Weaver's Weekend—Janet

- . 70 weavers registered as of this meeting
- . All classes have met their minimum number with 6 classes being full
- . Committee is working on “goody” bags

Projects

- October—bring Positive Tomorrow baskets completed and filled with kitchen items. Project will be taught by Vickie Gildon and will be a Christmas ball. Final plans for Christmas party will be discussed.
- December—Christmas party. Project will be to weave a Christmas Bell, taught by Janet Newman

Membership—90 members have paid dues for 2017.

New Business

Election of Officers— Marcia Balleweg will continue as Treasurer. Election for President will be held at Weavers' Weekend.

Raffle Basket brought by Marla

Raffle prize won by Carol Milner.

Door Prize won by Carol Gaunt.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:25

BasketWeavers Having Birthdays

August, September & October

*WOW We have a lot of Fall
birthdays!
Happy Birthday to all of you!!*

I sent out an email to all those that I didn't have birth dates for. Thanks to all of you who responded. There were still a bunch of people who didn't let me know their special date.

Cecilia	Shilling	8/14
Brenda	McKinnon	8/16
Charlotte	Gregg	8/17
Rebecca	Lewis	8/20
Karen	Hobbs	8/22
Becky	Walker	8/31
Maggie	Loutsch	8/23
Pat	Horsey	9/08
Becky	Walker	8/31
Karen	Marichal	9/5
Cindy	Worman	9/8
Pat	Horsey	9/8
Syble	Tibbetts	9/23
Denilgn	Jordan	9/28
Susan	Steel	9/30
Debbie	Hurd	10/1
Gildon	Vickie	10/11
Ayanna	Najuma	10/11
Susan	Morris	10/27
Georgia	Welch	10/28



State Fair Demo

Marcia Balleweg and Rena Vickery were there to demonstrate basket weaving to fair goers. Thank you ladies for showing up.



State Fair Entries for 2017

Not many baskets were entered this year. Congratulations to Janet Britton and Sally Kelly for winning at the State Fair of Oklahoma.



The Story of the Wickerman

The theme of a wicker man has been a part of history for hundreds of years. The Wickerman Festival was an music festival in Scotland from 2000 to 2016 when was stopped because one of the developers passed away. It was a very popular 2 day event that ended at midnight when the effigy of a human statute made of wicker was burned.

The idea for the festival came from the Wicker Man a practice that was carried out by the ancient Druids (priests of Celtic paganism). A 30 ft man was woven out of wicker sticks and burned in effigy.

The rock music group *Iron Maiden* released a song called *The Wicker Man* in 2000 as part of an album called *Brave New World*. There was a British horror film named *The Wicker Man* that came out in 1973. In 2004 it was dubbed the greatest British film of all time by the Total Film Magazine. A retelling of the pagan practice came out in 2011 with a film called *The Wicker Tree*.

In Somerset, England there is a 40 ft statute with a 16 ft arm span that is made on a steel frame and covered with willow. It was commissioned by the Arts Council of England. After the original statute burned in 2001 it was rebuilt and a 130 ft moat was built around the statute. The

steel frame of the statute was covered with 30 bundles of locally gown 7/8 ft steamed black maul willow. The picture to the right shows the artist adding wicker sticks to the head. Interestingly the statute got a hair cut in 2006 when it was discovered that birds were building nests in the willow.



Guild Dates for 2017

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NEW MEETING DATES FOR 2017

Meeting time is 10am sharp.

Calendar of Events

- October 21 (third weekend) Bring filled Positive Tomorrows baskets. Project is a Christmas Ball
- October 27-29 Weavers Weekend in Shawnee, OK.
- December 16 (third weekend) Christmas Party. Project is a Christmas Bell.



December Project

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

Last Sunday as I laid in my recliner I surfed Pinterest looking at different kinds of weaving that people have done here and around the world and through history. That is how I came across the article on the Wickerman Festival. Weaving has definitely had a place in history. It fascinates me all the different ways people weave useful items and the materials they use.

Just look at the African fishing baskets on the next page top-left. They can double as an umbrella. My question is what keeps the fish in the basket once they go in? The basket next to the fishing one is called a coracle. I had to look that up. A coracle is a one man boat. This one is made of bamboo. Below that are two pictures showing the framework of two more coracles. These frames can be woven with willow and a skin of some kind laid over it to make it waterproof. These boats were light enough that you could carry one on your back.

Under the fishing/umbrella picture is a beautiful tray that looks really big. I could not find out any information on it but I liked it. Under the tray is my all time favorite. I love turtles. I think it is woven with willow. I also like the lamp shade. I found a number of pictures of lamp shades and ceiling light shades that are woven. Wouldn't these get hot and possibly catch fire?

Next to this text is a picture of two ladies in Vietnam who are sailing in coracles. Looks like fun. Do you think you could sit like they are and stay in the boat? I know where I would end up. The picture tucked into the lower right is a hat woven with paper tubes. The tubes are made by rolling strips of paper around a dowel rod. This type of weaving is on my bucket list. Well you can see where my mind and time go when I have time to sit and surf the internet.





Africa | Mbukushu women return home with woven baskets they use to catch fish. Kalahari Desert, Okavango Delta, Botswana | © National Geographic / Frans Lanting



WEAVERS WEEKEND UPDATE



Registration for the 2017 Weavers Weekend is moving along. Classes are filling up but there is still space if you want to come weave. There are only about 20 slots open so don't get left out of this fun weaving time. Remember to find someone to room with so the hotel bill is split or you are welcomed to room by yourself. The website has an updated list of hotels in the area. There are a lot of restaurants with great food in the immediate vicinity. There are also RV hookups at the Expo Center if you choose that route.

Be sure to bring cash to the retreat for raffle tickets and the Teacher's Market. This year we will have a shopping area during the lunch hour so we can shop to our hearts content!

Remember to bring any knives, scissors or other items that need sharpening.

We will once again offer chair massages.

See you in Shawnee the weekend of October 27-29.



Positive Tomorrows Baskets

Be sure to bring your Positive Tomorrows baskets to the October 21st guild meeting filled with kitchen items. These baskets are really appreciated as house warming gifts when the participants of Positive Tomorrows finish the program and move into their own housing. Twenty kits were made and picked up or woven at the July guild meeting. If you were unable to be at the July meeting and want to participate, you can make a market basket or a muffin basket and fill it with kitchen items and bring it to the retreat.



The baskets will be wrapped in clear plastic. A tag will be attached saying the basket was handmade by the guild. This is a great way to serve the community.

Don't forget we will also be collecting school supplies. I bought 20 packages of crayons that were marked down to 42 cents each. Perhaps you can find a bargain at Walmart or Office Depot.