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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Once again I'm behind the 8 ball running late with the newsletter. With the cooler weather I'm looking forward to more time indoors and weaving. I have a kit all ready and waiting to be woven. Just need the time.

Be sure to contact Marcia or myself if you want a kit for this month's guild meeting on the 20th. There are only a few days to get them ordered.

Remember to bring your Positive Tomorrows baskets back to the October guild meeting or to the retreat in Shawnee. The baskets should be filled with non-perishable kitchen items. Dollar Tree is a good place to find all kinds of items to put in the baskets. More on Positive Tomorrows on page 3 of this newsletter.

Hope you had a chance to go by the basket exhibit at the State Fair of Oklahoma. I entered and it was so much fun to do it. Look on page 6 to find out who won first place.

Look on page 4 for the latest news on the retreat. I'm excited to get away from work and home and clear my head with happy basket thoughts. The last room in our home to be remodeled is my craft room. It's a converted garage so you know the size of room that has to be packed up. Remodeling as a crafter is quite a challenge. Just imagine a tent on the patio with all the basket weaving supplies. A new shed/workshop that is full of bookshelves and tables saved for the new craft room. Now its time to pack the baskets into big boxes to be able to move them. To be honest I think I could write a book about how to remodel. There are so many little things that have to be moved and therefore packed. I will be excited to get it finished and have a place to invite weaving friends over.

Janet See you at guild and the retreat.

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.

Guild Project for October 20, 2018

Falling Leaves Basket

Falling Leaves is a basket created by Suzanne Moore of NC Basket Works. She has given us permission to make the basket and the guild is paying for the kits for guild members who are present at the guild meeting.

If you would like to buy a kit, what is left over will be offered on a first come basis. The basket measures 8" L x 6" D x 8 1/2" Tall. The basket has 5/8" flat spokes, filler spokes and 1/4" flat weavers. There are 2 accent colors and leaves to attach to the basket to make it a truly fall addition to your home.



If you want a free kit for the guild meeting please contact Marcia Balleweg at mballeweg@yahoo.com or Janet Newman at dnjn3227@sbcglobal.net. You have to be at the guild meeting to get a free kit. A limited number of kits will be available for purchase. These could be picked up at the retreat if you want one. Contact Marcia so she can plan to bring you a kit.

BWGOK Officers - Elected and Volunteer Positions

President: Janet Newman

Vice President: Vickie Gildon

Secretary: Fran Cates

Treasurer: Marcia Balleweg

Membership: Janet Newman

Librarian: Marcia Balleweg

Newsletter: Janet Newman

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BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma Minutes

National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 18, 2018

At 12:07 the meeting was called to order. Marcia Balleweg made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 2018 meeting and Vickie Gildon seconded the motion.

BWGOK Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2018

• Balance as of May 31, 2018	\$9162.75
Expenses	
None reported	
Total Expenses	\$0.00
• Deposits	
WW Registration fees and dues	\$2080.00
• Balance as of July 31, 2018	\$11242.75

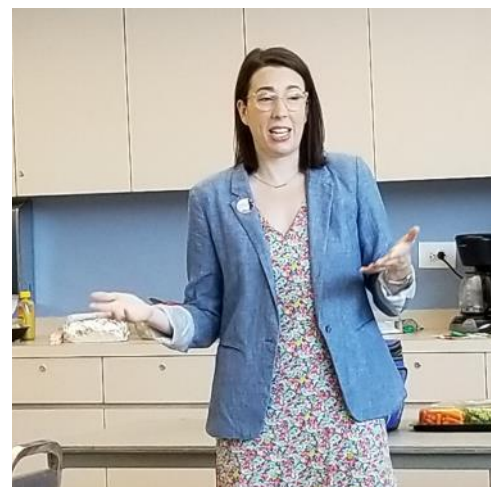
Old Business:

- **Weavers' Weekend**—It was reported that the quilt will be ready for the retreat weekend. The 20th anniversary of Weavers' Weekend will be celebrated with a large cake.
- **Membership**—Janet Newman
- **State Fair Demo**—Janet, Marcia, Su, Mary, and Fran did the State Fair Demo. There were a number who signed up for the beginner class.
- **Positive Tomorrows**—Rachel Durham from Positive Tomorrows thanked us for the baskets we give them. She also talked about things that are happening at Positive Tomorrows. It was a very good explanations of how our baskets are used .

New Business

- The project for October meeting was discussed.
- Christmas party will be discussed at the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35



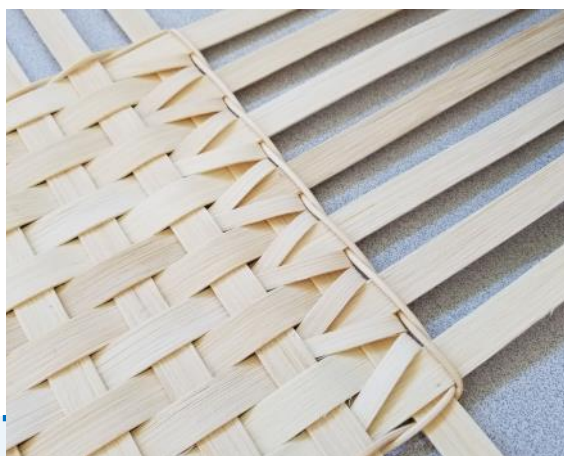
Rachael Durham from Positive Tomorrows (PT) came to the August guild meeting and talked about all that they do to help homeless children and their parents. When a family graduates from the program they get to pick one of our filled baskets as a welcome home gift. Rachael talked about how much these baskets give people hope.

She also talked about the school and the feeding program they offer. Homeless children often move from place to place and Positive Tomorrow's has a bus that goes around to pick up these children so they can continue their education even when they move around.

Back in June of this year PT had ground breaking for a new 30,000 sq. ft. building that will have a gymnasium, open commons area, a library, spaces for music and art and a special education classroom. There will be an outdoor learning area and a storm shelter.

Quote: "We're trying to create a sense of hope," said Susan Agel, PT's president and principal. "Once you have that, you can plan for the future, you can graduate from high school, you can go to college, you can have a job – you can do really well."

As you can guess PT has many needs. You can go to their website and find out how to donate clothes, personal care items and school supplies. You can also donate gift cards or go online to their Amazon Wish List and shop their needs to have the items sent to them directly.



The basket that was made for Positive Tomorrows had Chicken Feet to make a solid bottom. These have always fascinated me. They look so neat and make a nice finished edge.



Weavers Weekend is just around a the corner. This year is our 19th retreat and the 20th birthday of our guild. We will be happy to see old friends and meet new ones. There are still open classes so if you haven't registered yet, there is still time. Go to www.basketweaversguild.com/weaversweekend to join us October 26-29.

Remember its never too late to register. If you haven't picked out classes come join us for one day or all of the retreat and pick from classes that aren't full.

Looks like the weather will be colder and wetter than usual. Be sure to bring a jacket and dress in layers. We are never all hot or cold at the same time. You might bring an umbrella too. It can be a long walk from the car to the building.

The guild quilt is progressing and will be finished in time for the retreat. It will go as a silent auction but will be done separately from other auction items. More on that at the retreat. This is a quilt made from t-shirts collected over the years by members. Thank you Debbie Shorter and Vickie Gildon and all those who donated t-shirts to make this project happen. Whom ever gets it will have a treasured keepsake.

If you didn't pay your dues with your retreat registration you can find Janet Newman at the retreat and pay next years dues and get that out of the way. It would be greatly appreciated.

Sonny will not be joining us this year to sharpen knives. We do have someone lined up to do chair massages.

Some of the guild members will be meeting at the Expo Center on Thursday afternoon to help set-up and fill welcome bags. Feel free to join us.

Remember you can still bring a filled basket for our Positive Tomorrows project. Just fill a basket with kitchen items. Bring it to the retreat and we will do the rest.

We will be electing officers at the retreat on Saturday. Vice President and Secretary are the open offices this year. Thank you Vickie Gildon and Fran Cates for your 2 years of service. We appreciate all your hard work. Now is the time for new people to step up and offer your services. We have people who come from all over the state to be at guild meetings so come join in on the fun and be an officer.

Basket Weavers Having Birthdays

October and November

*Happy
Birthday
to all of you!!*

Hurd	Debbie	10/1
Gildon	Vickie	10/11
Najuma	Ayanna	10/11
Morris	Susan	10/27
Welch	Georgia	10/28
McLain	Kerrie	11/3
Bowers	Daniel	11/4
Adams	Paula	11/6
Hair	Barbara	11/6
Bryant	Naoma	11/10
Roepel	Karin	11/10
Tickle	Linda	11/26

Weavers Weekend Last Minute Newsbreak

Just got word that we have 91 people registered for the retreat later this month. Those numbers are up over the last few years. Twenty-two of the people are newcomers to our retreat. Be sure to welcome them and encourage them to become members. There are still a few classes open.

Friday: River Canyon with Mary and Jimmy Earl McKinzie
Small Victorian Market with Cathy Sylvester

Saturday: Fudge Stripe with Mary and Jimmy Earl McKinzie
Shaded Feather with Julie Kleinrath
Cat Basket with Pauline Asbury

Saturday 2 hour classes Glass Jar Pin Cushion with Julie Kleinrath
Pencil Holders with Pauline Asbury, you will make 2 in class

Sunday: Teneriffe Flower with Debra Keazer
Santa Gourd with Cindy Pauchey
Aromatic with Mary and Jimmy Earl McKinzie

Diane Wilson has asked that if someone wants to register late they need to contact her directly at pawddw@gmail.com or 254-875-2089. Also you can contact an instructor directly at the retreat.

3521 Basketweaving

Place	Exhibitor Name	City, State
01 - Traditional		
1	Janet Newman	Bethany, OK
2	Carrie Snyder	Oklahoma City, OK
3	Sterling Speaks	Edmond, OK
4	Carrie Snyder	Oklahoma City, OK
5	Brenda Speaks	Edmond, OK
6	Betty Johnston	El Reno, OK
7	Carol Cullum	Oklahoma City, OK
02 - Non-traditional		
1	Gail Fairbetteer	Shawnee, OK
2	Sheila Minnich	Midwest City, OK
3	Carrie Snyder	Oklahoma City, OK
4	Janet Newman	Bethany, OK
5	Janet Newman	Bethany, OK
04 - BEST OF SHOW		
1	Janet Newman	Bethany, OK



Sad News from Minnesota

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 75.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin.

Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with many flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Born and bread in Minnesota, Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes.

Despite being a little flaky at times, he still was a crusty old man and was considered a positive roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, three children: John Dough, Jane Dough and Dosey Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart.

The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

If you smiled while reading this, please rise to the occasion and pass it on to someone having a crumby day and kneading a lift.

I have to tell you about making this basket. It was a kit from Jill Choate. I bought it on a whim because it was on sale. I didn't know if I could even make it on my own. I had only done a couple of rib baskets and they were done in classes where the instructor tells you where to put spokes and how long to make them. I was intrigued by the handle and wanted to give it a try. I would have been happy to just learn how to do the handle. I took the kit with me on a trip to Branson. I knew we would be spending a lot of time in the hotel and figured I could get the basket done there. Well I only got the handle done during that trip. After getting the basket finished at home, I felt I had a basket worthy of first place. They didn't have the Best-of-Show ribbon on the basket at the fair so I was shocked when my husband brought the basket home with the ribbon. I encourage everyone to enter their local fair and win a ribbon. It's so much fun to be validated.



Billy Owens was in Walters, OK again this past August. It was a great time for everyone that was there. If you haven't been there, you are missing out. Billy is already on the calendar for next year. Thank you Billy for coming and sharing with us. Thank you Vickie Gildon and friends in that area who helped put the weekend on. Great food, great people and great baskets.



Can you believe a beautiful basket can come out of this spider web?

