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October 15th Guild Project

Vickie Gildon will be teaching a small whisk broom. This Round Whispering Broom is constructed of broom corn centers and trimmed out with dyed or natural reed. No experience is necessary as this is a good beginner broom. A selection of twine colors and reed will be available at class. The only supplies needed are scissors, a towel and a packing tool or awl. Class time will be 2-4 hours depending on experience. Let Vickie know by October 10th if you plan to make a broom at the meeting. Her number is 405-823-1674. Checks must be mailed to Vickie by October 12th. Address is: Vickie Gildon, 278967 E 1810 RD, Comanche, OK 73529



NOTE: If you order a kit and do not come to the guild meeting, you will still be responsible to pay for the kit and make arrangements to obtain it. After all the person teaching puts time and materials into making the kits.

We will also be bringing back our filled Positive Tomorrows baskets. Please fill your basket with items for a kitchen or items like scissors, note pad, tape, etc. No liquids or anything perishable. The baskets will be wrapped in cellophane and tied with a ribbon. We will need someone willing to take the baskets home and deliver them to Positive Tomorrows. They are located East of the OK State Fair grounds.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Well another month has slipped past me. How do they go so fast? The Weaver's Weekend is upon us so make your plans. Pack your tools and other weaving items early so you can think about it and have everything you need for a fun weaving time.

The guild project this month is special. Vickie Gildon is teaching a round whisk broom. Time is short so order your kit today and plan to be at the October 15th meeting. Don't let this project intimidate you. It's easier than you think.

We have a special anniversary logo contest coming up. Look on page 5 for details and get your creative juices flowing.

We have another special weaving time coming in January. Find that information on pages 6 and 7 along with a look at the December project. Thank you Mary Lee for getting us this information and setting it up.

A couple of people have contacted the guild about harvesting cat tails and honeysuckle. Find that information. If you grow Day Lilies you can harvest those now. You can harvest green leaves or dried ones. Things like African Violet stems, Johnson grass stems, dandelion stems and ornamental grasses can be harvested and dried to weave this winter. More coming on this topic.

See you at the guild meeting. Bring a lunch item to share. Thanks 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: Fran Cates

Treasurer: Marcia Balleweg

Membership: Janet Newman

Librarian: Susan Steele

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

October 15	Guild Meeting, project is a Wisk broom—Vickie Gildon, bring back Positive Tomorrow baskets filled with kitchen items
November 4-6	Weavers Weekend
December 17	Christmas Party
January 31	Deadline for the 25th Anniversary Contest
February 18	Guild meeting



BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma

Minutes of August 20, 2022

Call to order:

Vice President Mary Lee called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm on June 11, 2022 at the Nation Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

Mary reported that both Janet Newman, President and Marcia Balleweg, Treasurer were sick.

Mary reported that 64 people have registered for Weaver's Weekend. She also reported that class confirmation letters were sent out.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the June meeting.

Treasurer Report: Since Marcia Balleweg was sick there was no Treasurer's Report.

At the June meeting Janet Newman, President, requested a special election for president due to some health issues she is having. No one present was willing to commit to accepting the presidency. Several members felt like they needed more information on the duties of the president. Fran Cates volunteered to talk to Janet and see if we could come up with a list of duties/responsibilities. The question of having committees responsible for the various duties was discussed. The election was tabled until the next meeting.

Mary reported that she had talked to Bonnie Rideout about coming to Norman before the Texas Retreat. Bonnie said she could come teach 2 classes. Mary showed the options for the classes in Norman.

New Business:

It was discussed about next year will be the 25th Anniversary of the Guild. Ideas are needed to make this a special event to celebrate. It was discussed to have a logo contest.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.

WEAVER'S WEEKEND IS ALMOST HERE

Class confirmations were sent out and your checks should have been mailed back. Kit order forms were sent with the class confirmation letter. Those checks need to be mailed in also.

Be sure you have a place to stay, hotel or Airbnb, unless you are driving back and forth.

Get those tools and supplies ready, weaving tools, towel, spray bottle, water tub, apron, jacket.

Load your car with snacks. Most important.

Plan your meals, whether in the place you stay or the local restaurants. Also most important.

Bring something to donate to the raffle and/or silent auction.

Bring Positive Tomorrow baskets if you are not turning them in at the October guild meeting.

This year the offices of Secretary and Vice President are up for election. Fran Cates has served many years and wants to step down from secretary. Be thinking about this office. Secretary takes the minutes at the guild meetings and sends a copy to the newsletter editor to put in the newsletter. That's not a lot of time involved. Vice President is currently held by a committee of Mary Lee, Nancy Rimassa, and Susan Steel. They wish to continue their duties.

Thinking of the future: At least 5 Oklahoma people went to the Missouri retreat. At their business meeting they talked about a guild in an Eastern state (I don't remember the state) that disbanded because no one was willing to take an office. Many sad comments were made. I'm going to be frank here, when Marcia and I, (Janet) can no longer hold our offices, it is up to you, the guild members to decide if you want to have an Oklahoma guild or not. I have already talked to Marcia about what happens to disband the guild. We are both in our 70s. Its harder and harder to keep up. Marcia wants someone to shadow her so she can quit doing the retreat. I have held a leadership position every year I have been a guild member except the first. That is almost 20 years. While you are sitting in classes at the retreat, please talk amongst yourselves about the future of the guild and what you want. If the guild disbands the retreat goes away too. So this affects all of you. It will be up to you to decide if the guild will continue for one more year let alone 25 more. We need workers. What will you do?

ORDER YOUR GUILD MEETING PROJECT KIT.

BRING POSITIVE TOMORROWS BASKETS BACK FILLED.

VOLUNTEER FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT OR OFFICE.

FREE GATHERED MATERIALS

John Ware; bonham-tx@hotmail.com

I live on a 50 acre lake. I have a large amount of cat tails and lily flower pods. From the Internet, I realize that these are both popular for basket weaving or decorations. If you want them come and harvest them.... Free . The lake is in Fannin County, TX on the southern Oklahoma border. Phone 903-583-9741.



From: Kathy Leimbach <1kathy179@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern.

I live east of Norman, South of Lake Thunderbird. I have tons of honeysuckle that is free to anyone who wishes to harvest it. My phone number is 405-329-0183. Please leave a message and I will get back with you.

Thank you, Kathy



Calling all members! 25th Anniversary Logo Contest for BWGOK

Next year is the 25th anniversary of our guild and I think we need a new logo! I know you all are very artistic. I've seen your baskets after all! So, put your artistic selves to work and submit a 25th anniversary logo.

THINGS TO KNOW:

You may submit your entry to info@okbasketweaversguild.com.

Entry deadline is January 31, 2023.

Entry should be no bigger than standard paper size, 8 1/2" x 11". Entry must have two files. One should be a high resolution jpg file. The other file should be a pdf file. (If you need information on these types of files contact Janet Newman at djn3227@sbcglobalnet.com.)

Members present at the February guild meeting will vote.

PRIZE:

The artist with the winning entry will receive their guild dues for the next year they need to pay and full registration fees paid for 2023 Weavers Weekend. Wow! Two prizes! What a deal!



The old logo was made by Joan Gilbrith. It has served us well on our banner, newsletter heading, business cards, and fliers. It's time for a new banner. So this 25th Anniversary contest has perfect timing.

Basket Weaving Class—Jan.uary 18 in Norman

Two Special Classes Being offered January 18, 2023

**Bonnie Rideout,
Norman Central Library, 9-5**

Wild At Heart

Cost: \$48.00 Time: 9-5

Skill Level: Intermediate Weaving Level

5" H x 6 1/4" W x 13 3/4" L Measurements taken at the top of the basket.

Wild at HEART starts on a wood slotted 4" x 12" base. Techniques include setting up a basket on a wood base, twin-ing, "start/stop" weave, continuous weave, and the use of overlays. The accent colors are Blue Spruce, Smoked and Wine. The inside rim is braided seagrass which really adds to the texture of this basket. The basket is sure to become a favorite wherever you choose to use it. This basket would also make a great gift for that "wild" woman in your life!



Due to the different sizes in reed, this basket can be a challenge! Shaping and spoke placement are important in this basket! Be sure and pack each row as you weave. It is best to start/stop on the rounded corners – not in the middle of this basket. There are a variety of embellishments from which to choose.

The Long Way Home

Cost: \$ 55 Time : 9-5

Skill level: All

Size: 14-1/2" L x 9" W x 8" H

The Long Way Home starts by weaving a filled base. Techniques include twining, triple twining, and getting creative with triple twining!

About the name: if you follow me on social media, you know I like to dabble in photography and am an avid pickleball player. Many of my posts/photos start off with "on my way home from pickleball" ...the creative use of triple twining reminds me of my path on the way home.

Accent colors are smoked, black, green, rust and gold.



Bonnie Rideout, Decatur, IL

I wove my first basket in 1995 and quickly became hooked. You could say I came down with a serious case of the “basket bug”. So much that it is now my full-time career! My business, “Bonnie’s Baskets” began in 2006 by teaching others how to weave. I started teaching in the basement of my home. It quickly grew to selling basketry supplies, embellishments and baskets themselves at local craft and art shows. As my business grew, I built a shop on my property and began designing my own basket patterns. I quickly discovered I absolutely love the challenge of designing and writing patterns.

In addition to teaching in Illinois, I have taught in Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas, North Carolina, Tennessee, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Iowa, Florida and West Virginia. I am looking forward to adding a few more states to that list.

In 2018, I left my “regular” job to make Bonnie’s Baskets a full-time business and I haven’t looked back since I made the plunge to focus on this as my career. In 2019, my new website was launched.

How these classes came about:

Mary Lee as several other Oklahoma ladies took Bonnie’s classes in Missouri. They asked if she would teach in Oklahoma and Bonnie said yes. She is coming the day before she has to be in Dallas, Texas for the Texas Retreat. So this is a great time to warm up for the Texas retreat or if you can’t go to Texas, it is a great substitute. I know a lot of you work during the week and this is a weekday class. All I can say is take a Sanity Day from work. (Or if you have to, tell everyone you got lost in the dark and it took a whole day to find your way back.)

Mary Lee is heading up signing people for the classes. You can take only one class and order a kit of the other class. Money for the classes and kits must be collected by Jan 1. You may pay Mary Lee at the October or December guild meetings or mail checks to Mary Lee at 4106 Stratford Ln, Norman, OK 73072. Direct questions to Mary at 405-820-0354.

December Project for The Oklahoma Basket Weavers Guild

Star Ornament

For the December guild meeting we will be using a 5” oval base with drilled holes to weave a holiday ornament. The weaving, a Gretchen Rim, will serve as a frame and carved stars will be embellished on a painted, night sky. This will give us another opportunity to practice the Gretchen rim, the one Vickie taught earlier this year. The cost will be \$5 per kit. Join us for a Holiday Party where we will eat, win prizes, and weave this project. You can order your kit from Mary Lee at the October guild meeting or call her at 405-820-0354.



Oklahoma State Fair Basket Weaving Winners

01 - Traditional

- 1 Debbie Williams, Weatherford, OK
- 2 Mary Lee, Norman, OK
- 3 Susan A. Steele, Norman, OK
- 4 Nancy Rimassa, Norman, OK
- 5 Stephanie, Williams Ada, Ok

02 - Ribbed

- 1 Nancy Rimassa, Norman, OK
- 2 Susan A. Steele, Norman, OK

03 - Twill variation

- 1 Nancy Rimassa, Norman, OK
- 2 Nancy Rimassa, Norman, OK
- 3 Mary Lee, Norman, OK

04 - Coiled

- 1 Sharon Dunagan, Oklahoma City, OK

05 - Non-traditional

- 1 Stephanie Williams, Ada, Ok
- 2 Sharon Dunagan, Oklahoma City, OK
- 3 Mary Lee, Norman, OK

06 - Non-wood

- 2 Nancy Rimassa, Norman, OK

07 - Gathered materials

- 10 Janet Newman, Bethany, OK

08 - Holiday

- 1 Janet Newman, Bethany, OK
- 2 Susan A. Steele, Norman, OK
- 3 Janet Newman, Bethany, OK 09

BEST OF SHOW

- 1 Debbie Williams, Weatherford, OK

