



# OVER AND UNDER ACROSS OKLAHOMA

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Summer has me wanting to stay indoors as much as possible. Basket weaving is a good summer activity. The project for the last guild meeting was an inspiration. Thank you Virgil Hope those who attended will be inspired to harvest natural materials to weave and to use as embellishments. Check out the milkweed pod embellishment on page 6 as an example of using natural materials. Be sure to make a basket for the Positive Tomorrow's project. It can be a muffin or a market basket or one of your choice. Bring it to the September meeting filled with kitchen items. Remember no food or perishable items. Our next project is a beautiful utility/letter basket taught by Marcia Balleweg. Kits have to be preordered by August 1st. That is the reason that this newsletter is coming out early. Its time to be making baskets to enter into the state fair. You can find information on entering on the state fair website. September Fest is coming up along with an opportunity to demo basket weaving at the Oklahoma Heritage Center. If you have not registered for the 2016 Weavers Weekend, now is the time to do it. While you are at it think about registering to go to the Texas weaving retreat in January in Huston.

Have a great summer and see you on June 13th.  
Janet Newman

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 2016 year and are listed on page 7. Meetings generally start 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.

## August Guild Project

June 13th, 2016

Marcia Balleweg is teaching our August project which is a utility/letter basket with a 2/2 twill bottom. It is 13" long x 9" wide x 3 1/2" high. The twill bottom makes this a very pretty basket, to pretty to put stuff in. The basket has a double wall with a Triple Weave Arrow on the outside. The rim is lashed with waxed linen. Most people should finish the basket but expect to put 5-6 hours into it. Cost of the project is \$12.00. Kits have to be preordered. Marcia has asked that payment be made directly to her no later than August 1st. Her address to send a check or money order is P.O. Box 647, Wellston, Ok 74871. Phone number is 405-356-2417.



## BWGOK Officers - Elected and Volunteer Positions

President: Janet Newman

Vice President: Virgil Staggs

Secretary: Jo Ann Miller

Treasurer: Pat Horsey

Historian:

Membership: Janet Newman

Librarian: Marcia Balleweg

Newsletter: Janet Newman

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**Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma  
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 18, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Janet Newman at 11:43 a.m.

The minutes were approved as printed in the March 2016 newsletter. Motion – Pat Horsey; Linda Tickle – second - It passed.

**The Treasurer's report was read and approved.** Motion – Fran Cates, Second – Paula Adams

	Expenses:	Deposits
Storage Unit-- 6 months	\$297.00	\$74.00
Instructor's Basket Kits from Beginners Class	\$381.54	
Ending Balance: \$10,485.15		

**Old Business:**

1. **Weaver's Weekend**

- Becky Walker -- Catalog/registration/lodging options are online. 5 online registrations received by June 18th. \$45.00 registration fee for 3 days-lunches are included.
- Silent Auction and raffle donations are needed – everyone can participate.
- Welcome Bag donations are needed – about 120 items. Please bring to October meeting. Business cards – Marcia

2. **MWC Library Exhibit** has been arranged – Susan Ybright and friends.

3. **State Fair Demo** arrangements have been made for volunteers and free passes for entrance and parking!

4. **Projects:**

- Virgil and Janet started the weaving with natural materials project at 10:00am.
- August 13, 2016 - Twill Bottom basket – Marcia - \$12.00 kit, Order kits by August 1st.
- October 8, 2016 Handle Embellishment, Janet Newman
  - \* Bring Positive Tomorrows basket filled with kitchen utensils, etc.
  - \* Election of Officers: Vice President, Secretary
- December 17, 2016— Christmas Party: No business meeting. Christmas Ornament, Basket Exchange; please include the pattern for basket exchange. Party Plans: Paula – Table cloths, Fran – Plates, Susan – Indian Tacos, Pat – forks, cups, napkins.

**New Business:**

Marcia will be taking over the membership. 93 members as of 6-18--2016

Raffle basket woven by Jo Ann Miller won by Janet Newman.

No door prizes were given out.

Project Resumed after the business meeting:

Project was to learn about weaving with naturals! Embellishments with naturals! Virgil brought in some natural just picked examples. Janet offered a museum assortment of items to check out, plus ideas about flowers and microwave ovens! A lot of information was shared! Thank you to Virgil and Janet.



## *BasketWeavers Having Birthdays*

*July, August & September*

Karen Aldrich	July 3
Clara Swanson	July 14
Judy Keller	July 21
Cecelia Shilling	Aug 14
Karen Hobbs	Aug 22
Becky Walker	Aug 31
Cindy Worman	Sept 8
Sybil Tibbets	Sept 23
Teresa Dooley	Sept 24

## Weavers Weekend Update

Now is the time to register for the 2016 Weavers Weekend. Everything needed to register is on the guild website at [www.okbasketweaversguild.com](http://www.okbasketweaversguild.com). Be sure to make your hotel lodging reservation too. Watch the website if you are registering later in the fall as closed and canceled classes will be listed there. If you have any questions about the retreat you can email to: [register@oklahomabasketweaversguild.com](mailto:register@oklahomabasketweaversguild.com) or contact Diane Wilson at [pawddw@gmail.com](mailto:pawddw@gmail.com).



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

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Watch also for our sister retreat in Houston, Texas with the Texas Basket Weavers Association.

BASKET PALOOZA

January 19-22, 2017

More information will be out in late July.

### Midwest City Library Display

Sue Ybright took approximately 54 baskets to the Midwest City Library to be displayed during the month of July. A big thank you to Sue and all her helpers who worked on this project. The baskets will be picked up after the end of July and will be brought to the August 13th guild meeting for people to pick up. If you brought baskets be sure to be at the August meeting to retrieve your baskets so no one has to store them.

## NEW MEETING DATES & Calendar of Events

### For 2016

- August 13: Marcia Balleweg will teach a twill bottom. We will concentrate on the bottom and not a finished basket unless there is time.
- September 10: SeptemberFest at the Oklahoma Historical Society, basket demo open to all guild members.
- October 8: Bring Positive Tomorrow Baskets filled with kitchen items. Project is a Sampling of basket handle embellishments taught by Janet Newman.
- October 21-23: Weavers Weekend in Shawnee, OK.
- December 17: Christmas Party, Basket Exchange and Christmas Ornament.

### Calendar of Events for 2017

- February 18 (third weekend) Easter Basket
- March 18 (third weekend) Beginners Class
- April 15 (third weekend)
- June 24 (fourth weekend)
- August 19 (third weekend)
- September 9 (third weekend) SemtemberFest at the History Center
- October 21 (third weekend) Bring Positive Tomorrows baskets.
- October 27-29 Weavers Weekend in Shawnee, OK.
- December 16 (third weekend) Christmas Party





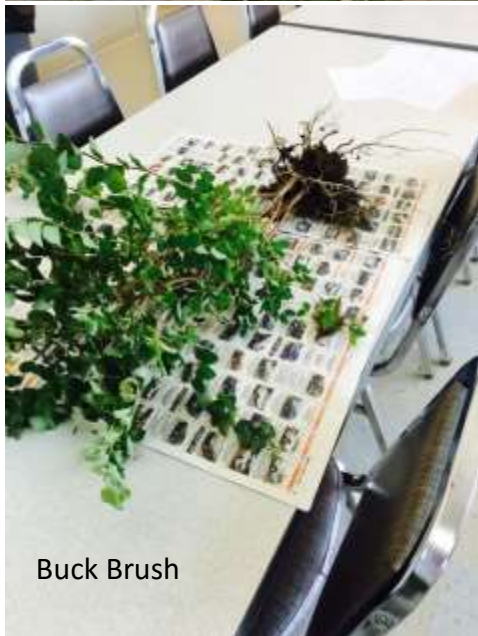
Janet talking about different materials both gathered locally and bought online.



Milkweed pod embellishment



Fresh Willow



Buck Brush

### June Guild Meeting

If you were not at the last guild meeting you missed a very good discussion lead by Virgil Staggs. He lead the first part of the meeting where he talked about willow, bamboo, pussy willow and buck brush. People inserted their own ideas and experiences weaving with natural materials. Honey suckle was talked about too. After lunch Janet Newman shared many different natural materials from grasses, to pine needles, to holly hock flowers. Janet explained how to dry natural materials in the microwave. There were a number of examples of materials available online from such countries as India, Africa and Brazil. After all the examples were shown and talked about instruction was given on how to make an embellishment form milkweed pods. This example was shared from a class that Janet took from Gina Keif at the Texas weaving retreat last year.

# YAH! IT'S VACATION TIME — That means weaving time

## WEAVING HAPPENINGS AROUND THE COUNTRY

### 2016

- HGA Convergence 2016 Conference - The Wisconsin Center - Milwaukee, WI - July 30, 2016 - August 6, 2016
- Weave the Wind—25th Annual Missouri Basketweavers Guild Convention, Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel, Clayton, Missouri, August 4-7, 2016, [www.basketweavers.org](http://www.basketweavers.org)
- Camp Tuck-A-Basket—Land of Lincoln Basketweavers Association, Normal, IL [www.llbwa.com](http://www.llbwa.com) , September 9-11, 2016
- A Weaving Odyssey - Central PA Basket Weavers' Guild - Aspire Gettysburg Hotel - Gettysburg, PA - September 15, 2016 - September 18, 2016
- Weaving Your Cares Behind Retreat - Travelodge - Bedford, Pennsylvania - October 21, 2016 - October 23, 2016, [www.bedfordbasketguild.com](http://www.bedfordbasketguild.com)
- Association of Michigan Basketmakers Annual Conference— Lansing, MI, October 19-23, 2016, [www.michiganbasketmakers.com](http://www.michiganbasketmakers.com)
- West Virginia Basketmakers Convention - Harrison County 4-H and Recreation Facility - Clarksburg, WV - November 4, 2016 - November 6, 2016

### 2017

- Gilders Weave 2017—Tide Water Basketry Guild, Newport, News, VA, January 12-15, 2017, [www.tidewaterbasketguild.org](http://www.tidewaterbasketguild.org)
- Texas Basket Weavers Association's 2017 Basketpalooza - Houston Marriott West Loop - Houston, TX - January 19, 2017 - January 22, 2017, [www.texasbasketweavers.com](http://www.texasbasketweavers.com)
- NCBA 2017 Convention "Weaving Mania", Durham, NC, March 16-19, 2017, [ncbasketmakers.com/convention.html](http://ncbasketmakers.com/convention.html)
- Weaving in the Wild, Wild West, Western Pleasure Basket Retreat—Sandpoint, ID, May4-7, 2017. Retreat is limited to 20 students, [www.jchoatebasketry.com/pages/western-pleasure-basket-retreat](http://www.jchoatebasketry.com/pages/western-pleasure-basket-retreat).
- Treadle Lightly - ANWG 2017 Northwest Weavers' Conference - University of Victoria - Victoria, British Columbia - June 28, 2017 - July 2, 2017, [www.anwgconference2017.com](http://www.anwgconference2017.com)
- Tradition and Innovation in Basketry IX, July 18-23, 2017, Tacoma, WA, [www.nationalbasketry.org/tradition-innovation-in-basketry-iv-tacoma-washington/](http://www.nationalbasketry.org/tradition-innovation-in-basketry-iv-tacoma-washington/)
- Association of Michigan Basketmakers Annual Convention, Bellaire, MI, October 25-29, 2017, [www.michiganbasketmakers.com](http://www.michiganbasketmakers.com)