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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Seems the summer is flying by. With this cool weather I'm hoping that we have a long cool fall.

We have a great project planned for August 19th. Be sure to contact Sue Ybright with the number of baskets you want to make for Positive Tomorrows.

See pictures of a mini retreat with Billy Owens. It was a lot of fun and the food was go good. Those country folks sure know how to cook. Thank you Billy for coming. The location of the retreat in Walters, Ok was very nice. They hope to do this again so lets support them.

You will find pictures of upcoming guild meeting projects. You can start planning early for Christmas.

There is even an article about mountain men and baskets.

If you haven't done so its time to register for the retreat, Weavers Weekend held in Shawnee, OK in October. There is an update about it.

See you at the guild meeting. If not at the guild meeting please plan to attend the 2017 Weavers Weekend.

Janet

Guild Project for August 19, 2017

Positive Tomorrow's Market Basket

We will be making a baskets to fill with kitchen items to be taken to Positive Tomorrows. We are making a market basket with a "D" handle. The plan is a little different this year. First the guild is providing kits free of charge. Second we are asking people to make a basket at the guild meeting and then take a kit or 2 home and make more baskets. Bring all the finished baskets you make to the October guild meeting filled with non-perishable kitchen items where they will be wrapped in cellophane and a tag will be placed on each basket saying that it was handmade by the guild. Please contact Sue Ybright at 405-326-9844 and let her know how many baskets you want to make. She will have kits ready at the guild meeting. Dollar Tree is a good place to purchase items to place in the baskets. More information is on page 4 of this newsletter.



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 2. 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.

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, June 24, 2017, Minutes
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

At 10 am Vickie Gildon was in charge of the weaving project—Brenda McKinnon's Noah's Ark Basket.

The business meeting was called to order at 12:06 by Janet Newman.

The minutes were approved as printed in the August 2017 Newsletter, Marcia Balleweg made the motion to approve with Sue Yebright secibdubg, Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was alpproved as printed in the newsletter.

There were 12 members lpresent and Judy Knudson was introduced as a guest.

Treasurer Report as of March May 31, 2017:

Beginning Balance \$11307.13

Ending Balance \$10736.17

Old Business:

- Weaver's Weekend:
 1. Marcia reported there are 38 registered for the Weaver's Weekend. Two classes are closed. The Shawnee Visitors Bureau is helping with the welcome bags. An updated hotel list will be on the website shortly. Sue Ybright's company has bags for welcome bags @ \$1.92 per bags.
- Projects:
 1. August: Market Basket for Positive Tomorrows. Sue Ybright is putting kits together for the project. Marcia Balleweg is selling "B" handles to the guild for the project. Janet encouraged member to make and fill more than one basket. Jo Ann said she has enough plastic wrap for one more year.
 2. October: Bring filled marker baskets for Positive Tomorrows. Vickie Gildon will be teaching a Christmas Ball.
 3. December: Christmas Party. Janet Newman will teach a Christmas Bell.
- Membership: Janet Newman reported we have 99 members.
- Business Bards: No news.

New Business:

- The BasketWeavers Guild of Oklahoma will be featured in the June Newsletter of the National Basketry Organization. Check out their website. [Www.nationalbasketry.org](http://www.nationalbasketry.org). It is a nice article so check it out. Thank you Pamela Morton and NBO for the article.

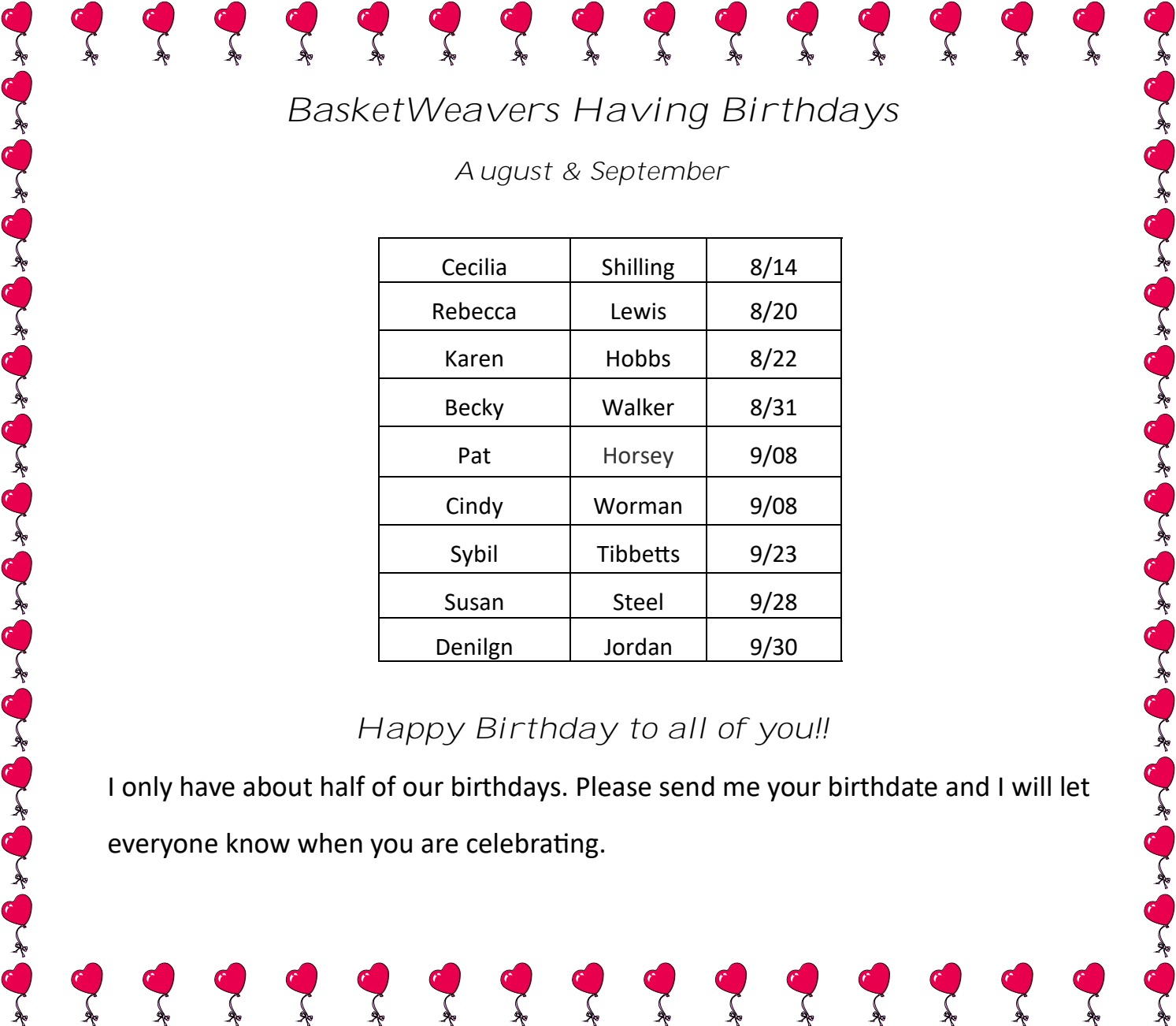
Minutes continued.

- Election of officers will be held at the October retreat. We will be electing a new President. Marcia Balleweg has offered to continue as the Treasurer.

A door price of reed was donated by Rena Vickery.

A raffle prize of a Christmas Ball ornament was donated by Vickie Gildon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.



BasketWeavers Having Birthdays

August & September

Cecilia	Shilling	8/14
Rebecca	Lewis	8/20
Karen	Hobbs	8/22
Becky	Walker	8/31
Pat	Horse	9/08
Cindy	Worman	9/08
Sybil	Tibbetts	9/23
Susan	Steel	9/28
Denilgn	Jordan	9/30

Happy Birthday to all of you!!

I only have about half of our birthdays. Please send me your birthdate and I will let everyone know when you are celebrating.



Positive Tomorrows Baskets Project Changes

It's time for our Positive Tomorrows Project.

Positive Tomorrows is a nonprofit organization that offers a school for homeless children. While the children are in school the parents receive help and training to get back on their feet. When they are ready to move into a home or apartment they receive one of our baskets filled full with kitchen

items. Last year we also asked people to donate school supplies. Below is a list of some of the items that are needed for the school. Go to the website for find a complete list of needed items.

This year the guild will be furnishing kits to weave at the August guild meeting and everyone is encouraged to take a kit or two home to weave and bring all the baskets back in October filled with kitchen items. This is one of our biggest community service projects so we are encouraging everyone to give back by coming to the August meeting and making a basket or 2 or 3 for the Positive Tomorrows project. The basket will be a 5" x 9" market basket with a push in handle.

Items needed for the school and for the families living there:

Full-sized shampoo and conditioner	copy paper
Deodorant	Hand Soap
Full-sized tubes of toothpaste	Clorox Wipes
Hand and body lotion (full size)	Ziplock Bags (sandwich, quart & gallon)
Lice shampoo and spray	Boxtops for Education
Reusable shopping bags	Play-Doh
Copy paper	Industrial trash bags
Coffee	Toilet paper
Industrial trash bags	Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, Target, Lowe's, Visa)
Bug spray	Go to www.positivetomorrows.org for a complete list
Sunscreen	
Household cleaning supplies	
Nonperishable foods such as: pasta, peanut butter, crackers, pretzels, granola bars, cereal, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise	

If you can not make a guild meeting and want to participate, just make a market or muffin basket and bring it to the retreat in Shawnee, OK in October and we will see that it gets to Positive Tomorrows.

Dollar Tree is a great place to purchase kitchen items to put in the baskets. Suggested items are dish towels, dish rags, measuring cups, cooking and serving utensils, coffee cups, plastic storage bowls, candle, air freshener, zip-lock bags, salt & pepper shakers etc.

WEAVERS WEEKEND UPDATE



The catalog is online now and registrations are being accepted. You can check our website, www.okbasketweaversguild.com for information. The website has a list of hotels in the area. Many events happen in Shawnee that weekend and hotels tend to fill up so be sure to make your reservation early.

Help is always needed for the retreat. Please contact Marcia to sign up for a committee or to make a donation.

Teacher's Market will be open during the lunch time hours this year. That should be fun. It will also be open on Saturday evening.

Door Prizes Needed

We need items of worth related to basket weaving or not to be used for door prizes at guild meeting. Bring items to a guild meeting.



Who says will won't grow in Oklahoma. This is the third summer for these plants. They have not gotten the best of care. They should get more water but they are doing fine in the heat. I should be able to harvest enough to make a basket this year.



I like to watch outdoor TV programs. I was watching a program about the last of the mountain men in Montana. In the show I was watching the mountain man, Tom Oar was taking his city raised grandson out hunting. I got all excited when I saw a basket on his back. Its called a trapper or hunter's basket. I grabbed the remote and worked until I got just the right spot to see the basket on the TV. Then I got my phone and took a picture of the picture on the TV. That's using technology to its fullest. Wish the picture could have been better but you can see the basket is rectangle with skids for feet. I would say the weavers are probably 1" and maybe out of something like white oak. Straps are attached to the basket so it can be worn on the back.

In searching the internet I found several pictures of Tom wearing the basket. The picture to the left is the on



Weaving with Billy Owens

By Vickie Gildon

On August 5 and 6, some of our southern OK members hosted Billy Owens for a mini retreat. Over the two day course, there were a total of 30 students participating, a few brand new to weaving and a several seasoned weavers. Eight different styles were completed which included his newest, T's Tote and Grandma's Wash (warsh) Pan. One couple, Barry and Suzanne Dixon travelled from Temple TX for the weekend as well as three from the DFW area. The rest were guild members from Oklahoma.

As with most gatherings, there was food and man, was it good. Jeff Hart from Cotton County cooked the best tasting meat and the hostesses furnished the rest. My mouth still waters at the thought of it.

Hosting the event were Joyce Adams, Vikie Jeffery, Susie Pulis, Brenda Allen, and myself. I want to send out a big THANK YOU to these ladies for all their help.



Upcoming Projects



October Project
Taught by Vickie Gildon



December Project
Taught by Janet Newman

Guild Dates for 2017

NEW MEETING DATES FOR 2017

Meeting time is 10am sharp.

Calendar of Events

- August 19 (third weekend) Make Positive Tomorrow's baskets.
- September 9 (third weekend) September Fest at the History Center. Need volunteers to demo.
- 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
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2017 Dates for Weavers Weekend: October 27, 28, 29

FIBERWORKS

2017

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Gallery hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; and Saturday and Sunday, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. The Hardesty Arts Center is open until 9:00 PM on First Fridays.

MEDIA

Works in weaving, needlework, basketry, quilting, soft sculpture, beading, paper, knitting, crocheting, felting, and all other works primarily constructed of fiber will be considered for acceptance. Pieces made of non-fibrous materials, but utilizing techniques normally used in the construction of fiber art will also be considered.

ELIGIBILITY

The exhibition is open to current residents of Oklahoma. Submissions must be handworks of original design or original interpretation of traditional techniques done independently. Submissions must be executed by the entrant within the last two years. Works from previous FiberWorks exhibitions are not eligible, nor are works created under teacher supervision as part of a class or workshop. Works previously exhibited in Tulsa or works that will be exhibited in Tulsa in the next six months are not eligible. All accepted work must be available for display for the duration of the show.

Display of juried artwork is August 4th—September 4, 2017

Hardesty Arts Center

In the Brady Arts District in downtown Tulsa

101 East Archer Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Juror is Cameron Taylor-Brown

Her work can be seen at camerontaylor-brown.com

“My artwork reflects a passion to shape order out of chaos – to start with bits of thread and create something complex and satisfying where nothing existed before. As I weave, I embrace and celebrate the ancient heritage and language of woven cloth. The rhythms and interplay of pattern, color and texture fascinate me, and the tactile quality of the actual fiber is extremely satisfying. I thrive on the challenges and opportunities presented to me as I move forward to explore new and interesting possibilities.” — Cameron Taylor-Brown

