

HAPPY SUMMER FROM BWGOK



The official newsletter of the Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma
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NEXT MEETING: June 14th, 10AM, Bring a DISH!

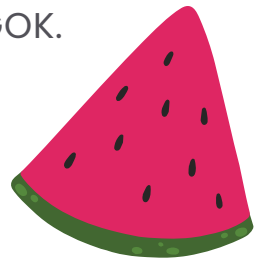
**SUMMER FUN
JUST AROUND
THE CORNER!**



Welcome Weavers!

Lots of exciting changes here at BWGOK.

We have a new website at
<https://okbasketweaversguild.com>



We are gearing up for our big event this year in
October. Weavers Weekend is coming!



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
SEPTEMBER 18, 1:00-5:00**



**STATE FAIR DEMO - MARCIA BALLEWEG. NEEDS TO KNOW
BY END OF JULY WHO IS VOLUNTEERING. BRING
SOMETHING TO WEAVE AND ENJOY SEEING THE STATE
FAIR GOERS. A PLEASANT WAY TO WATCH
THE WORLD GO BY.**

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EDITOR - LORRAINE WITZKE

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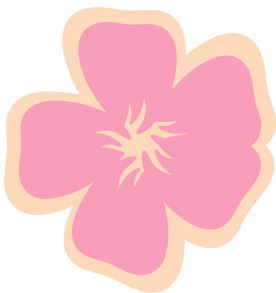
Set your calendars for the 25th Anniversary of Weaver's Weekend, October 24, 25, 26. The catalog is ready to send out so watch your email. This year we will also have a knife sharpener on Friday, October 24th. We will send all members a catalog link when we get all logistics in line.

Hope to see you there.

We have a new line up of baskets to make this year during the guild meetings. The newsletter is sent out around the first week of the guild meeting month and we want you to watch for email bulletins with information about class sign ups and payments.

CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR DATES/TIMES of FUTURE GUILD MEETINGS.

All new classes, baskets projects at meetings must be paid in full by the posted deadlines. It is a lot of work to color and cut reed for these projects and our volunteers/teachers need the time and funds to cover costs ahead of time. We ask that you only request ONE kit per offering to weave at the meeting.



*Summer means happy times
and good sunshine.*

BWGOK UPDATE

CHUCK WAGON FESTIVAL REPORT

We had a marvelous time at the Chuck Wagon Festival this year. It was a very popular event despite the weather. Thank You to all the volunteers that showed up for the event on both days. We made Josephine Knots that the kids could put in their hair or on their Cowboy Hat or pin to their shirt. The base was made and they just added reed by tracing the pattern, quick and easy for them and their parents. Great fun was had by all and the museum really appreciated our participation! (We trimmed the ends shorter and replaced them in her hair, she was so excited).





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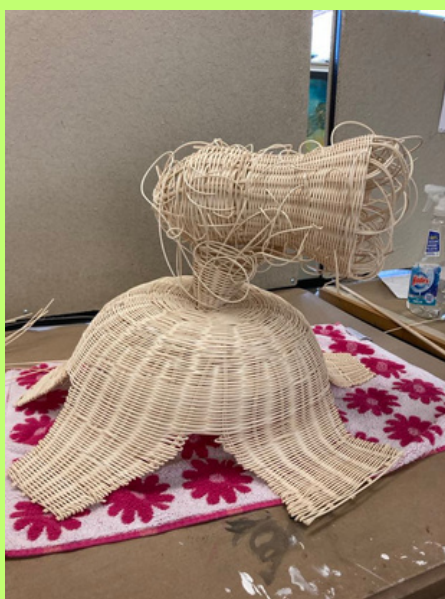
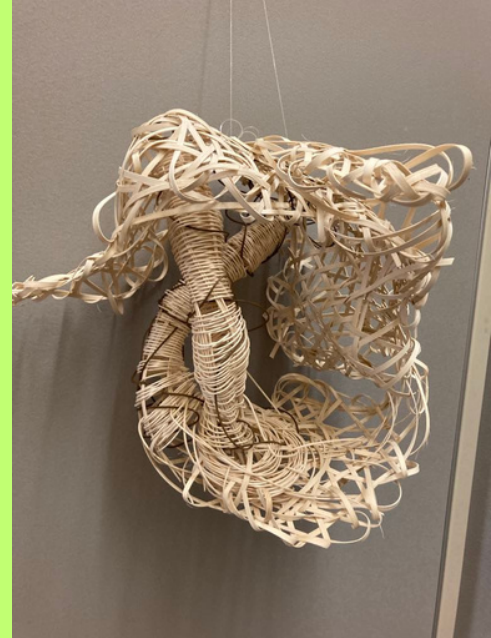
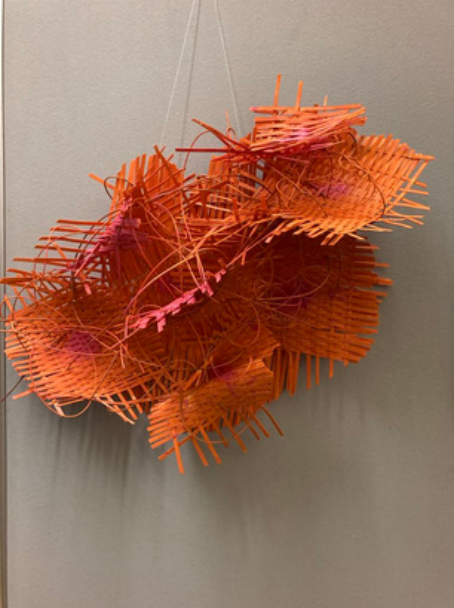
THIS IS SO EXCITING! WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH
TALENTED WEAVERS IN OUR GUILD. PLEASE FOLLOW THE
LINK PROVIDED TO READ ABOUT THE WONDERFUL
EXPERIENCE THAT MARCIA, MARY, LESLIE, LAUREL, NANCY (RIP) AND MAGGIE HAVE TO SHARE.
THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN SHARED WITH THE STUDENTS FOR THE SECOND YEAR.

CHECK IT OUT: [HTTPS://GIBBS.OUCREATE.COM/ARCHITECTURE/ARCHITECTURE-STUDENTS-
COLLABORATE-WITH-NATIONAL-WEATHER-CENTER/](https://gibbs.oucreate.com/architecture/architecture-students-collaborate-with-national-weather-center/)



WEAVING AT OU SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

IN MARCH MARCIA, NANCY, AND MARY SPENT 6 AFTERNOONS TEACHING A LARGE GROUP OF
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS TO WEAVE ROUND AND FLAT REED.
THE FRESHMEN STUDENTS WERE TAKEN TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER CENTER IN NORMAN AND TAUGHT
THE SCIENCE OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF STORMS. THE ASSIGNMENT WAS TO THEN PICK A STORM; I.E.
TORNADO, HURRICANE, LIGHTNING, ETC. AND CREATE A PHYSICAL STRUCTURE USING REED AND THE
WEAVING SKILLS THAT THEY LEARNED TO DEPICT THE SCIENCE OF THE STORM. AFTER THEY LEARNED
WEAVING SKILLS THEY HAD THE REST OF THE SEMESTER TO CREATE THEIR MODEL. WE RETURNED
AT THE SUMMATION OF THE PROJECT TO HELP CRITIQUE THEIR MODELS. IT WAS FASCINATING AND AS
YOU WILL SEE IN THE PHOTOS, THE STUDENTS WERE CREATIVE AND RESOURCEFUL.
CAN YOU TELL WHICH ONES WERE THE TORNADOS? THE HURRICANES? THE LIGHTNING STORMS?
DO YOU SEE SOME THAT ARE ACTUALLY EXAMPLES OF ART?
THE STUDENTS WERE YOUNG, ENERGETIC, CURIOUS, FRIENDLY, AND SMART; SO, THEY WERE A PLEASURE
TO TEACH. MAYBE SOME WILL SOMEDAY WANT TO WEAVE BASKETS LIKE WE DO.
THE OTHER THING WE GOT OUT OF THE EXPERIENCE WAS--- THEIR GENERATION IS GOING
TO DO GREAT THINGS. IT WAS ENCOURAGING!



BWGOK CALENDAR

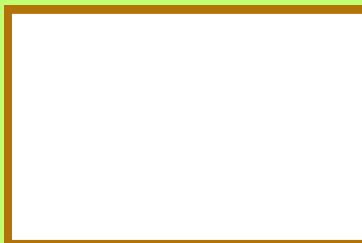
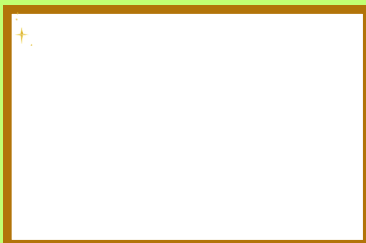
**JUNE BASKET
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SPECIAL EVENTS AND NOTICES

Please check the calendar for events, special dates and any changes in the guild meetings for this year. Since we use the museum for our meetings, sometimes we come up with conflicts and have to change a date so be sure to check the calendar.

GUILD MEETINGS 2025



**JUNE
14TH**

**AUGUST
16TH**

**OCTOBER
11TH**

**DECEMBER
20TH**



June 14- Lorraine



Tissue Basket

Size: 5.5 x 5.5 x 6"

Skills: Beginner, Twinning, Start/Stop Rows

Cost: \$20

Send to: 9937 E. 124th St. S, Bixby, OK 74008

918.706.3307 - Lorraine Witzke

**DEADLINE for PAYMENT IS May 15th
if you did not pay at April guild meeting.**



(Actual basket color will be all natural reed, no color) Contact Marcia 405.823.5073

August 16 - Positive Tomorrows

**DEADLINE to sign up is August 1st - no cost to make but
you will be responsible to fill up with goodies/return in Oct..**

Ode to a Matchstick Basket

Size: 5x5x5 1/4"

Skills: Beginner/Intermediate

(with variations) Chase weave.

Choice of 2-3 color combinations

Cost: TBD

Call Sue: 405.550.9805

email: suescott0@gmail.com

October 11 - Nancy & Sue



**DEADLINE for PAYMENT IS Sept. 15th
if you did not pay at June guild meeting.**

To be announced in future email

December 20- Marcia



Website:

[https://www.okbasketweaversguild.com
/Index.html](https://www.okbasketweaversguild.com/Index.html)



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**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

We will post any
upcoming special
events with dates
and times.

State Fair - Sept. 18th

Weavers Weekend
Oct 24,25,26

***DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE
ATTACHED FILES***

2025 April 19

BWGOK Minutes

Meeting called at 12:10 by Janet Newman

20+ attendees

Approval of minutes: Norene Barker motioned to accept the minutes (published in the newsletter) and Becky Vaughn seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Marcia

Balance as of January 31, 2025	\$4295.46
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Expenses

USPS postage to M. Collins	\$19.15
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GoDaddy web hosting	\$815.52
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OK State Fair Premiums sponsorship	<u>\$105.00</u>
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Total	\$939.67
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Deposits

Dues	<u>200.00</u>
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Total	\$200.00
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Balance as of March 31, 2025	\$3555.79
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Membership is in good order. We have 43 paid members as of April 16, 2025

Weaver Weekend

10 instructors

Traditional and avant garde proposals.

Have a knife/scissors sharpener coming.

Need knick knacks for good bags and donations for silent auction and raffle.

We will be asking for volunteers closer to the time of the event.

Catalog should be ready in June.

Hope to see everyone there.

Guild Projects:

April 19 Floating Seagrass - Mary Lee & Susan Steele

June 14 Kleenex Basket - Lorraine Witzke

August 16 Positive Tomorrows Basket - Mary Lee & Susan Steele

October 11 Ode to a Matchstick Basket - Nancy Trait-Lira & Sue Scott

December 20 - Marcia Ballegweg

Workshops/Demos:

Volunteers: Lorraine Witzke

May 24-25 Chuckwagon Festival; bring your own project to weave. Lorraine still needs one volunteer for Sunday May 25.

September 18, 1:00-5:00 State Fair Demo - Marcia Balleweg. Needs to know by end of July who is volunteering. Bring something to weave and enjoy seeing the state fair goers. A pleasant way to watch the world go by.

October 24-26 Weaver's Weekend - Sue Scott & Nancy Trait-Lira

Per Janet Newman: Last Saturday of the month in Wheatland, OK we have an extra class each month. More information is in the newsletter and sent via email as well. \$10 charge which pays for incidentals and a donation to the church in Wheatland.

New Librarian - Need one

Marcia will contact people who are still alive to get permission to put their patterns on web. The patterns will be free.

New Webmaster: Maggie Rimassa was being arm twisted to consider doing this task. She has experience, and expressed “I will look into what it entails.” Or words to that effect.

New Business:

Post Office Renewal - Marcia;

The Post Office costs the guild \$100 a year; we only need it for about 4 pieces of mail, and it serves as an address for the guild. Marcia asked the board to consider foregoing a post office box. Sue Scott motioned that we drop the PO renewal. Mary Lee seconded. Approved.

Marcia will use her address for guild purposes.

Scholarship Fund - Marcia. We have a Scholarship Fund managed at the Wellston bank. Marcia used her Social Security # for the fund and was charged interest for taxes. The bank indicated it could use the guild's FEIN # instead of Marcia's ssn so she doesn't get charged for interest on the account. The bank also need a member to co-sign, and Janet Newman will co-sign on the Scholarship Account. Motioned to approve the necessary changes by Vicki Gildon and seconded by Lorraine Witzke. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30

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