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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

We have a very short newsletter due to me getting the retreat catalog finished and needing to get information out about the June project. The catalog should be online in a day or two. Keep watching for all the exciting classes being offered. There are some really great baskets to be made and some that would be fun to relax and weave. Sometimes we need a challenge and sometime we need to just sit and weave. The year's catalog offers both.

There is a small window of time to sign up to do the June 16th project so call Brenda today to make the very pretty Cork Basket. Sign-up information in to your right.

Look inside for opportunities to volunteer. Remember we need to spread out the volunteering so the same people are not always doing it.

Start planning your trip to Shawnee, OK for the retreat in October. It's not too early to find a roommate and reserve your hotel room.

It also not too early to go to the State Fair of Oklahoma's web page and look at the guidelines for the different categories to put baskets in. You might also look at other areas such as woodburning on a gourd with pine needles on the top could be put in woodworking/woodburning. A holiday basket could be put in a Christmas category. There are a lot of options to think about. It's not a hard process to figure out and enter the fair.

Positive Tomorrow's baskets will be made in August. We need at least 40 baskets made so please plan on attending the August meeting.

See you soon. 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 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 June 13th, 2018

Our project for June is a small Wine Cork Basket taught by fellow guild member Brenda McKinnon from Bedford, Texas. Brenda is making a special trip to Oklahoma City to teach this class. This basket is definitely different. I have never seen a basket made with corks. The basket starts with a pre-drilled 5" base. It can be woven as shown with natural round reed and smoked reed or it can be woven in all natural or all smoked reed. Corks are pre-drilled for #4 round reed. The basket takes 12 corks. If you bring your own corks you need to use a 9/64" drill bit and drill the holes down the length of the cork before the class. There will be corks available if you do not have any. If you would like to do this project please contact Brenda McKinnon at 1-817-571-0753 or [weavemealone@aol.com](mailto:weavemealone@aol.com). Cost of the class is \$20 payable at the time of the class. You have a short window to sign-up for the class. Please contact Brenda by June 13.



## BWGOK Officers - Elected and Volunteer Positions

President: Janet Newman

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Classes fill up on a first come bases. Be sure to put three choices in each timeslot as appropriate. If a class gets canceled for whatever reason and your have put a second and third choice it is so much easier on the person doing the registration to find where to put you.

Marcia and Diane Wilson will again be the co-chairs for the retreat in Shawnee, Oklahoma at the Heart Of Oklahoma Expo Center. Diane will handle registration.

Donations are coming in. If you want to donate or know of a business that would like to donate please let Janet Newman know. Items can be mailed to Janet at 3401 N Eagle Lane, Bethany, OK 73008.

Don't forget to reserve a room at one of the local hotels. The catalog has hotels listed as does the website under the Weavers Weekend tab.

### *Looking Ahead to the Great State Fair of Oklahoma*

We always do a demonstration at the State Fair of Oklahoma. This year's fair is September 13th through the 23rd. After many years of doing these demos on a Tuesday, we have finally gotten a really good time to weave and introduce people to the art of weaving. Our demo for 2018 is Saturday, September 15th from 1 to 5. This will be a great time to gather names and addresses of people for our beginner's class. Mark this date on your calendar. Those who volunteer get a free pass into the fair for the whole day and really close parking for free.



As a reminder, be planning which baskets you make this year to put into the state fair Creative Arts Competition. Ribbons are a fun way to receive recognition and the Best of Show receives \$25. Online registration will be from July 2 through August 15th. Lets plan to have a really great representation from the guild this year. You can go online and pick out the categories you want to compete in. Go to the Creative Arts Guidelines. The website is [www.okstatefair.com](http://www.okstatefair.com).

## Basket Weavers Having Birthdays

*June, July August*

*Happy  
Birthday  
to all of you!!*

Bryan	Rachel	5/2
Powers	Marsha	5/3
Bryan	Marla	5/13
Passick	Carol	5/18
Katz	Candace	5/22
Lamb	Linda	5/25
Loutsch	Jeannette	6/4
Yingling	Sue	6/12
Hopkins	Janell	6/14
Trait-Lira	Nancy	6/22
Craig	Betty	6/26
Woodruff	Delmas	6/30
Aldrich	Karen	7/3
Ormand	Linda	7/3
Keller	Judy	7/21

### Basket Weavers in the Know

We will be looking for volunteers on September 8th for a Bandana Basket class at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and at the State Fair Demonstration on September 15th from 1 to 5. More information to follow on these activities. This is not a class for guild members to weave in but a class for guild members to help people who have signed up through the museum to weave. Much like the beginner class.

At the August 18th meeting we will make the Positive Tomorrows baskets. This is usually a muffin basket or a market basket.

October 20 the project for the meeting will be a Christmas project to be determined.

October 26-28, 2018 is the Weavers' Weekend in Shawnee, OK.

December 15th is the Christmas Party.

Mark your calendars for this year's events and don't be left out of the fun and exciting weaving opportunities.



On May 26th we had a number of guild members gather at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and help children weave mats that will be finished off and given to the museum. The event was their Chuck Wagon Festival. It was a two day event and we had a lot of fun. This is an annual event for the museum so we will get to do this again next year. This was our first time to help the museum and we were not sure what to expect. How do you help kids weave when you are told there could be several hundred of them. We decided to tape spokes across the table and let the kids weave colored rows of weavers. They had a lot of fun picking their color and weaving over and under. We had a lot of really young children that were able to do this activity. As you can see from the pictures we ended up with two really big mats. The edges of them will be twined and the weavers cut off. Then the mats will be given to the museum to display in their classroom. Thank you, Marcia, Dee, Rena, Vickie, Vickie, Joyce, Su and Janet for showing up and helping out with this event.

