

IT'S FALL Y'ALL FROM BWGOK

The official newsletter of the Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma
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for the month
of October!**

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for August**

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**Memorial for Nancy
Rimassa and Tribute**

**Information Pages for
Contacts, Guild
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Report and Minutes,
Special Events, Tips &
Tricks**

FREE BASKET PATTERN!
*See attached to your
email, print out and
enjoy a new basket to
make.*

URGENT MESSAGE

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE IN MEETING DAY!!!

NEXT MEETING:

OCTOBER 12th, 10AM,

Bring a DISH!

**We will meet in our
usual classrooms. 😊**

**DON'T FORGET your
Positive Tomorrows Basket!**



This is our yearly contribution for the young people that are working to get their lives back on track. We make the baskets and fill them with kitchen goodies for their first place to live after life presented them with challenges. Suggestions for the basket are kitchen utensils, towels, kitchen devices, things you need to start your first kitchen in style. Please do not include any foods or liquids. Don't forget to bring your finished baskets, filled with goodies to the Guild Meeting Oct. 12th! IF you cannot make the meeting you can bring it to the Basket Weavers Weekend in Shawnee!

GUILD OCTOBER PROJECT DEADLINE IS NOW TO SIGN UP



A 6" PUMPKIN AND HAT. IT STARTS LIKE A NORMAL ROUND BASKET. WHEN YOU ORDER A KIT, PLEASE SAY IF YOU WANT TO START THE BOTTOM OF THE BASKET.

GETTING THOSE FIRST ROWS TIGHT CAN BE HARD FOR A NEW WEAVER. COST IS \$15. CONTACT JANET NEWMAN BY OCT 6TH.

CONTACT INFO 405-812-4454 OR
DNJN3227@SBCGLOBAL.NET

OFFICERS UPDATE

THE LAST WORD: AUGUST UPDATE

Things are going well for the October Weavers Weekend.

Weavers Weekend 2024

October 25, 26, & 27, 2024

Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center, Shawnee, Oklahoma

Have you signed up yet? See page below for details.

SEE FLYER BELOW

**YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP AND PAY FOR CLASSES BUT
HURRY!**

Guild Library

If you are not aware we have a large collection of patterns being updated that you can obtain a copy to make on your own to expand your skills, make a gift for someone or to enhance your collection. Our guild librarian & Co-VP Susan Steele

susanstitches0@gmail.com

handles the collection and would be more than happy to help you. Bear in mind some of the patterns are copyrighted so you must ask permission to teach or sell. Ask Susan for more info.



**Hey GUILD MEMBERS, we would like to
show off your creative work!**

**If you have a basket or weaving
project you would like to share please
submit pictures in PDF and an explanation
to be featured in the newsletter to the
editor for a future issue. Thank you.**

***CREATIVITY is allowing yourself to
make mistakes.***

ART is knowing which ones to keep.

Weavers Weekend 2024

October 25, 26, & 27, 2024

*Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center,
Shawnee, Oklahoma*

*Please see the website to sign up and see
the class choices. DEADLINE is NOW.*

<http://www.okbasketweaversguild.com/WeaversWeekend.html>

We will be holding this year's event at the Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center in Shawnee, OK. There are many hotels nearby. The Shawnee Convention and Visitors Bureau is assisting us with lodging information, hotel discounts and information on local attractions.

- *Do not send class or kit money at this time. INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED BUSINESS ENVELOPE so that your class confirmation and kit order form can be sent to you. If you want your class confirmation sent by email, you do not have to include an envelope. Please direct all questions to Diane Wilson at 254-537-3083 or register@okbasketweaversguild.com.*
- *To reserve your place at the 24th Annual Weavers Weekend, please send form and registration check or money order payable to: Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma and mail to: Diane Wilson 3225 Wilbanks Drive Waco, TX 76705*
- *CLOSED CLASSES -*
Registration for classes is still available and can even be done at convention.
Many teachers bring extra kits for last minute students.
If you want to know which classes are full, check the online registration page.



BASKETWEAVERS GUILD OF OKLAHOMA

Weaver's Weekend



NOW is the time to register for the Weaver's Weekend Retreat.

Located in Shawnee, Oklahoma

October 25, 26, 27, 2024



Weaver's Weekend is our fun time to weave, make new friends and visit with old ones. Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a member to come. You do not have to be an expert weaver. If you have made one basket, sign up for a beginner class, you can handle the retreat.

We have 9 teachers offering 27 classes. There is something for everyone.

We say the deadline is August 15, 2024. What that date means is we need a time to tell teachers how many students have registered and ask them if that is enough students to pay for the teacher to come to the retreat. We do not pay teachers. They have travel expenses that students help pay for when they sign up for classes.

New Weavers: YOU CAN DO THIS! We have a lot of new weavers in our guild. Don't be afraid to come and take classes. Signing up for Beginner's Level Classes tells the teacher you may not know a lot about weaving but she will be there to help you more. You get extra time and patience.

Experienced Weavers: We need your support. We need you to encourage new weavers, make new friends and visit old ones, put your 2 cents in and get those beautiful baskets made. It's also time to buy kits, supplies, tools and maybe even a few Christmas gifts for yourself and others.



3521 Basketweaving

Place	Exhibitor Name	City, State
01 - Traditional		
1	Marcia Balleweg	Wellston, OK
2	Nancy Rimassa	Norman, OK
3	Marcia Balleweg	Wellston, OK
4	Janet Newman	Bethany, OK
5	Nancy Rimassa	Norman, OK
6	Fran Cates	Yukon, OK
7	Janet Newman	Bethany, OK
8	Susan Steele	Norman, OK
9	Susan Steele	Norman, OK
10	Fran Cates	Yukon, OK
03 - Twill variation		
1	Janet Newman	Bethany, OK
2	Janet Newman	Bethany, OK
3	Nancy Rimassa	Norman, OK
4	Stephanie Williams	Ada, OK
04 - Coiled		
1	Sharon Dunagan	Oklahoma City, OK
2	Charla Hinshaw	Yukon, OK
3	Stephanie Williams	Ada, OK
05 - Non-traditional		
1	Susan Steele	Norman, OK
2	Stephanie Williams	Ada, OK
06 - Non-wood		
1	Stephanie Williams	Ada, OK
09 - BEST OF SHOW		
1	Marcia Balleweg	Wellston, OK



Let's give a hardy CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners of this year's OK State Fair Baskets. Congrats to Marcia Balleweg for taking Best in Show! Everyone made some beautiful creations and were awarded some wonderful ribbons and well-deserved recognition for their efforts. You too can enter the fair next year. On the next page is a breakdown of categories to help you create your entries!

BASKETWEAVING

Division 3521

Open to all basket weavers including amateurs and professionals. Exhibitors may enter up to 2 items per class.

Judging Criteria:

Craftsmanship **40%**

(Overall technique, Finishing, Attention to detail,
Joining of rims & edges, Sits evenly, Etc.)

Degree of difficulty **20%**

(Materials, Style, & technique used in relation to execution)

- 01. Traditional
- 02. Ribbed
- 03. Twill variation
- 04. Coiled

Design **20%**

(Proportion, Balance, Line, Use of Color, Individuality,
originality, or interpretation of a traditional style)

Presentation **20%**

(Choice & use of material, Use of embellishments,
Overall appearance, Judges discretion)

- 05. Non-traditional
- 06. Non-wood
- 07. Gathered materials
- 08. Holiday

AWARDS

Premiums provided by Basket Weavers Guild of Oklahoma
Ribbons will be awarded through 5th place in each class.

1st Place in Each Class..... Ribbon & \$10

BEST OF SHOW..... Rosette & \$25

CLASS DEFINITIONS

TRADITIONAL

Traditional – Traditional baskets are woven from reed or cane in an over 1 under 1 construction and are used to carry or hold something.

Ribbed – Ribbed baskets have spokes of round or oval material that extend from one side to the other and are tucked into a God's Eye, or other appropriate design, on either side of the basket. They can be woven on hoops or rings that are held in place by this design. They were used for gathering eggs, melons and potatoes.

Twill Variations – Twill weave is sometimes called herringbone weave. The spokes are flush against each other rather than spread apart as in traditional weaving. The basic weave is over and under a repeating number of spokes, forming a pattern or design. There are many variations that make designs such as a diamond, arrow or "X".

Coiled – A coiled basket is sewn together with such things as waxed linen, sinew, raffia or fabric. Typically, coiled baskets are made of fabric, pine needles or native grasses that are wound, tied or sewn in rows around the basket.

NON-TRADITIONAL

Non-Traditional – These baskets have unusual designs or are made of materials not usually associated with traditional basketry. Some examples of these materials are paper, ribbon, plastic strips, wire and yarn.

Non-Wood – Non-wood baskets can be woven from anything other than wood, such as gourds, pine needles, feathers, beads, agate, bones, antlers, waxed linen, string and wire.

Gathered Materials – These baskets are made of things gathered from nature such as grapevine, honeysuckle, kudzu, grasses, bark and willow. They can be different shapes and can be woven many ways.

Holiday – Can be woven with any material, in any configuration but has to have an obvious holiday theme. Any traditional American holiday is accepted.

Nancy Rimassa

The Guild is so sad to announce that on August 18 we lost our friend Nancy Rimassa to a massive stroke. Nancy has been an active member of the guild for many years and was a leader in teaching new and seasoned basket weavers new skills. She had a gift for helping our members by sitting with them as she taught and having a get-to-know you talk. She knew the value of friendship and was always a joyful presence at our gatherings.

Nancy's children wrote about Nancy and said-----"Nancy was a doer, a teacher, and a woman of many talents. She loved staying busy and even when sitting still watching TV with Dad, a pair of knitting needles would be clicking - often making a pair of her signature socks to gift to a friend. She was a talented painter and musician, an avid reader, with a particular love of sci-fi and fantasy, and had a green thumb that made her a natural gardener. In recent years, she discovered basketweaving. She immersed herself in the craft - winning numerous ribbons at the Oklahoma State Fair and teaching anyone and everyone how to basketweave. She even became Co-VP of the Basketweavers Guild of Oklahoma." (sent by Mary Lee)

We will certainly miss our dear friend, Nancy.



RIPPLES

***When you create a difference in
someone's life, you not
only impact their life,
but you impact everyone
influenced by them throughout
their entire lifetime.
No act is ever too small.
One by one, this is how to
make an ocean rise.***

by Danielle Doby

This is a letter from Nancy's daughter to convey to the Guild.

Hi all,

I'm sure info has been passed around but I want to make sure everyone from the guild knows about my mom's Celebration of Life in Norman on Sunday Oct 13. The guild and basketweaving were so important to my mom, and I'm grateful she discovered it - for both the craft itself, and all of the friendships she made - and that she was able to teach it to me and my sister. I hope to join you all again sometime.

I know many of you live far from Norman, but if anyone would like to come, we'd love to see you there - we're putting together a small art show and will definitely include some of "Nancy's baskets." We also like to have a few people from her life speak or tell a story - if anyone from the guild would like to say something about mom and her baskets please let me know.

The celebration is Sunday, Oct 13, 4-8pm, at Lazy Circles Brewing (422 E Main St) in Norman. We'll start the ceremony about 4:30, and afterward people can hang out to chat, eat and have a drink.

Here's the invite link - feel free to share

<https://www.paperlesspost.com/go/6BWqXbRtoXrW6PFKgMgBz>

Also, thank you so much for the lovely card from everyone - I didn't realize how comforting it would be to hear from all the people that loved my mom.

Take care,

Maggie Rimassa





GUILD MEETING DATES

We start at 10AM

February 17 - Classroom A and B

March 16 - Classroom A and B

April 20 - Classroom A and B

June 15 - Classroom A and B

August 17 - Annie Oakley Society Center

October 12 - Classroom A and B

December 14 - Classroom A and B

Please mark your calendars to attend. Remember, watch for deadlines to pay for kit, invite new members to join, bring a dish to share and enjoy the fun!

Meeting Minutes & Treasurer Report

BWGOK AUGUST 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 11:58

Number of participants = 23 participants

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of May 31, 2024 \$3455.11

Expenses: Check #1451 Marcia Balleweg \$104.17

Deposits

LLZanger class deposits \$ 630.00

Vickie Gildon WW vendor fee \$ 30.00

\$ 660.00

Balance as of July 31, 2024 \$4010.94

Old Business - Membership: Janet Newman - 94 members have paid

There are four pages of membership, if you have a blank line by your name please fill in your info.

Guild Projects:

October 19 - Janet Newman will teach a Pumpkin basket \$15. Sign-up sheet at the August meeting. Can pay at the October meeting. If you want Janet to start the round reed basket, there is a place for that on the sign-up sheet.

December 21 - Christmas Party - Lorraine Witzke is going to teach the Xmas basket

February 15 - TBD

March 15 is our beginners class April 19

Let Mary know if there is a basket you would like to make. Suggestions were to look at our accumulated patterns and see if there is something to use for a class.

Workshop/Demos: Different People

September 19 - 1-5:00 - State Fair Demo, volunteers signed-up sheet at the August meeting

September 13, 14, 15 - Laura Lee Zanger classes, Wellston (American Legion Hall) Laura's husband Steve will be there with his knife sharpening tools.

November 2 - Fall Museum Class will be Santa Basket - Participants sign up through the Cowboy website. BWGOK volunteers signed up at August meeting.

October 25-27 - Weaver's Weekend

Update: There are 53 registrants so far. All instructors will be coming and are committed to teach regardless of minimum class size.

We need WW donations for silent auction and/or raffle; Vickie Williamson will be donating an apron.

Sue - suitcase, iPad pillow

Need 75 items each for goodie bags. Individually wrapped candy. Zip ties, cozies; whatever would be good swag for our weavers.

New Business:

State Fair Entries - It's not too late to enter the State Fair... Janet encourages everyone to enter the state fair. Best of show is \$25; \$10 for every category. How many baskets can you bring for each category?

Our librarian Susan Steele has been working very hard to get the patterns online. Marcia has the zip drive and will give to our web designer soon. We are in the process of deciding what to do about the books. All the patterns are now digital. Do we need a new person to be our librarian? - tabled for now. A Stillwater lady donated materials and patterns, and Sue Scott sent a thank you note. Go through our patterns for prospective classes.

Sad news: Nancy Rimassa had a massive stroke two days ago. We are circulating cards for messages and a basket for donations for Nancy's family for Door Dash, or some food service. Over \$150.00 was collected. Mary Lee and Susan Steele will also look into offering a WW scholarship in Nancy R's name.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm Sjs/sec'y

Website:

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



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Volunteer Classes are important!

**This is our agreement with the
museum and we have an obligation to
teach the public for our usage of the
museum. Please volunteer to help us
keep our meetings at the museum.**



Basket of the Month

BONUS: LOOK FOR THE FREE PATTERN ATTACHMENT TO THE NEWSLETTER!