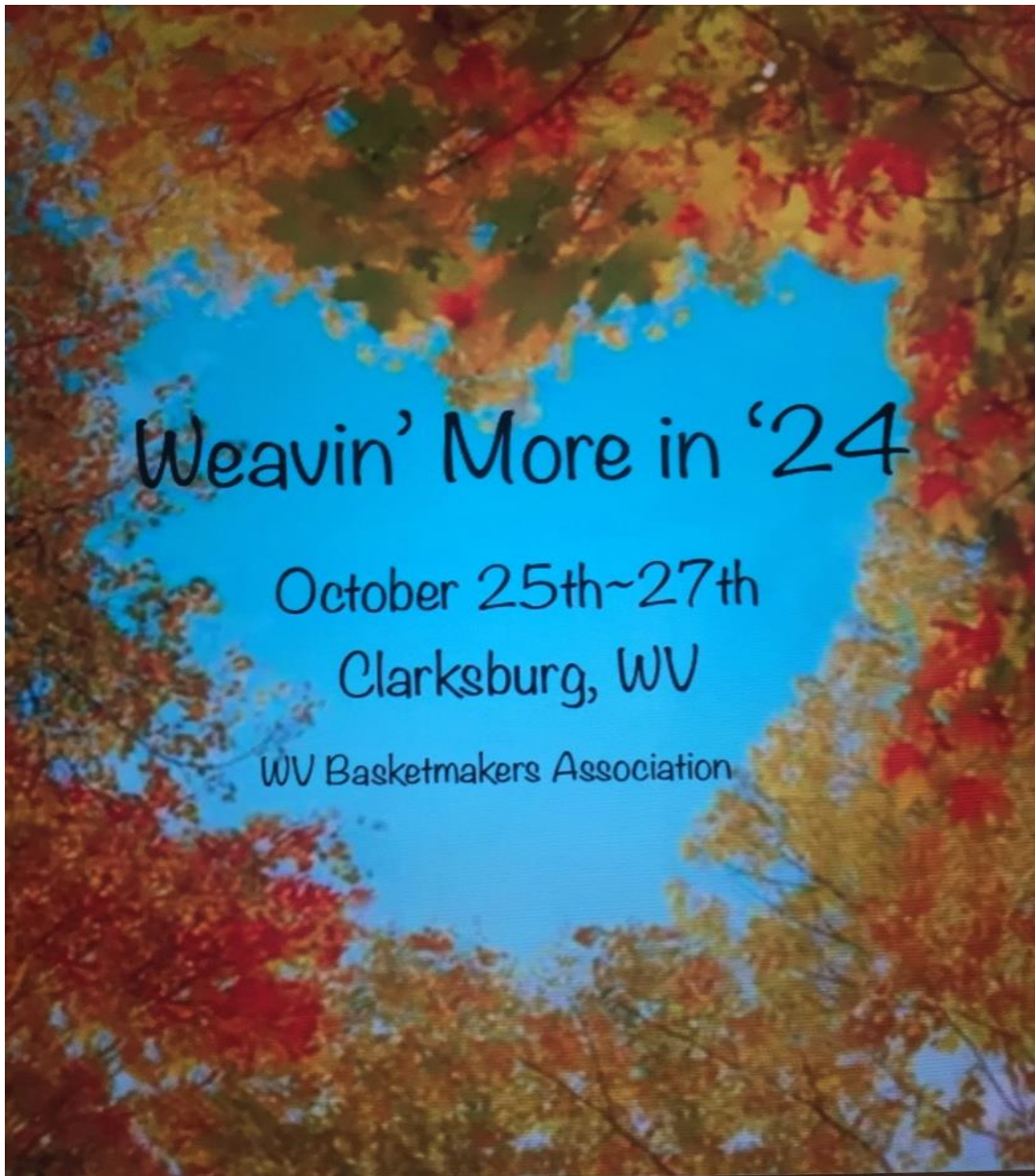




***WVBA REEDER***  
***FEBRUARY 2024***



## **2024 WVBA OFFICERS**

*Jan Hensley, President*  
*Sharon Scott, Treasurer*

*Lara Lawrence, Vice President*  
*Nancy Sealey, Secretary*

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## **WVBA NEWSLETTER**

Meet your new President:

I have been weaving baskets since 2006 when my dear friend, Karen Burdette, introduced me to the basket weaving classes at our local high school. Fortunately, she sat beside me during that first class and patiently explained to me—*repeatedly*—that the new weaver starts on the ***outside*** of the spoke! I try to remember her patience as I am now working with my own basket weaving class. I have loved weaving baskets ever since and now truly enjoy teaching the craft to my loyal students.

As we start a new year, I realize that many of the Guilds across the state are still having problems rebuilding their membership after the devastation of the pandemic. My goal for the coming year as your new President is to reach out to each Guild to learn how we can help you rebuild your membership. I am open to ***all*** suggestions and ideas about how we might do that! I'm especially interested in how we might attract younger members so we don't lose the art of basketweaving in the future.

I will be contacting each of you soon to learn about programs you have implemented in the past that have helped you promote your Guild. So please be making a list to share with me then.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have ideas about other ways the WVBA can support what you are doing in your local community. My cell phone number is 304.389.2907; email is [jan.hensley@dragonflybaskets.com](mailto:jan.hensley@dragonflybaskets.com).

Looking forward to hearing from you and working with you in the months ahead!

Best regards,

Jan Hensley

**Convention 2023 Weave With Me In 2023** was a great success!! Thank you to all of the teachers, weavers and volunteers. So many beautiful baskets, gourds and wool projects were made. Great food and fellowship added to the fun! I would like to say a big Thank You to Teresa Paugh for taking care of class registration. Also, Nancy Sealey and her helpers for food preparation, serving and clean up. Nancy also took care of the necessary shopping, name tags, bingo, raffle sales and a lot more! Thanks to Sandra and Ed Carney and helpers for picking up orders and cards and assisting me with the Goody Bags. The 4 Square ladies very graciously handled the sign in and raffle/door prize check in for us. Dee Johnson took care of the tote bag and apparel orders for us and also helped me with serving the Saturday evening dinner. Angie White prepared the Saturday dinner of homemade lasagna and garlic bread for 100 people and had it ready at the scheduled time of 6 PM on the dot. It was delicious! The program by Anne Bowers after the business meeting was icing on top! A big Thank you to all who assisted in any way. We have started contacting teachers for our 2024 Convention so mark your calendars for October 25-27th for more weaving fun in WV.

Lara Lawrence  
2023 Convention Co-Coordinator

### PICTURES AND THOUGHTS FROM OUR 2023 CONVENTION





**Sharon Scott**

This was my first year attending a Basket Convention and I have to say that I was very impressed with how everything was put together. Everyone was so nice and I had a really good time. All the classes that I took was a lot of fun and I loved my baskets/bowl basket. The food for the whole weekend was fantastic and all the snacks that everyone contributed to, was a very nice gesture. For my first time, it made me want to come back again this year.

**Lara Lawrence**

The WV Basketmakers Association 2023 convention was great. Sadly, I did not even take one photo of my class today! Thank you so much for all who attended and especially to the teachers and all of the Volunteers that we had. No one realizes how much work goes on before, during and after for an event with more than 100 people in attendance unless you have helped. The snacks and desserts that everyone brought were yummy. Four meals were prepared for everyone. With only a few little bumps in the road, it was a wonderful weekend. It truly takes a village. We have more than 130 members. I think that is our highest membership ever. We must be doing something right. There is always room for improvement. If you have any ideas, suggestions or complaints, you are welcome to volunteer and put those ideas into action.

**Bridget VanRemortel**

Great time this weekend, great instructors. Thank you everyone for all your hard work

**Fyrn Frame**

It was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed it. I took your class and love my basket. I'll take a picture and post it. Our conventions are always fun. All of you did a wonderful job. a special shout-out to Nancy for the great food.

**Lara Lawrence**

**Fyrn Frame** yes, please share a photo. Nancy Sealey went above and beyond. Her sister and brother in law were great assistants. That lasagna that Angie White made was scrumptious too. 😊

**Ruth Crow**

I had lots of fun! Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it happen!

**Karon Ritchey**

There were seven of us who came from Bedford county Pennsylvania. We had a wonderful time. The instructors did a fantastic job. Thank you to all that worked for a job well done.

**Phyllis Gordon Lyons**

My first experience at WVBA was fantastic! Thank you all who made it possible. The food was delicious, the facilities very accommodating., and the teachers awesome! I really enjoyed myself. Keep up the excellent work!

**Rose Jackson**

Really enjoyed the weekend, thanks to everyone that organized it.

**Linda Elschlager**

Had a wonderful time. Thank you to all the folks that put in all the hard, behind the scenes work to allow us to have such a wonder time of fellowship ❤️

**Susan Nonn**

I know it takes a lot to put a convention together. It was an amazing experience for me. So many people were kind, especially Lou Ann and her husband. They packed my car and everything fitted for the ride home.

Hope to see you in the future.

**Fyrn Frame**

**Susan Nonn** I love my resin base and oui lids. My ornament is beautiful. Thanks for coming, Susan.

**Karen Ash**

Enjoyed the entire event thanks

**Sandy Eisenhard**

Enjoyed ... thanks to all who worked many hours to make this event a success, many thanks!

Rested and ready for next year!

**Lara Lawrence**

**Sandy Eisenhard** Thank you all for the hours that you devoted to the convention. Your hard work was much appreciated!



A good life is like a weaving. Energy is created in the tension. The struggle, the pull and tug are everything.

Joan Erikson

## WARRIORS IN THE FIELD VETERANS BASKET

A total of 49 baskets were made by members of WV Basketmakers Association and donated to Barbour County CEOs for them to fill and donate to the VA Nursing Home in Clarksburg, WV and a few other Veterans. Many people and groups donated items/money to see this project completed. Thank you to everyone that participated or helped in any way. Following letter from VA Center.

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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement  
c/n 90go1ne11t

Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center  
One Medical Center Drive  
Clarksburg, WV 26301

December 26, 2023

In Reply Refer To: 540/001-V

West Virginia Basketmakers Association  
2768 Emmons Avenue  
Huntington, WV 25702

Dear West Virginia Basketmakers Association,

On behalf of the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center patients and staff, we would like to extend our profound appreciation to your organization for a donation of 25-hand-weaved baskets for use by the Barbour County Community Engagement Organization (CEOs). Your time, effort and creativity are truly appreciated.

Thank you for ensuring that this was an amazing holiday season for our Veterans residing in our Community Living Center (CLC). We appreciate you continuing to work closely with our Medical Center to meet the needs of our Veterans.

We are always looking for opportunities to collaborate and enjoy the opportunity to working alongside you. If interested, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Michael White, Chief, Center for Development and Civic Engagement to express your interest. Mr. White can be reached by calling: 304-623-7621 or via email at: [Gary.White@va.gov](mailto:Gary.White@va.gov).

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support. Sincerely



G. Michael White, MSW, LICSW, CAVS  
Chief, Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE)



Barbara Forsha, MSN, RN, CPHQ, CPPS, ET  
Executive Director, Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center

In accordance with VHA Directive 4721, we are required to state the Department of Veterans Affairs did not provide you, the donor, any goods or services in consideration in whole or part for your contribution.

**SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS/WINNERS 2023 CONVENTION**

ITEM	DONATED BY	WINNER
FALL BASKET/GOURDS	LINDA ELSCHLAGER	L CUNNINGHAM
CELL PHONE CARRIER/CASE	PAM WILSON	BRITTANY SANDERS
ALL MY X'S KIT	GIN KIEFT	MARCY MURPHY
GOURD BASKET	JIM ANSPACH	KATHY STUMP
CRAFT TOTE/SUNRISE KIT	TERESA PAUGH	MARCY MURPHY
BASKET KITS	LORI ORENICH	MARCY MURPHY
FOUR KITS	TERESA PAUGH	MARCY MURPHY
BASKET KIT	PAM WILSON	MARCY MURPHY
CROSS STITCH KIT	GINA KIEFT	MARCY MURPHY
WAX LINEN NECKLACE	ELAINE SINCLAIR	BRITTANY SANDERS
BASKET KITS	MARGARET LYDON	MARCY MURPHY
WEAVING SUPPLIES/SURPRISE	NO CENTRAL GUILD	MARCY MURPHY
BOX OF MARKET KITS/MISC	BEDFORD CO WEAVERS	M MURPHY
CHRISTMAS TREE	R. MELCHER/ MARY ANNUNZIATO	JAN BRINKMAN
FALL KITCHEN ITEMS	JILL SCHIEFELBEIN	MELANIE KARNS
BOOKS/REED/HANDLES	BRIDGET VANREMORTEL	PHYLLIS LYONS
MISC BASKET W/FEATHERS	PHYLLIS LYONS	L CUNNINGHAM
GOOD VIBRATIONS KIT	GINA KIEFT	MARCY MURPHY
SNOWFLAKE BASKET/PATT.	LISA JOHNSON	MARCY MURPHY
TOTE/GIFT CERT/ TREE BAG	MOUNTAIN HERITAGE	JUDY MCCOY
RANDOM WEAVE KIT	ANNE BOWERS	JUDY MCCOY
BREAD/FALL BASKET	4SQUARE GUILD	TERRI STOVER
GOURD ORNAMENTS	SUSAN NONN	TERRI STOVER
SPANGLER/HINGED LID KIT	ELAINE SINCLAIR	TERRI STOVER
2023 TEACHER PATTERS	*NO NAME	BETH MULLIENAEX
LOTTERY BOUQUET	WESTERN WEAVERS	JAN TEW

**PROCEEDS FROM SILENT AUCTION \$1015.00****RAFFLE DONATIONS/WINNERS 2023 CONVENTION**

ITEM	DONATED BY	WINNER
PENCIL BOX OF GOODIES	LISA CERAVALO	PATSY FORTNEY
HAMILTON HONEY	BETTY HAMILTON	BETSY MULLINEAUX
LET IT SNOW KIT	AMY NESTOR	LINDA ELSCHLAGER
OAK BASE/SPOKES/CONT	BRENDA MCCALL	MARTHA CARTER
BASKET KIT	CATHY BILLINGS	FYRN FRAME
WIRE WREATH/FRAMES	BRITTANY SAUNDERS	ELIZABETH KEVILLE
MISC HANDLES	MERLE SEAGRAVES	DENISE JAY
MISC HANDLES	MERLE SEAGRAVES	ELIZABETH KEVILE
MISC HANDLES	MERLE SEAGRAVES	SANDY EISENHARD
MISC HANDLES	MERLE SEAGRAVES	JENNY SHREWSBURY
BASKET BOOKS	LINDA SANNS	MARY ANNUNZIATO



BLOOMIN DAZE KIT  
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BASKET HANDLES  
ROLLIN 7'11  
BASKET KIT  
CHINESE NEW YEAR  
T SHIRT  
T SHIRT  
BASKET BOOKS  
KELLYS TWILL  
MISC BASES  
PATRIOTIC DECORS  
BOOKS  
FOLDER PATTERNS  
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FOLDER PATTERNS  
CLIPS/GLUE/STICKERS  
WIRE HANDLES  
SML RANDOM WEAVE  
HANDLE /KIT  
TSHIRT  
TSHIRT  
**PROCEEDS FROM RAFFLE \$817.00**

BETTY HAMILTON  
BETTY HAMILTON  
SHARON FLANAGAN  
CENTRAL PA BASKET GUILD  
PAM WILSON  
KATHY STUMP  
GAIL HUTCHINSON  
GAIL HUTCHINSON  
LINDA SANS  
KATHY STUMP  
GINA KIEFT  
BETTY HAMILTON  
LITZ JARVIS  
GAIL HUTCHINSON  
GAIL HUTCHINSON  
GAIL HUTCHINSON  
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GAIL HUTCHINSON  
\* NO NAME  
NANCY SEALEY  
ANNE BOWERS  
BEVERLY GELLER  
SHENANDOY CREATES  
SHENANDOY CREATES

KAREN RITCHEY  
ELAINE SINCLAIR  
KATHY STUMP  
SHARON SCOTT  
CARLA SMITH  
JILL SCHIEFELBEIN  
PHYLLIS LYONS  
LISA CERAVALO  
LARRIETTE SCOTT  
RUTHIE CROS  
ANNE BOWERS  
ELAINE SINCLAIR  
DEE JOHNSON  
DEE JOHNSON  
BRITTANY SANDERS  
DIANE SHORT  
JILL SCHIEFELBEIN  
CARLA SMITH  
MARCY MURPHY  
LARRIETTE SCOTT  
LISA JOHNSON  
JENNY SHREWSBURY  
LARRIETTE SCOTT  
ROGER CUNNINGHAM

## **GAIL HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL FUND**

Anne Bowers donated a beautiful woven piece to be raffled for our Gail Hutchison Memorial Fund for 2023.

This was won by Rose Jackson.

Diane Bergeman and Sharon Scott won paid registration for next year's convention.

## **PROCEEDS FROM MGH MEMORIAL FUND \$145.00**



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**CAROL JEAN EDGE**  
**JUNE 2, 1951-JANUARY 7, 2024**

Many of our basket weaving friends knew Carol. She was involved with our local guild long before I started weaving baskets. She often joined us at conventions that I was teaching at. A fun travel buddy and always up for the next adventure whether it be baskets, jewelry, glass blowing, paper quilling, rug making, painting, etc. I think we most enjoyed a week of stained glass classes at Augusta Heritage one summer. I'm sure that she is now on to her greatest adventure of all in Heaven. May you Rest In Peace Carol. Submitted by Lara Lawrence

The Western Weavers helped decorate a tree at The Huntington Museum of Art with all woven ornaments. Submitted by Nancy Sealey.



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## NEWSLETTER / WEB SITE / MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to everyone who submitted their information for this newsletter.

Without your input, we cannot have a newsletter.

Apologizes for any misspelled names.

Please keep in touch! If you have an address, phone number or email change please sent ASAP so we can keep our membership/newsletter list current.

Membership dues are **now due for 2024**. Thanks to those who have sent theirs.

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Please check our web page for upcoming events. If your group sends that info to me, I will have it posted.

[www.wvbasketmakersassociation.com](http://www.wvbasketmakersassociation.com)

Thanks again for your info

Nancy Sealey

Nana276815@gmail.com



**WVBA Membership**  
**January 2, 2024 – December 31, 2024**

**(Please print)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am a member of a West Virginia guild.  
(Name of Guild)

\_\_\_\_ I am NOT a member of a West Virginia guild.

**Basketry Business Name**

\_\_\_\_  
(A business that sells basket supplies, basketry related items, or baskets)

\_\_\_\_ I have joined as a teacher/business member and I would like my basketry business listed in the annual membership booklet.

**Basketry Business Phone #**

**Basketry Business Web Site**

New Member \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_

Are you a basketry teacher? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Are you a vendor? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Membership is for: (Please check those that apply.)

\_\_ **Individual membership** \$20.00. for 2024 Dues.

Entitles you to Newsletter, and receive Convention booklet.

\_\_ **Individual under 18** on Jan. 1 or 80+ years \$15.00

\_\_ **Teacher/Business Membership** \$25.00. Entitles you to the same as individual membership, plus is mandatory to teach classes, vend, or participate in the Market Place at Convention.

Paying by \_\_ Cash \_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Please make checks payable to WVBA

Send check and application to :

**Nancy Sealey**

**2768 Emmons Ave.**

**Huntington, WV 25702**