



# APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER



## Should've, would've, could've

Time passes with brief moments when we realize we can freeze that moment with attention. We accept the challenge and do the task before us.

We change the conversation from should have to we did this! That moment can stay with us forever.

Come and weave.

## POTENTIAL 2026-2027 DATES

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October 10, 2026	February 6, 2027
November 7, 2026	March 6, 2027
December 5, 2026	May 1, 2027

## Newsletter Highlights

Welcome Message

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Upcoming Class Dates  
for 2025-2026

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February Photos

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Threads Luncheon  
Save The Date!

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May Classes &  
Potential Class Opportunity

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Missouri Basketweavers  
Guild Convention

## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

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~~October 4, 2025~~

~~November 1, 2025~~

~~February 7, 2026~~

May 2, 2026

# UPDATES & FEBRUARY PHOTOS



## Threads Festival Spring 2026 Luncheon

The **May 4, 2026** Threads Festival luncheon will be bigger and better this year as we celebrate Wool Skirts! with a presentation by Mae Colburn, a New York based weaver who will tell the story of her grandmother's collection of 632 wool skirts.

Send email to [candicerichar1@gmail.com](mailto:candicerichar1@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.

## Supply Ordering

At our May meeting, we'll have Jeni Mursau joining us. She has supplies available for sale on her website ([wovenblessingsbasketry.com](http://wovenblessingsbasketry.com)), if you'd like to order anything she will gladly fill supply orders and save on shipping. Just call or email her with any orders by April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Email: [wovenblessingsbasketry@gmail.com](mailto:wovenblessingsbasketry@gmail.com)

Phone: 715-853-1323 (CELL/TEXT)

## Membership Dues - \$25

Membership dues will be \$25 for the 25/26 year. It is a one-time fee for the season. Cash or Check can be brought to any meeting you attend or it can be mailed in. Membership form attached or find it online at: <https://forms.gle/Qn5dVB7GTGcdfdZr8>

## \$10 Non-Member Fee

Continuing again this year, if any non-members want to attend one class without joining the Guild, with a \$10 fee paid to the NSBG. Paid members get priority. This \$10 fee is in addition to any class fees to the instructor.

## Sign-In Sheet

When you arrive to the meeting, please use our sign in sheet so we can keep track of both members and non-members. It helps us with who has paid/needs to pay membership as well!

## 18 & Under Membership

We are offering a membership for those people who are 18 & under for \$15 for the season. This option is on the membership form.

**Information & Updates can be found online too:  
[www.northshorebasket.org](http://www.northshorebasket.org)**

# UPDATES & FEBRUARY PHOTOS



## Follow Us on Facebook

We've added a business page on Facebook for North Shore Basket Guild, where we will also be adding events to that page for any upcoming classes/etc. Our hope is to grow the guild by reaching more people - so please like our page and share if you want!

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580383497107>

## Online Form for Instructor Proposals

We're always looking for instructors to teach a class. And new this year, we have an online form to fill out in addition to a PDF that is online under the Classes tab.

<https://forms.gle/xUC25LGSfUvb8G3U6>

## Supply Closet & Raffle

The NSBG has a supply cabinet which contains basket supplies for sale. The price list is on the cabinet door. Patterns are in a three-ring binder to borrow along with books. There are molds and a pony shaver to rent. The cost is \$20.00 for a deposit, which will be returned, less a \$5.00 charge for the use. The money will be payable to the guild.

We will still have raffles during meetings. Please bring any supplies you can spare, basket related, for a donation. If you are interested in running the raffle, please email us at [northshorebasketguild@gmail.com](mailto:northshorebasketguild@gmail.com)!

## Meeting & Location Info

Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
410 North Arlington Avenue  
Duluth, MN 55811

Information & Updates can be found online too:  
[www.northshorebasket.org](http://www.northshorebasket.org)

## MAY CLASSES - 5/2

To register for a class, and if you have questions, communicate directly with the basket instructor.

### PURPLE VIOLET BASKET

by: Jeni Mursau

*Woven Blessings Basketry, LLC*

Send questions to: [wovenblessingsbasketry@gmail.com](mailto:wovenblessingsbasketry@gmail.com)

Phone: 715-853-1323 (CELL/TEXT)

Cost: \$68 (kits available upon request, email Jeni)

Register by: 4/15

Additional Info:

DIMENSIONS: ~ 6" X 10" X 8"

This basket has two-tones of purple 1/2FF dyed reed inserted into a hardwood slotted base (species vary) with a hand-carved and painted feature piece.

A row of doubled #3RR twining

Natural 1/4" FO or 7MM FO



### UPCYCLE MARKET BASKET

by: Kathy Melton & Mark Boyce

Register by emailing:

[frarobmel@yahoo.com](mailto:frarobmel@yahoo.com) & [hockeydoc.boyce@gmail.com](mailto:hockeydoc.boyce@gmail.com)

Level: Advanced Beginner

Cost: \$60 (2 kits available upon request @ \$20)

Number of students: 6

Register by: 4/27

Additional Info:

Upcycled plastic strapping material is woven 8"x14" market basket with fabric handles.





# POTENTIAL MAY CLASS

We have someone willing to teach another class, but either May 30 or 31<sup>st</sup>. Below are the details but we need to see if the Church is available for this class still and what the final cost will be. If you have any interest in participating in this class, please email us at [northshorebasketguild@gmail.com](mailto:northshorebasketguild@gmail.com) to see if there is enough interest to get this class booked.

**Please respond to the NSBG email by May 2nd.**

## HEX WEAVE WITH BLACK ASH

by: Zac Fittipaldi

Date: May 30th or 31st

Cost: \$150 (additional cost for reserving the space, tbd)

Kits: Available upon request

Class size: 6-8

Weaving Level: Beginner

Register by: 5/16

Additional Info:

This is a fun little basket, about a 6 inches around and 4-5 inches tall. Hex weave is an open woven basket, with an under one, over one pattern, that travels in three directions. These baskets turn up with a 5 pointed star. The rest of the weave is the open 6 pointed star. The basket is finished off with an X lashed inner and outer rim. The material is hand processed from the our local black ash tree.



About Zac:

Zac Fittipaldi began his basketry journey with a year long apprenticeship in 2008. Since then he has continued to practice many different basketry techniques using a variety of materials from around the world with a focus on traditional European willow, and local black ash. With a willow farm an hour south of the Twin Cities metro area. Where are large variety basketry and ornamental willow are grown.

North Shore Basket Guild



**If Baskets Could Talk...** they would invite you to the **Missouri Basketweavers Guild 2026 Convention!**

Join basket weavers from across the region **July 30 – August 2, 2026** at the **Kenneth Cowan Civic Center in Lebanon, Missouri** for four days of classes, exhibits, vendors, and weaving inspiration.

Learn more at [www.basketweavers.org](http://www.basketweavers.org) for more detail.  
Registration closes May 15, 2026.