



JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



We are not quite two weeks into the new year but for many of us, our new resolutions and renewed hope that mark this time of year have been subdued. The shooting, kidnapping, and generally terror-provoking actions taking place in Minnesota fill us with sadness and make us wonder where it will all end. It would be so easy to just hunker down and wait for the chaos to pass, but history warns against it.

So what is a concerned citizen to do? Some feel called to participate in protests and marches. Others write letters or call our representatives. We can all resolve to be peacemakers, every day, in our homes and communities. Let us counter the violence by moving beyond "Minnesota nice" to "Minnesota kind". As Martin Luther King reminded us, "...only love will stamp out hate".

All Minnesotans are encouraged to express their political concerns on precinct caucus night, Tuesday, February 3, 2026, starting at 7:00 p.m. See the MN Secretary of State website for more information.

-Judith Browmen, Co-President

Newsletter Highlights

Welcome Message

Upcoming Class Dates for 2025-2026

November Photos

Threads Luncheon Save The Date!

February Classes & May Preview

2025-26 SCHEDULE

October 4, 2025

November 1, 2025

February 7, 2026

May 2, 2026

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Threads Festival Spring 2026 Luncheon

The 4TH annual Threads Festival and luncheon is scheduled for **Monday, May 4, 2026**. Last year's luncheon was so successful that the committee decided to find a venue that can handle more attendees this year, so if you couldn't attend last year, be sure to plan on it this spring.

Ticket pricing and registration info will be announced in early 2026, but for now, mark your calendar!

Supply Ordering

At our May meeting, we'll have Jeni Mursau joining us. She has supplies available for sale on her website (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 25th.

Email: 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/Qn5dVB7GTGcdfdzc8>

\$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

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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!

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

FEBRUARY CLASSES - 2/7

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

TWILL BASKET WITH PIE CRUST RIM

by: Della Pleski

Send questions to: bskts007@yahoo.com

(Follow Della at: facebook.com/dellaskeepsakes)

Cost: \$40.00 (kits will be available)

Class Size: Minimum is 4 -Maximum 8

Registration: Preregistration is appreciated, but not essential

Additional Info:

A functional basket Twill style, (over two behind one) woven on a wooden base in chase weave and finished with a choice of pie crust rim. The base is about 5" X6" with the finished basket measuring 5x6x4.

This basket is appropriate for every skill level, yes, appropriate for BEGINNERS. Skills used; twining, chase weave, Twill style, lashing, adding accents. I will have the spokes in place. We want to have time to do ONE of the Pie crust / matchstick rim variations. There may be time to put some beads or some "jazz" on.

The bases will be sealed and spokes set to save time, there will be a choice of plain or variegated reed.



LEATHER CORD ROCK WEAVING

By: Kathy Falk

Send questions to: dkfalk842@gmail.com

Register by: 1/30

Cost: \$5

Class size: Minimum is 4 / maximum is 6

Level: Beginner

Info:

Weave a design on a beach rock with both round and flat leather cord.





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

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



TBD ON 2ND CLASS

Working on the details for our second class offering , more to come!