



BASKETRY GUILD

From the President's Pen...

It is hard to believe we are in the middle of February already. Wow, time does fly. We need to send out a few dozen or so thank yous to many of our wonderful members.

Our own Billie Dorris hosted the annual Christmas Party. What a great day we had! Lots of food, fun and there were no fights at the gift exchange. Billie, thank you again for your wonderful hospitality.

Our January meeting brought presentations by Dick Moff and Joyce Smith. Dick displayed his beautiful shaker boxes and told of their history. Joyce graced us in style with cape and history about the gorgeous shaker baskets. Big thank yous to both Dick and Joyce for a wonderful meeting. And to volunteer Carol Ann Blair for coordinating the January meeting. We have so much talent in our guild, I can hardly stand it!!

We survived the rigors of a snowy Guilders Weave 2003. GW 2003 was again a great success with all our attendees swearing that it was the best gathering ever. Our guild volunteers did an outstanding job with all their tasks. Sam and I sat back and beamed like proud parents as our volunteers picked up the reins and capably ran the events. The good time had by all was due to each of you. Nothing can succeed in our guild without our members' participation. Thank you all for being there for the guild.

We have a lot of activities coming up in the next couple of months. Joyce Smith's shaker class and our Open Weave are scheduled for the 15th of this month. Joyce's class is full but Jamie Van Oekel will put your name on a waiting list in case of cancellations. Rhonda Jones and I will be holding Open Weave that day for anyone who needs some help or would like to weave with us. Give us a call or email and let us know you are coming.

With the NCBA coming up next month, many of our new members are already packing their bags. Their enthusiasm is contagious.

'Til next time, Happy Weaving. **...Laura**

TIDINGS

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Note from Special Events Coordinator... Volunteers Needed!!!!

We still need a chairperson for the Va. Beach Spring Crafts show. Some one who can be there to set up and take down. Dates are April 25-27. We will also need volunteers for the event. There will be sign up sheets at the next meeting.

Mary Normand will chair the Gathering of the Guilds but will need one or two people to help her out, March 22 from 11-3.

We need teachers and helpers for the OTP in May.

We need a few volunteers for the Smithfield Day on May 24th.

If you can help, please give Rhonda Jones a call or email her at:

Specialevents@tidewaterbasketryguild.org

Thanks for all your help!! Rhonda

Finished Technique Basket

Does yours look like this? Don't forget to sign up for the March class to finish your basket.



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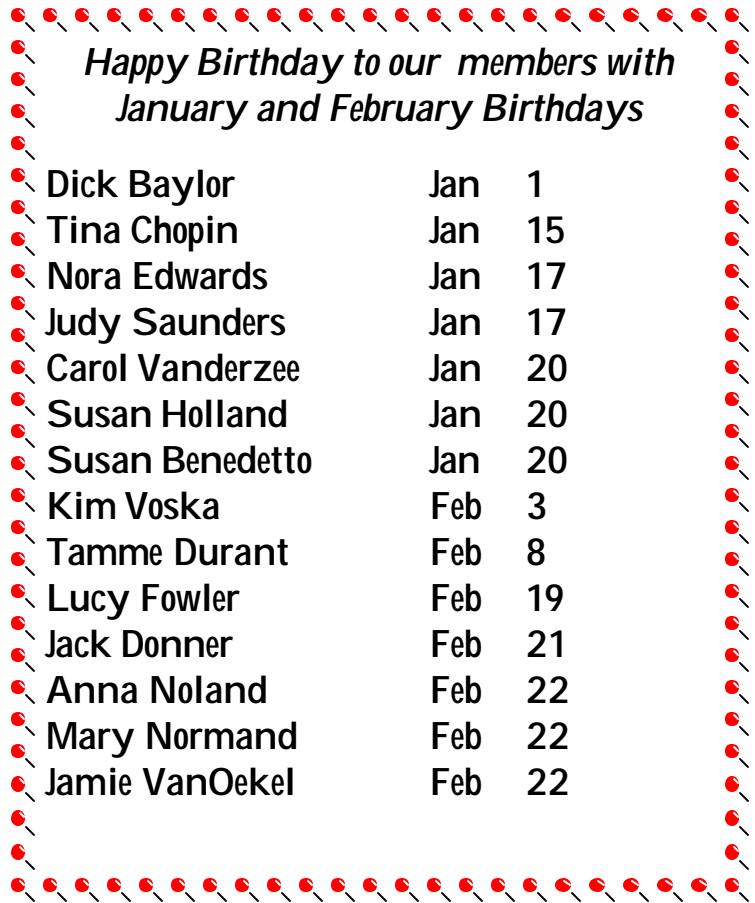
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*Happy Birthday to our members with
January and February Birthdays*

Dick Baylor	Jan	1
Tina Chopin	Jan	15
Nora Edwards	Jan	17
Judy Saunders	Jan	17
Carol Vanderzee	Jan	20
Susan Holland	Jan	20
Susan Benedetto	Jan	20
Kim Voska	Feb	3
Tamme Durant	Feb	8
Lucy Fowler	Feb	19
Jack Donner	Feb	21
Anna Noland	Feb	22
Mary Normand	Feb	22
Jamie VanOekel	Feb	22

TBG Marketplace

Aprons with the TBG logo \$15
Trivet/tiles with the TBG logo \$10
Ikea bags \$5, Scissor Sheaths \$3
T-Shirts needing to be picked up by members that had ordered.
If you are interested in purchasing, contact Janis Wetzel.



*A Warm Welcome to
New Members*

Mary Normand
Dawn Vesques

News from the Editor

Any news items for the newsletter need to be to me by the 15th of each month. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me at newsletter@tidewaterbasketryguild.org or call me at 523-8630
For those of you w ho do not have a computer, any members you need to contact, please look up phones numbers in your Members Roster in your Tidew ater Basketry Guild Notebook, we will not publish them in the newsletter in the future.

Thanks, Cindy Stanton

Notes from Linda...

Thanks to Sam and all her crew for another great Guilder's Weave '03. Memorabilia was a great success. Thanks to everyone for their purchases.

We have some great classes lined-up for the year. Take a look at the calendar. If you have a question about the class, contact the volunteer for that event or myself.

Don't forget to sign-up for the completion of the sampler basket in March. Also we have a great tote bag coming up in March. March is a busy month for all, with NCBA as well as Gathering of the Guilds. Also be thinking of participating in the VA Beach Craft Show in April.

There are a lot of sign-ups coming in April.

It's not too early to brain storm for what colors you would like to have at the dye workshop in May.

A copy of the Events Calendar is attached for those receiving your newsletter by mail.

For those who view the newsletter via the website please go to:

<http://www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org/calendar.html> to print a copy of the current Events Calendar.

NEST (Norfolk Emergency Shelter for the Homeless)

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we collected supplies and cash donations (a total of \$125 in cash). Rather than go out and purchase additional supplies, it was decided to donate the cash and let the church allocate the funds where best needed for the NEST program.

Considering the recent bout of freezing temperatures, we are proud that our Guild was able to contribute to this worthwhile program. Without your support and involvement this would not have been possible. We thank you for your generous response.

Ella Mae King and Barbara Jessome

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Thanks to Jamie VanOekel for hosting our meeting on Sunday, February 2nd, with refreshments and for coordinating the February 15th class with Joyce Smith.

Janis Wetzel is taking names for the Technique Sampler basket being completed on Sunday, March 2nd. Call her to ensure a kit is available for you.

Jennifer Gramza is taking names and the \$20 class fee for the tote basket being taught on Saturday, March 15th. Sign up at the next meeting or call Jennifer. Jennifer will need volunteers to help her make up the kits for the class. Call her and see how you can help.

Thanks, Alice

Guilders Weave 2003...

Can you imagine how eagerly we were anticipating three days of fun, food, camaraderie, and weaving instruction all rolled into one event?? And then, for a little extra excitement, add the imminent threat of a winter storm. Not that it dampened our enthusiasm the least little bit. We decided if we had to get snowed in somewhere, here and now was as good as it gets. We had a place to stay, plenty of hot soup, teachers, and weaving materials all in one place. Let it snow – we were set!

Of the 122 registered, 117 hardy souls braved the weather to attend Guilders Weave 2003. Several inches of snow and ice did cause a few folks to arrive somewhat later than they anticipated (and two not to arrive at all!), but it couldn't wipe the smiles from our faces. Classes were full and active, with top-notch instructors only too happy to increase our knowledge, adding to our pleasure in honing our techniques or learning new ones. Patterns, reed, and happy weavers were everywhere!

Kudos to the staff at Point Plaza for the efficient and pleasant manner in which they dealt with the snow and the attendant little emergencies that this created for attendees and volunteers, not to mention all the weird setups they had to do for our event! They were also gracious enough to allow us to put our own refreshments into the Hospitality Room, making it available throughout the event for a place to grab a quick snack, to meet and chat, or just to finish up a basket.

Between the Marketplace and our vendor – Suzanne Moore's North Carolina Basketworks – I can't imagine that you missed much in the way of supplies and embellishments! (Some of us thought we needed enough stuff that we wore out our charge cards! Just something I heard, you understand – didn't happen to me....)

The Basket Swap went beautifully on Friday night. There were many participants with some very lovely baskets created especially for the occasion. Receiving any of these baskets would have been a delight. Next year we'll probably try this a bit earlier in the evening since us ole' gray-heads were mostly yawning by 10pm!

Our banquet was simply delicious. We had received enough items so that every single person in attendance (and there were 97 there) won a door prize. Delores von Rosen, one of our teachers, won the Nantucket raffle basket. TBG's own Carol Ann Blair is now the proud owner of the Mt. Lebanon Tote. (I bet neither Carol Ann nor Delores has any complaints about the event!)

Once again we were wildly successful in having a good time! In short, if you weren't there you really missed it. There's nothing like sharing the company of other weavers for a few days each winter. The money end of it we don't know about yet – once the dust has settled, we'll get an accounting. But, for now, pat yourselves on the back for a job well done, TBG!!!

Special thanks go to the folks who so generously donated the raffle baskets – Claudia Warszhawski (HCBG) for the Nantucket and our own talented Joyce B. Smith for the Shaker Mt. Lebanon Tote. To Jerry Bernstein for the scissors holders in our welcome bags and his inspiration for the basket kit TBG put in the welcome bags. (Jerry's got some big shoes to fill for next year – his own!) Thanks to Meredith Sabol for sewing each and every one of the shaker tape handles for those kits! And to Meredith MacDonald for trimming and sticking every single one of the TBG labels onto the water pails. Our thanks also to the participating guilds that donated a goodie-filled basket for door prizes: Basket Bunch, Central PA, Deer Creek, High Country, and Tidewater. (Tri-State's basket got stranded in Tennessee under a few feet of snow! But the intention was there (and there's always next year)...) In addition to those named above, you can thank these folks for their part in producing "The Great Guilders Weave". (A little play on words there....)

Forgive me if I miss anyone!

Laura White

Kim Voska	Carol VanDerzee	Carol Ann Blair	Ella Mae King	Mary Hayes
Rhonda Jones	Cindy Stanton	Arlene Wallace	Brenda McCall	Dick Moff
Tina Chopin	Jamie VanOekel	Diana Veazey	Carol Moff	Linda Lindner
Judy Saunders	Sherral Nelson	Susan Holland	Alice Wyvill	Jennifer Gramza

And, finally, thanks to all of you – attendees and guild members – for the door prize donations and the welcome bag goodies you rounded up. GREAT JOB. And now, get busy for 2004! Sam Winters ☺

Another view of Guilders Weave 2003...Linda Moore of the Central PA Weavers Guild, wrote this article for her own newsletter and we liked it so much we wanted to share with you...

Guilder's Weave 2003 is now just another memory. But, oh, what a memory!

The weekend started somewhat bleakly when a Southern snowfall forced us to abandon any hope of arriving at the Point Plaza Suites and Conference Hotel on Thursday night. After driving about six hours with limited to no visibility we spent our first night in a Fredericksburg hotel. Upon arising we were pleased to note that the snow had stopped falling but we had to face driving through much snow to arrive at our destination. Snow cleanup is very slow in the South!

After checking into The Point Plaza, we registered and received our marvelous "goodie bag". The bag, however, was a white bucket with a Guilder's Weave logo decal on it. It was chock full of "goodies" including a roll of Superior Quality reed donated by their only vendors, Suzanne and Phil Moore of North Carolina Basketworks. We enjoyed a buffet luncheon, which was served both days and included in our Registration fee and then trekked off to our first class...five hours late! I was fortunate enough to receive my first choice that day and took a class with Eileen La Porte. We made a Braided Twill Tote that is stunning, or will be when it is completed. I learned the braid weave, which I had never been exposed to before. Eileen is an excellent teacher, very helpful and just plain fun! My roommate, Lynne Laughman took a class with Patti Simmons and wove the Indian Summer Basket. Lynne also wove a "this will be beautiful when it is finished" basket.

Friday night activities included a two-hour Teacher's Marketplace where we both spent way too much money for future projects. Following the Marketplace they held the Basket Swap and what beauties they had there! Nearly everyone participated and there was not one basket that I wouldn't have been delighted to receive!

Saturday I took a class with Kay Harradine and made a Cedar Cathead. Kay hails from the great state of Washington where she lives on ten acres on which she harvests plant fibers for her art of natural basketry. Kay was most informative and easily the most helpful teacher present, leaving long after her counterparts. This little 4" by 5" devil, not yet a finished project, has taught me that it may be a very long time, if ever, before I weave another cedar basket!

Lynne's experience on that day was more pleasurable than my own as she wove Fiesta with Susan Matson and got a chance to repeat randing, which she had just learned the day before. A few more wraps on her handle and this one is completed!

Saturday night we attended the marvelous banquet where everyone went home with a door prize! I was most proud to be asked to come forward and draw a winning ticket for the lovely Potato Masher Basket woven by our own Marilyn Julius, filled with all kinds of "goodies", and donated by CPBWG! The great moment of the evening was the Raffle of the gorgeous Shaker Mt. Lebanon Carrier woven by TBG's Joyce Bolton Smith. There was also a lovely Nantucket Basket that was made by one of the HCBG members and that was raffled as well.

Sunday my class was with DeVonna Mathis and I wove a Gout Foot Stool. Success at last, I completed the project, and left it sitting in the room when I left for home! Not realizing my error until I reached my son's home in Richmond, I quickly contacted the hotel. I was assured that they had the stool and would put it aside until the following week when my son would retrieve it for me. My only problem now is that I fear I will never get it from my offspring!

Lynne's class on Sunday was Cheerio with Mary Zeh Kuhr. It is a real beauty and completed! She was particularly proud of the matchstick border, something she had never done before.

It goes without saying that one of the greatest features of this weekend was the incomparable Southern hospitality! Their Hospitality Room seemed always to be open, full of delicious treats and smiling faces! Their memorabilia stand had unique items and both Lynne and I purchased jackets with their logo. The caliber of teachers was superb.

It is most obvious that the Tidewater Guild is an organized, well-run association. There was a very long list of volunteers and everyone was most cheerful and helpful. A huge amount of credit must be given to Sam Winters, Chairman of Guilder's Weave. It is my understanding that Sam has now chaired this event for the past two years. Anytime that I have personally approached Sam with a question or a problem in the past two years she has dealt with it in a forthright manner. Kudos to her and the entire Guild for such a memorable weekend!

And as we hugged and left we chorused, "We'll be back!"

Linda Moore