



BASKETRY GUILD

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From the President's Pen...

Dear Fellow Weavers,

Summer is almost gone and I'll really be glad to see the cooler days. I really can't believe it is time for the children to go back to school, time to seriously plan for Newport News Fall Festival, time to tie down teachers for the October OTP and **time to get your class selections ready for Guilders Weave 2003**. It has been a busy summer for all of us.

I want to take this opportunity to say thanks to you all for the fantastic support you have given to me and the board this year. Our volunteers have been wonderful and so enthusiastic. I want to especially thank Meredith for her outstanding support and generous devotion to the guild and guild members. Even with the arrival of Angie's new baby, she still managed to be here for us all. Congratulations and we love you.

Once again a big thanks to Billie for hosting a great August pool party. I didn't get a count but I think it was the largest party in our short history. A wonderful time was had by all.

A few words of praise to our webmaster for the outstanding job she did establishing our website. I get a thrill every time I direct a new person to our site. Our thanks to all our wonderful teachers: Alice for the trivet and the napkin basket, Carol for the porcupine, and all those who gave their time and talents to OTP. Our thanks to Rhonda, our Special Events Coordinator, for her efforts in ensuring that the OTP was a rewarding experience for all our new weavers. I know I am leaving people out because every time I looked around someone was making a noteworthy contribution- Linda as our Sales Coordinator, Jennifer as Membership, Jerry with his great scissor pouches and his assistance with Billie at the VB Craftmarket. I give up, but I know I have left out many people. Please forgive me, there is simply not enough time or words to let you know how much I appreciate the talents and generosity of our guild members.

We have had a most successful weaving year. Not counting OTP and Technique baskets, we have taught 7 basket classes since January of this year, six guild teachers and one outside teacher- trivet, napkin, porcupine, knotless, small tote, flared flower and Anne Bower's cathead. Wow!

Try to attend the September 8th meeting. We will be holding elections for Treasurer and Vice President. We have a great slate of nominations ready for your vote, the last page of the newsletter shows the nominees. Read their bio's and vote on Sept. 8th.

We have 4 teachers and 24 people signed up for the Fall Harvest Basket. This basket will teach our newer weavers several new techniques. They will learn to insert spokes into a wooden slotted base. The spokes will be secured with two rows of twining. The sides will be woven in a continuous weave as the basket will have an UNEVEN number of stakes, making note that EVEN STAKES means START AND STOP, UNEVEN STAKES means CONTINUOUS WEAVING. We are planning to complete this basket during this meeting but will rim the basket at the end of the November Meeting if our business meeting should take too much time.

The September 21st class was cancelled due to lack of interest. We will have Open Weave that day at the church if we have enough interest. We are tentatively planning to work on the Technique Sampler and ANY other basket you may want to bring in. We will have a registration form for this at the meeting on the 8th. We will need ten or more interested members in order to hold the open weave.

We need volunteers to man the Newport News Fall Festival on 5-6 October and to teach the October OTP on 26 October. Call Rhonda and let her know when you are available.

We have been very busy and we have tentatively scheduled a lot of activities for the upcoming year. We need all our people to volunteer their talents. Talk to Alice, our Volunteer Coordinator, and get your name on the calendar for this years activities. See you on the 8th .

...Laura



A Warm Welcome to New Members

Carol Buchanan

Jack Donner

Kitty Moore

Calendar Notes from Meredith

September 8, 2002— Meeting at 2:00 pm.. Elections to be held then on the Fall Harvest Bowl Class.

September 21, 2002– Basket class was cancelled, Possible Open Weave, if enough participants sign up at the Sept 8th meeting, We will let you know.

October 5- 6, 2002 - Newport News Fall Festival, be sure and sign up with Rhonda Jones.

October 26, 2002– Open To The Public Class. We still need teachers, please call Rhonda Jones if you can help. Also, please direct your friends to the website for an application.

November 3, 2002-Meeting 2:00 pm, Holiday Ornament Class.

December Holiday Party - Date to be announced.

Guilders Weave Update from Sam...

Information for the big event has been posted online now for some time. Doesn't our website look great? We've received many compliments on having the GW brochure online. All the requested hard-copy brochures have been mailed out. We still have a few left if you need one. Contact Sam - there's probably enough time to mail yours. Just. **Because registration starts on SEPTEMBER 1st!** When registering, don't forget to enter several class choices for each day. You have a better chance of getting your preferred class by selecting for each day; and a better chance of getting into any class when you give us several options. And, don't forget: first come, first served - the earlier in September you postmark, the better your chances. We're waaaiting - SEND 'EM ON! *Sam Winters, Chair GW 2003*

Annual Pool Party at Billie's

What a great day we had, Anne Bowers came out and taught the Cathed Basket. The Ella Mae Challenge had five entries. Jerry Bernstein won first place with his darling "By the Sea" Tote and Alice Wyvill was runner up with her beautiful Tulip Tote. Lots of fun, weaving, eating, socializing and even some swimming. **Thank you Billie for a wonderful day!!!**

Pictured: Anne Bowers, Linda Linder, Ana Haley.



* Well Wishes..... *

* Janis Wetzel's father passed away on August 19. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Janis and her family. *

* Continued best wishes to Glen Bowie, Anne Thomas, Sara Youngblood and Carole LaRuffa on recent illnesses and surgeries. *

* Please forward well wishes to Cindy at webmaster@tidewaterbasketryguild.org *

MORE Volunteers Needed for TBG Volunteer Program

The Board announced a new TBG Volunteer Program planned for next year to encourage more active participation and better skill utilization of our new members. We have been so very fortunate with our latest volunteers, Cindy for newsletter/website, Rhonda for Special Events, Jennifer for Membership and Linda for Sales that we felt we should explore our membership to see what other skills are being hidden away.

A team of two volunteers would be assigned for each month to assist the board in all activities planned for that month. The "Coordinators" would **assist** the Vice President and Special Events Coordinator in:

- preparing any materials for the meeting
- order supplies when needed and assemble kits
- would set up the meeting space
- handle signups for classes and collect moneys
- clean up and close down
- provide Volunteer Coordinator with an after action report giving attendees, expenses, income, names of volunteers and pertinent comments

On months with special events planned such as OTPs, CraftMarket, Dye Workshop, and Fall Festival the Coordinators would work with Rhonda, Meredith and the event chairperson to determine what needed to be done and work accordingly. Coordinators will recruit additional helpers when needed.

The 2003 Guild Calendar maintained on the web page will list team coordinators for each month. The Board will appoint a Volunteer Coordinator to maintain the action reports and volunteer names. Each time a guild member's name shows up on an after action report, that name goes into a basket for a drawing in September. The grand prize winner will have their membership dues paid for the upcoming year and registration fees for Guilders Weave paid. There will also be second and third prize winner receiving one year of membership dues paid.

10 people signed up at the June Meeting but more are needed.

What activities do you want to help coordinate? PICK YOUR month.

January	Meeting and Guilders Weave
February	Meeting and Class/Open Weave
March	Meeting, Class/Open Weave, and Gathering of the Guild
April	Meeting, CraftMarket
May	Dye Workshop, Open to Public Class
June	Meeting, Class/Open Weave
July	No Activities
August	Pool Party Meeting
September	Meeting and Class/OpenWeave
October	Newport News Fall Festival and Open to Public Class
November	Meeting
December	Holiday Party

Please email Alice Wyvill our new Volunteer Coordinator with the month you wish to volunteer.
volunteercoordinator@tidewaterbasketryguild.org.

*******Officer Elections*******

It's time to elect new officers. The offices open are Vice President and Treasurer. Please take the time to read the bio's below to learn a little more about your fellow basket weavers. We will be voting at the **September 8, 2002** meeting. Please plan to make the meeting, remember your vote does count. If you cannot make the meeting, send your ballot to: Cindy Stanton, Nominating Committee, 5556 Normandy Ave, Va. Beach, VA 23464. Deadline for mail in ballots will be September 16, 2002.

Running for the office of **Treasurer:**

Barbara Jessome...Barbara joined the guild in 1995 and has served as Secretary and Treasurer. A professor by training and an investment associate by default, she enjoys the guild and the many basket makers who enjoy good food, good times and well made baskets.

Running for the office of **Vice President:**

Linda Lindner...I've been collecting baskets for many years. I remember weaving my first basket about 15 or so years ago from a kit I purchased at a local craft store. It was a melon basket with all those nice ribs! (HA!) I was introduced to the guild at the 2001 Spring craft show at the Pavilion. I came to the open to the public class and was so excited I joined! It has been a great experience making new friends, weaving and sharing common interests and goals. Currently, I'm employed at an orthopedic practice as a radiologic technologist.

Janis Wetzel...I discovered the guild at the 2001 Spring Craft Show and attended my first meeting that June. I was both clueless and tool-less when they encouraged me to make the "Bear Backpack". The other participants shared tools, knowledge and water buckets. It wasn't just the weaving know how the group offered, but I liked how the guild itself was woven-with kindness, teamwork, sharing and lots of patience. Everyone made me feel so welcome. That was my first impression and had held true during my first year as a member. Although my weaving knowledge is novice, I look forward to contributing to the guild in anyway I can.

Ballot October 2002– October 2004

Please circle the name of the person you are voting for.

Office of Vice President:

Linda Lindner

Janis Wetzel

Office of Treasurer:

Barbara Jessome
