



BASKETRY GUILD

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From the President's Pen...

Fellow Basketweavers,

Our December meeting will not be held on the 1st but will be replaced by our Holiday Party at Billie Dorris' on December 8th at 2:00pm. As in the past, everyone is asked to bring a snack to share and a \$10-\$15 gift for our gift exchange. It is suggested that the gift be basket related. Those who have attended in the past know how delightfully competitive this gift exchange can be. We still have some friendly grudges held over for the last couple of years. Directions to Billie's are available on the website or call her. Don't miss this opportunity to catch up on the activities of your fellow weavers.

The Newport New Fall Festival was once again a great success. Our thanks to our core of hard working volunteers: Rhonda Jones, Special Events Coordinator, Ella Mae King, Alice Wyvill, Lisa Yeaw, Linda Lindner, Mary Jo Baylor, Jamie Van Oakel, Janis Wetzel, Arlene Wallace. Linda Lindner was the lucky winner of the volunteer basket made and donated by Alice Wyvill for this event.

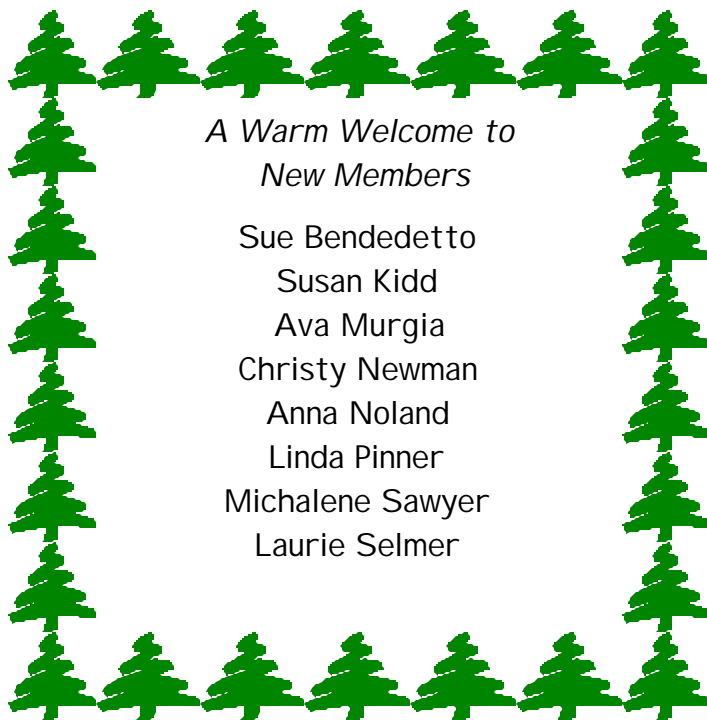
Our thanks to Ella Mae King for coordinating the Open To The Public Class held on October 26. Two classes were taught this session with Carol Moff teaching the market basket and me teaching the round basket with French randing. It is always a rewarding experience to have our students leave the class proudly carrying their newly made baskets. One of our goals as a guild is to teach the art of basket making. An observation made by Cindy Stanton after attending a local craft show made me feel that our efforts were well placed. Cindy commented that the weaver had certainly not spent the time and effort rimming her baskets as the rim pieces were not scarfed and looked unsightly.

Thirty weavers completed our holiday basket taught

At the November meeting. Our thanks to the teachers and our November volunteers for a job well done. Kim Voska, Carole Vanderzee and Ella Mae King were our first official Volunteer Coordinators for the year. They performed all preparations for the November meeting, prepared kits, collected money, set up tables and tidied up behind our thirty weavers. Our thanks to them for giving our new program such and outstanding start. Names of our participating volunteers will be submitted for the October 2003 drawings.

The Program Committee will be putting the final touches on the 2003 TBG Program Calendar this week. We hope to have the calendar on the website in a printable format on later that the 1st of December. We will be mailing copies of the calendars to our non-web members; new member notebooks to our new members, and copies of revised phone tree lists and membership lists to all members before Christmas. We will not be mailing copies of the Bylaws as there have been no changes since we distributed the bylaws last year. Anyone needing a copy can cont me or Linda Lindner.

Happy Weaving,*Laura*



Calendar Notes from Linda (our new VP)

December 8, 2002– Annual Christmas Party –2:00pm, at the home of Billie Dorris. Directions are on the website on the members page.

January 5, 2003 –Meeting at 2:00pm, speakers— Joyce Smith-History of Shaker Baskets, Dick Moff–Crafting the Shaker Box.

January 16-20, 2003—Guilters Weave 2003 held at the Ramanda Inn & Conference Center, Newport News

February 2, 2003–Meeting 2:00pm, Guilters Weave show and tell-**Bring Your Baskets**

Also from Linda...During an annual auction to raise money for the cemetery fund of Sugar Grove Church near Marion, Virginia, where my great-grandmother is buried, I donated a Jeremiah basket. I was hoping for \$100 at the auction, but my basket was auctioned for \$330.

Linda has been weaving approximately 2 years. Great Job Linda!! Linda also won the drawing basket at the Newport News Fall Festival. Wow, Linda this is your ,month! You go girl!!

Guilter’s Weave Update from Sam...

Class Assignments were mailed Monday, October 21. Keep your eyes on your mailbox! If you have not received yours yet, contact me.

GW Memorabilia can still be ordered! Yes, there is STILL TIME to order the neat items we are offering this year. And, you betcha you can order something even if you can’t attend the event! Just printout an order form from the website, or I can email you one. Simply mail the form in to Linda Lindner per instructions. Remember, any or all of these items make great gifts for your friends and other weavers. And you will be helping support your guild in its endeavors.

Door prizes: Now, I hope *everyone* is having some success with rounding up items for goodie bags and/or door prizes from individuals, local merchants or organizations. Get busy and please contact any entity you feel could contribute something. You can really help GW and make your guild proud at the same time! We are counting on YOU. Keep in touch with Cindy Stanton, Tina Chopin, or me about your successes. Give me a call if you need another copy of the letter – I can email you that too – or if you have any ideas to discuss or questions needing answers.

Raffle: And, be thinking about the lovely Shaker Mt. Lebanon carrier made our own talented Joyce Smith that will be raffled at Saturday night’s banquet. Oh boy....

Sam Winters, Chair GW 2003



* *Well Wishes.....* *

* Those that attended the 2002 Guilter’s Weave event may remember teacher Suzanna Miller, from NCBA, she taught a beautiful cane footstool, her husband passed away in October. We would like to send out our thoughts and prayers to her. *

* Our thoughts also go out to member Jennie Ladew on the loss of her mother, and to Brenda McCall on the loss of her mother. *

* Continued well wishes to Glen Bowie and Anne Thomas. *

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



Newport News Fall Festival was held October 5-6

I would like to thank Alice, Laura, Jamie, Janis, Lisa, Ella Mae, Mary Jo, Linda, Arlene, and I know I'm forgetting someone, for helping make The Newport News Fall Festival was another wonderful success for the guild. We had a wonderful display of almost all guild made baskets (a number of people walked away mad that we we're selling any of them) and several baskets were actually completed over the weekend. We all did learn that dirt and wet reed do not mix though and on the second day we figured out that tarps can be used on the ground. We picked up three new members and a number of students for the fall OTP. This year the festival awarded two ribbons for booths in the heritage area, one for best display and one for best demonstration. We walked away with the ribbon and \$200 award for best demonstration. We will need even more help next year since Lisa has volunteered to head up the public weaving we've done in years past.

- Rhonda

Newport New Fall Festival 2002

Lisa Yeaw helps a "new" weaver.



NEST (Norfolk Emergency Shelter for the Homeless)

The Larchmont Methodist Church is participating in this program by feeding and housing the homeless for one week at the end of January. Breakfast and dinner will be served to approximately 30-40 people. The guild would like to support the church in their efforts to feed and house the homeless. Barbara Jessome and Ella Mae King will be collecting donations at the December 8th Christmas Party and at the January Guild meeting.

Items that are needed: paper plates, bowls, forks, knives, spoons, paper towels, bathroom tissue, paper napkins, coffee oatmeal, canned vegetables, spaghetti, salt and pepper shakers, tylenol or aspirins.

Some of you may prefer a monetary donation. Money collected will be used to purchase supplies in bulk at either Sam's or Costco.

Larchmont Methodist Church Fall Festival was held September 15th. What a great day, BBQ lunch was served outside while music played. There was a bake sale silent auction, many Church exhibits including the Boy Scouts, TBG and many more. Barbara Jessome, Cindy Stanton and Cindy's daughter Amanda volunteered at the guild table. A raffle was held and church member Shirley Sellers was the winner. A great time was had by all.

MEREDITH'S LAST NOTES

- ❖ Lessons for the Tech/Sampler Basket have been written and we will hopefully complete the project in the spring at an Open Weave. The completed basket will have 13 lessons not including the wrapped handle. We will learn various handle wrapping techniques at a regular Sunday meeting. Most of you should already have completed through lesson 6.
- ❖ Please ask any libraries in your area if they would like to have a display of baskets from our guild in their display case. I have taken on Publicity Chairman for the guild and very much enjoy doing the displays. If any of you have any other ideas for publicity, contact me.
- ❖ I would like to congratulate Linda Lindner as our new VP. I know she will do a terrific job. I also know that volunteers are always needed and very much appreciated as evidenced by last week's terrific meeting. What fun thanks to all the wonderful volunteers!!
- ❖ Last but not least, as I step down as your VP, thanks to all our members for such a rewarding two years. All of you have helped make this a great organization that I have so enjoyed being a part of. I would especially like to thank our present and past Presidents Laura White, Alice Wyvill, and Billie Dorris for their great leadership and support. I could not have done the job without them. Thanks all and I look forward to weaving, weaving, weaving!!!



Finished Technique Basket
Does yours look like this? If not, keep a watch on the calendar for dates to finish your basket.



Newport News Fall Festival 2002— Ella Mae King, Alice Wyvill, Rhonda Jones, Laura White, Jamie Van Oekel

The Open To the Public Class was held October 26th. What a great day we had. Teacher Carol Moff taught the Market Basket to 12 students, with the help of Ella Mae King. President Laura White taught the Round Basket to 7 students with the help of Cindy Stanton. The love of basketry was everywhere that day. We finished up about 4:00pm with happy weavers and tired teachers! Thank you to all who helped the event come off great!!