



**BASKETRY GUILD**

# TIDINGS

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## *From the President's Pen...*

Happy New Year!

I know you did it! Even though we may call it different things, I know you did it!

New Year's resolutions seem to spring to mind even when we don't really want them to. "This year I'll be better at ... *you fill in the blank...*" are normal reactions to the start of the new year.

My top three are always 1) keep track of the check-book better, 2) stay on top of the filing at home and 3) exercise. This year's new category is "take the time to weave". There is always plenty to choose from in my stash and I have the new kitchen counter or the craft table, and I have the little tv or the cd player to listen to. Now back to that filing thing. There *are* a few things to tuck away in the proper place so that I am more organized and tidy. How long could that take? (Oh yeah, add "do not procrastinate" to the resolution list.) You see where this is headed?!?

Gee, what would I do without a guild to keep me on target? With our 4<sup>th</sup> UFO series set to begin and monthly classes and open weave and LifeNet project, we all have lots of excuses to get out of walking the dog or doing the filing, etc.

Guilders Weave starts us off right away with teachers and ideas and camaraderie. Many thanks to Laura and Billie and the committees who have put together GW09. We are all excited to be a part of it! Now about that basket swap.....

Weave with a smile,  
Jamie

## **Life Net**

**Don't forget to bring your Life Net baskets to each meeting. Hand them over the President Jamie and she will bet them stained and delivered to the Life Net organization.**

## LifeNet Project Update

At the January meeting the TBG membership voted to continue to weave 350 LifeNet baskets for the 2009 calendar year. TBG took on the project in 2007 and has since woven 650 baskets to the program. Forty-six of our members have taken part in the project over that span of time.



**Christmas Party 2008**

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**Note 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 who do not have a computer, any members you need to contact, please look up phones numbers in your Members Roster in your Tidewater Basketry Guild Notebook, we will not publish them in the newsletter in the future.

Thanks, Cindy Stanton

Do you have any new ideas for the newsletter? Please email/call Cindy at webmaster@tidewaterbasketryguild.org

**Reminders.....**

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Snowflake Class with members Anne and Harriet



Snowflake Class with members Vicki and Trudi

## Notes from Diane...

**Some days** I wonder if winter is here or if we are in the middle of spring? Whichever it is, we have been busy. From October with the Fall Festival and Heritage Days, onto November, where we made **snowflakes** and were introduced to a new gizmo which was handed out at the meeting.

**Tina Chopin's** Double Wall basket was so well liked that she has agree to do it again in late Feb. More information later. December brought the ever popular **Christmas Party** at Billie's. We also honored the outstanding Volunteer of the Year who was home sick. We therefore honored **Cindy Stanton** at our January meeting. And we can't forget the Yo-yo's and Ruche that we taught at the January meeting by **Kim Voska and her Mom, Carol**. This skill will be applied to a basket being taught in March. This leads me to the continual list of things to come.

**Guilders Weave:** will be January 15 through the 18<sup>th</sup> if you haven't heard yet!

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** meeting is our Show and Tell from GW. 2:00 pm. Come see what some of the baskets looked like and what people thought of their teachers.

**February 21:** **Alice Wyvill** will teach us a basket called Clarity which involves weaving over a vase. We started sign ups last meeting. It will cost \$15.00 If interested you better give Diane a call.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>:** meeting will be the basket called Happy Pockets and **Susie Waters** is in charge but I'm taking the reservations for this class too. 2:00 pm.

**March 18-22** is NCBA convention

**Late March** is Gathering of the Guilds and we will need volunteers to help with this. More to come.

**April 5:** will be the meeting for Show and Tell from NCBA convention

**April 24-26:** Virginia Beach Craft show. Need volunteers for this event.

## 2008 Volunteer of the Year

I want to tell you a little bit about our **Volunteer of the Year**. Cindy Stanton has not only been our Webmaster and Newsletter person for many years but she has been involved in so many more things. Such as, Heritage Days, VA Beach Spring Craft show, Guilders Weave in many areas, from jury to Chairing and typing up all the information for the Web site. She has been helping teach the Pumpkin basket to Bias weave paper basket and Snowflakes. Plus she helped at the Life Net meeting. We are so very lucky to have Cindy involved with our group and know that she enjoys being with us all in so many ways. Thank you Cindy.

## TBG 2008-2009 Calendar

January 15, 16, 17, 18: Guilders Weave in Newport News, VA

February 1: Meeting/GW Show and Tell

February 21: Saturday Class – Vase-Alice Wyvill

March 1: Meeting/Class Happy Pockets basket – Susie Waters/ Donna Coleman/  
Tamme Durrant, Bring January class Yo-Yo's

March 18-22: NCBA Convention in North Carolina

March \_\_\_\_\_: Gathering of the Guilds (Date to be determined)

April 5: Meeting/ Show and Tell

April 24-26: Virginia Beach Craft Show

April 23-26: Smithsonian Craft Show

May 3: Meeting/Class Twill Coaster (Make 1/Take 1) and Swap Challenge

May 16: OTP-Southside

June 7: Meeting – Americana (Mini Just a Bit of Rust)

June 27 and 28: Visiting Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

July: Visiting Teacher-date and teacher to be determined.

August 8: Pool Party – Class Give Back day – weave Life Net basket and Out  
Reach program for Larchmont United Methodist Church

August 21, 22, 23: Kohler's Classes – Coventry Clubhouse

September 13: Meeting/Class, Officer Elections- (President/ Secretary)

September 26: Saturday Class– (class to be determined)

September 19 and 20: Heritage Days-Chesapeake



## Guilders Weave 2009 Update

Guilders Weave is practically here. We are all busy finishing up our last minute tasks. The name-tags with meal tickets are stacked on my dining room table along with several really nice raffle donations. Get your money ready..... In fact you may want to bring return address labels to save the time and effort of filling out the back of the raffle ticket. Andrea Margrave and team will take checks, change and guaranteed IOUs.

Alice Wyvil is getting her door prizes ready for the Friday/Saturday giveaway. You read that right—we are changing the schedule for the door prizes. We are going to draw for door prizes during lunch on Friday and Saturday and shorten the Saturday evening program. Saturday night will still include the raffle and the basket swap. In addition, Mary Jo is going to organize photo sessions for each of the guilds as we wait for dinner. We had several requests for the return of the annual guild photos.

Susie Waters and her industrious team have put together one of the neatest Welcome Bags ever. They just get better and better. The Fort Monroe based team has been a real Guilders Weave asset this year with cutting the basket kits, collecting and stuffing the Welcome Bags and stocking and manning the Hospitality Center. As always all food contributions for the Hospitality Suite will be gratefully accepted and enjoyed by everyone. I just reminded Billie Dorris that we are expecting her usual contribution of home made ginger snaps.

**Don't forget to bring your swap basket.** The Basket Swap allows participants to exchange one of their **very own hand-woven baskets** with another weaver. This is an opportunity to share with others. Everyone can participate regardless of skill level. The wild weavers from Deer Creek Basket Guild will be coordinating this event and will tag your basket and put your name in the drawing.

We will have 28 first time attendees. Donna Atkinson and Liz Pangrac are our official welcoming committee and will be offering information and assistance to attendees. Take time to offer a warm welcome to our newcomers.

We are looking for to our biggest and best event ever. We have 150 students registered and 21 teachers. See you all on Thursday. Laura



Above-We love to eat and here are our members getting a BIG plate full of goodies!

Right-Dawn, Carol Ann, Christy, Shirley and Marsha discuss what present to take for our gift exchange.

## Christmas Party 2008



Liz, Laura, Ella Mae, in the back Billie and Jamie watch the gift exchange.

## TBG Members Spotlight

### Meet Arlene Wallace

**Hometown:** Roanoke, Virginia

**How did I start weaving?** In 1986 I accepted a job with the Arts and Crafts at Fort Monroe. I took two classes from Kathy Wahl - a melon basket and a market basket. Then I was expected to teach classes for the Arts and Crafts...I began reading and doing different baskets on my own so I could teach them.

**How long have you been weaving?** 22 years

**How did you find TBG?** Anna Donnelly at that time was one of my students, we were having a hard time getting the classes filled at Fort Monroe and were searching for more advanced weaving and more weavers. She found the guild and I followed...she was one of our presidents in earlier years.

**Favorite type of weaving/basket?** Ash and mold baskets

**What else do I do?** I still run the Arts and Crafts at Fort Monroe. We have a great craft shop for a small post. I teach basket classes monthly and we have a fun group. We pick up new weavers as we go along and some drop out but it is a great group of ladies.

**Guilds:** TBG and NC

**Perfect day off?** My husband and I venturing off to new adventures and places to eat. Always searching for new restaurants and new things to get in to..

**Something you would like us to know?** We just celebrated 35 years of marriage and have seven grandkids that we adore and wish we could spend more time with. One is in Roanoke, Virginia; three are in Greer, South Carolina and the last three are at Camp Zama, Japan. Our oldest son is an Army Chaplain stationed there now. Both of us are looking forward to retirement in June 2011...



Arlene shows off her winnings at GW 08

**Arlene, thank you for being a part of TBG!!!**

## TBG Members Spotlight Meet Cindy Stanton

**Hometown:** Richmond, Virginia

**How did I start weaving?** In 2001 my husband was out to sea, I went to a OTP class.

**How long have you been weaving?** 8 years

**How did you find TBG?** I went to the VA Beach Craft Market, approached Lynn Ryan at her booth, she gave me a TBG Brochure with a phone number and guess who it was.. Billie Dorris. She talked me into coming to the OPT and I have been weaving ever since.

**Favorite type of weaving/basket?** The one I am weaving at the moment.

**What else do I do?** I volunteer for a literacy program REACH. I love to read, garden, motorcycle ride and hang out at the beach.

**Guilds:** TBG and NC

**Best thing about weaving?** All the friends I have made. "Basket friends are the best!" Weaving is addictive!

**Perfect day off?** Weaving, sitting on the beach and taking a motorcycle ride on a summer evening.

**Something you would like us to know?** I am so proud to be the mother to two beautiful daughters. I have a wonderful husband with whom I share the love of traveling around on the motorcycle.



**Cindy at GW 2008**

**Thank you so much for voting me Volunteer of the Year.**

### *What have we been up to....*

Vladimir Yarish taught at Tidewater a number of years ago now Vladimir had a good trip here this fall with classes at AMB and in South Carolina and New Jersey. His book, sadly, didn't come out while he was here, but he signed some nice photographs taken by Lance Keimig, Dianne Stanton's son-in-law.

Thanks,  
Ann (Ridgeway)Harrow

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Glen Bowie has been busy:

This year she:

- Taught a Market Basket Class, two sessions, to 12 teenage girls ages 13-17 at a group home, they all enjoyed their finished baskets.
- Had a weaving session, Business Card Basket, at my home .
- Participated in a craft show raising funds for The Children Miracle Network at Wal-Mart on Nimmo Pkwy, Virginia Beach.
- Trying out new basket patterns .
- Took several TBG classes , which was a lot of fun.

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To the Members of the Basket Guild:

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous donation of your baskets. They are so beautiful and have been very well received by those who have already received one. The craftsmanship is amazing and it means so much to those who are sick and homebound to have a handmade treasure. Your work is a blessing and I have several more visits planned in the next couple of weeks. Thank you again for sharing your craft, your time, and your talents. You have blessed us and these newest baskets will continue to bless those who receive them. May God bless you as you have blessed others.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Wastella  
Assistant Pastor  
Larchmont United Methodist Church