



## BASKETRY GUILD

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

Greetings Fellow Basketweavers,

Let the weaving continue!!

Here we go with a new weaving year!! While September really ends our old year, this month's meeting will feel like the beginning of the new year. We will have lots to do on our Sunday afternoon together so I hope many of you will be able to be there. We will hold elections for vice president and treasurer. Kim will have sign ups for volunteer opportunities for the new calendar. And we will weave!! Sherral will be available to take your membership renewals, too. Signups will be out for Newport News Fall Festival - always a great chance to get a fried twinkie or a fried snickers as well as see some neat crafts. Open to the Public coordinator Sherry Matthews will also be looking for volunteers to teach in October. Bring your calendars and pens and be ready to jump in!! Remember to get that Guilders Weave registration in on time, too!!!

We have had a great summer with visiting teachers Anne Bowers and Cathy Cupp. Our pool party participants enjoyed a beautiful day in Billie's backyard. Thank you to all who participated in the August Weave. It was a successful weekend for our guild members and guild teachers. We are also in the final stage in the process of filing our "not-for-profit" status.

As you can tell, lots will be happening this fall. I hope you will be able to join in as much as possible. Our guild works because of all the great people who participate in every facet.

Weave with a smile!

*Jamie*

# TIDINGS

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**Volunteer Raffle Winners** drawing held at the August Pool Party  
Diane Short - Weekend Crafter - Basketry book  
Cindy Stanton - Just Patterns one year subscription  
Kim Voska - letter basket kit  
Cindy Stanton - Susan Reed-Fanfoni kit  
Billie Dorris - Carolyn Kemp print  
Dawn West - Weekend Crafter - Basketry book  
Sherry Matthews - Free TBG one year membership  
Glen Bowie - Free Guilders Weave 07 registration

## UFO Contest

UFO's... We all have them! Yes, you do!

Unfinished Objects!!

This year TBG is instituting an incentive plan to help you rid yourself of these things and make room for the next batch of supplies, kits, patterns, etc. Here's how it will work:

First make a list of 6 UFO's that you want to take care of. Yes, actually write them down in a numbered order. Make a copy. Bring the list to the September meeting and hand it to Alice Wyvill. We will draw a number at the September meeting. The basket on your list that matches the number drawn is the project you complete by the next meeting. Since November is the next meeting, you will have almost 2 months to complete something that has been sitting around a lot longer!! Bring the FO - Finished Object - to the next meeting to tell the story and show off! All those who complete their project for that month put their names in for a prize to be drawn at the meeting. Alice will mark your basket off your list each month you complete one. We will have prizes in June for those who have completed all the baskets on their lists!

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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



**TBG 2006 Memories**



Above: Annual Pool Party-Teacher Cathy Cupp shows members how to weave that beautiful Wastebasket.



Right: President Jamie Van Oekel holds a quick General Meeting at the Aug. Pool Party. Meredith and Judith listen intently!



Above: Pool Party fun...Dawn, Diane, Carol, Kim and Shirley start weaving.



Right: Shannon weaves her Wastebasket...Remember to use that packing tool.

## Notes from Cathy.....

This summer has been overall, quite nice! Though the heat kept most inside for a few weeks, the weather was great for the Pool Party at Billie's. There were 14 weavers for Cathy Cupp's lovely basket and several more were able to join us for lunch. It was a fun day!

The "First Annual Homegrown August Weave" was very exciting! There was a nice selection of basket classes to choose from. Some "legendary" baskets were offered as well as "I always wanted to weave one of those" baskets. There was a great turn-out and support. As always, TBG puts on a great show!

Newport News Fall Festival is around the corner. It's a great time to enjoy the milder weather and encourage new basket weavers! We always get a lot of interest for OTP at this event! It will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 7th and 8th from 10am to 5pm each day. TBG always makes a very nice display at this Festival and frequently wins ribbons! Make sure you are signed up to help by the September meeting!

Another Festival you won't want to miss is the Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival. It is held Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th from 10 am to 4 pm. Free to park and enter. TBG will also have a display at CHAF. This Festival offers a judging on handmade items like, quilts, knitting, spinning, BASKETS... Please consider entering some of your basket creations! There are several categories to choose from including Coilwork, Wicker Weave (Twining), Plaited, and Construction. If you are not sure where your basket might fit it, there is even an "Other" category! It is a fun way to have your art on display in front of thousands of people!! Deadline to enter a piece is October 2nd. There is a \$2.00 entry fee per item. Contact CHAF director, Josh Fisher at 382-8466, for an entry form.

On a more personal note, I would like to say that I have really enjoyed being a part of TBG (and the opportunity to write so many newsletters!!). I have also really enjoyed serving as VP! In a few months I expect to be very busy with baby number 5 and may not be able to attend a lot of functions, however, I AM still around! I know that many of you have been praying for my newest "pumpkin" and my family. We really need that! THANK YOU SO MUCH for everything!!

See you soon!  
Cathy Gray

**Note: Missing sunglasses were found at the August Weave did you lose your glasses? If so, contact Laura White.**

## Calendar Notes...

**September 1, 2006** Guilders Weave Registration Starts

**September 10, 2006** Meeting 2:00 pm, Elections, Show and Tell, Onion Basket Class, sign up with Peggy Williams for the Class.

**September 23, 2006** Class To Be Determined

**October 1, 2006** Williamsburg Occasion for the Arts

**October 1, 2006..NO MEETING**

**October 7-8, 2006** Newport News Fall Festival

**October 14, 2006** Open to the Public Class

**October 22, 2006** Larchmont United Methodist Church Fall Bazaar



Onion Basket Class on Sept. 10th, #3 RR, Twining and a manageable version of the Gretchen border.

## Guilders Weave 2007

It is almost time to send in your registration forms for GW07!!

Do you wonder what happens to the applications between the time you mail them and you get your class assignments? This is how it works. The committee checks the postmark date on the front of your envelope. All the applications marked Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> (and only Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>) go in a basket and then someone draws them out one at a time and we assign classes as we draw envelopes. After all the Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> envelopes have been processed we move on to Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, then the 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc. until all the applications have been opened and classes assigned. Once a class fills up we start putting students in their number two choice. So you can see how important it is to get that application to the post office on **SEPTEMBER 1!!!!**

When all the students have been assigned to classes we usually have a class or two that didn't make the minimum number. We contact those teachers and ask if they would be willing to teach a smaller number of students. If they agree then we leave that class open.

If the class has to be cancelled we go back and reassign those students to their next choice. On occasion there will be a student who doesn't get into any classes on one day – usually because they only listed one or two classes and those filled up before their application was drawn or their class was cancelled. (So give us plenty of choices!)

Finally, we mail a letter to each student listing the classes to which they have been assigned. So....mail those applications on **SEPTEMBER 1**, give us plenty of choices, and keep your fingers crossed!

Tina, Laura, and Donna

## Volunteers Needed:

Have you considered volunteering? Our Volunteer Chairperson Kim Voska will be asking for volunteers at the next meeting for upcoming classes and meetings. We will also need lots of volunteers for Guilders Weave. Volunteers are what make this organization run like a "well oiled machine"! We need you...so give Kim a call and let her know when you can help.

## Membership

Membership dues for 2007 are to be paid by October 1, 2006. Send Sherral Nelson your payment today. New membership \$25.00, renewal membership \$20.00.

Visiting teacher Anne Bowers shows Laura just how to weave that basket! Thank you Anne for coming out and showing us your talents!



## TBG Members Spotlight

### Meet Diane Short

**Hometown:** Lincoln, Nebraska

**How did I start weaving?** With several friends of which one knew how to weave, so we would go to her house once a week and learn a new basket.

**How long have you been weaving?** Well, that was back in 1995 or 1996. It's so long ago.....

**How did you find TBG?** I first came to a meeting after our teacher moved, and I guess it was Billie Dorris that was teaching the class that day, the Japanese Scoop, and I felt it was just so far away to come. Then I saw the Guilders Weave ad on the board at the Ramada Inn here in Newport News and said I want to learn how to do that one and this one. Walked in to the room and saw Kim Voska working on a basket. So she hooked me by saying you got to become a member to go to classes and we have so much fun. So the next year 2003 I went and emailed a lady called Cindy Stanton and the rest is history.

**Favorite type of weaving/basket?** I really like to learn new things. I need more practice on a lot of things too!!

**What else do I do?** I am a Master Gardener in York County so I try my hand at teaching people how to prune their plants right. And I'm a Tree Steward which is person who is supposed to know something about trees. I play Bridge and Bunko and enjoy reading too.

**Guilds:** TBG and North Carolina

**Best thing about weaving?** I'm creating something with my hands, and doing it with other people who enjoy the same thing. (Although my creation doesn't always look like everyone else's, it's that creativeness in me or not.)

**Perfect day off?** It would depend on the weather, but after a good hour of exercise or stretching, seating at the beach or somewhere outdoors, with friends, having a lunch served to us by a group of Chippendale men.

**Something you would like us to know?** I'm really shy.

**"Diane, Thank you for running for the office of VP!!!"**



Here's Diane having a little too much fun at the Pool Party this year...She really is shy, Huh????

## TBG Members Spotlight

### Meet Jerry Bernstein

**Hometown:** Norfolk, Virginia

**How did I start weaving?** I met Billie Dorris at Stockley Gardens and was hooked!

**How long have you been weaving?** Started weaving in 2002.

**How did you find TBG?** When I met Billie she told me all about the Guild.

**Favorite type of weaving/basket?** Nantucketts are my favorite.

**What else do I do?** My wife, Faye and I camp in our RV.

**Guilds:** TBG

**Best thing about weaving?** The wonderful friendships we make.

**Perfect day off?** Camping at the beach with Faye.

**Something you would like us to know?** I enjoy life with my spouse and family and hope you too can enjoy your life and family!



Jerry enjoys himself at our annual Pool Party. Jerry and Marsha wait to start their Wastebasket class with teacher Cathy Cupp.

**" Jerry, Thank you for all your do for TBG!"**

## Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting August 5, 2006

We had a wonderful annual pool party at the home of Billie Dorris. People were scattered between her back yard and the house so it was hard for me to get an accurate attendance count. However, I think there were about 20 members present. As usual, the food was delicious and abundant. Anyone interested in sharing his or her recipe with TBG can send it to Cindy Stanton and she will post it on our web site.

Cathy Cupp came from Elkton, VA to teach the "Plaid Wastebasket" written by Margaret Harness of Greenfield, IN. If you'd like to see a photo of the finished basket, go to Margaret's web site at [www.willowes.com](http://www.willowes.com).

A drawing was held for members who volunteered during the past year. Prizes included two basket weaving books, subscription to Just Patterns magazine, a letter basket kit and more. The big prizes went to Sherry Matthews who won a year TBG Membership and Glen Bowie who hit the jackpot with free registration to GW '07. Congratulations to all and our thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and talents to TBG.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peggy Williams  
Secretary

The Nominating Committee has presented to the board two members running for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. Diane Short has agreed to run for the office of Vice President and Jerry Bernstein has agreed to run for the office of Treasurer. Both members are in our Volunteer Spotlight this month, this will give you an opportunity to get to know them a bit better. Elections will be held at the next General Meeting on September 10, 2006. You can vote at the meeting, email or mail. Please send your vote to Cindy Stanton. (Ballot is below)

Thank you,  
Nominating Committee

**Ballot** Please circle one name in each category, bring your completed ballot to the Sept. 10, 2006 meeting or mail it to Cindy Stanton 5556 Normandy Ave. VA Beach, VA 23464 before Sept. 5, 2006.

**Office of Vice President** Diane Short

**Office of Treasurer** Jerry Bernstein