



**BASKETRY GUILD**

# TIDINGS

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

Dear Guild Members,

Looks like the Weather Fairy was paying attention last week. We had perfect weather with sunshine and warm temperatures for our Dye Workshop last Saturday. My clothesline was covered with coil after coil of multicolored reed. We prepared the colored reed for the June class and took special orders from members. The colors were bright, the food was fantastic, the company was great, and a lot of work was accomplished. We had a couple of visitors and welcomed one new member. For those who missed this event, I will bring the extra sets of handouts that were provided by Rit Dye to our June meeting. Rit sent us new how to sheets and dye charts for mixing special colors.

A special thanks to Jerry Bernstein, his co-chair Billie Dorris, and the hardworking team of Guild members who set up and manned the Spring Show at the Pavilion last month. The display was outstanding, even without the uncoordinated efforts of the President this year. Do not believe the rumor that I sprained my ankle simply to get out of working with Jerry and Billie over the weekend. That is not true. My thanks to them for covering my time especially and to all our great volunteers for always being there. The response this year to the call for volunteers at the Spring Show was remarkable. Jerry actually had to turn down volunteers. I cannot remember that ever happening before. Thank you all for being so generous with your time. Perhaps that was simply a response to Jerry's fantastic personality and sales pitch. Keep up the good work.

Show and tell for the April meeting was entertaining and educational. It is always interesting to get the critiques on the NCBA and GW classes from the students. We're always too busy to see what everyone else is doing during the event. This gives us time to enjoy each other's

work and we all enjoyed the great refreshments that were provided by Sherral Nelson. She did an outstanding job. Thank you Sherral!!

Remember the OTP Class is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>. Peggy Williams is coordinating the classes and Lynn Ryan, Carol Moff and Linda Lindner have volunteered to teach. If you are interested in attending or assisting, please contact Peggy.

Glenna Skinner is the volunteer for the June meeting and is coordinating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July (little red, white and blue) basket. The class is filling up quickly. Let her know if you plan to take the class. Cost is \$5.00.

Sue Legault will be chairing the Smithfield Olden Days on May 29<sup>th</sup>. She will be looking for a couple of additional volunteers. This is an interesting event with antique cars, heritage demos and a quaint Virginia town. If you have never attended, you may want to visit Sue and have lunch at the Smithfield Inn.

Joel and Dawn Simpson are on our schedule to teach on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July. Mary Jo Baylor is coordinating this event and will be assigning classes and collecting the checks. The details are on the website. Check out the site out and get back to Mary Jo with your choices quickly as these classes will fill fast.

We have 40 people signed up for the three days of classes in August with Anne Coleman. These classes will be held in Portsmouth at the Simonsdale Civic Center. We will post the directions on the website and email all registered students. Anyone wanting to buy extra kits from Anne needs to send Linda Lindner a check so we can order the kits in advance.

Remember there will not be a meeting in July, just the Simpson class. We will be holding the picnic/pool party at Billie Dorris' on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Until next time **..Laura**

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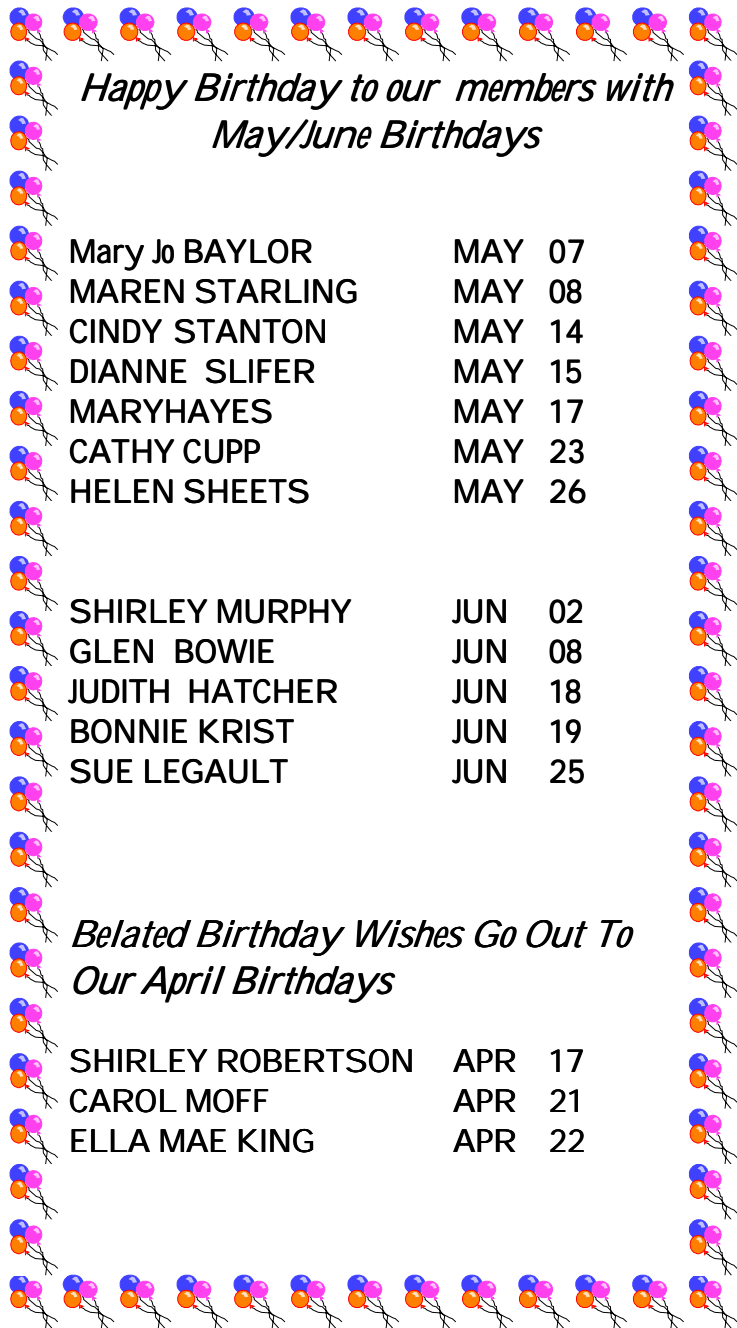
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**Note from the Editor...**

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



*Happy Birthday to our members with  
 May/June Birthdays*

Mary Jo BAYLOR	MAY 07
MAREN STARLING	MAY 08
CINDY STANTON	MAY 14
DIANNE SLIFER	MAY 15
MARYHAYES	MAY 17
CATHY CUPP	MAY 23
HELEN SHEETS	MAY 26

SHIRLEY MURPHY	JUN 02
GLEN BOWIE	JUN 08
JUDITH HATCHER	JUN 18
BONNIE KRIST	JUN 19
SUE LEGAULT	JUN 25

*Belated Birthday Wishes Go Out To  
 Our April Birthdays*

SHIRLEY ROBERTSON	APR 17
CAROL MOFF	APR 21
ELLA MAE KING	APR 22

**Please help me out....**

Please check out the members only page and verify that your information is correct, if not please email Cindy at: Webmaster@tidewaterbasketryguild.org  
 Over the years of the website, addresses and numbers have changed, make sure your info is correct today!

Thanks so much.  
 Cindy  
 Webmaster

## Notes from Linda...

- May 29, 2004** Smithfield Olden Days, contact Sue Legault to volunteer.
- June 6, 2004** Meeting 2:00 pm Volunteer Glenna Skinner  
4th of July Basket Class.  
Sign up for July 17th Simpson Class.
- June 26, 2004** Open To The Public Class Contact Peggy Williams
- July 17, 2004** Dawn and Joel Simpson Class held at the Church. Contact MaryJo Baylor.
- August 7, 2004** Annual Pool Party/Potluck at Billie Dorris' home.
- August 20, 21, 22, 2004** Anne Coleman Class held at the Simonsdale Civic Center in Portsmouth,  
Contact Linda Lindner.
- September 12, 2004** Meeting 2:00 pm. Election of Officers  
Matchstick Border Candy Basket, Alice Wyvill
- September 25, 2004** Tug A Bag Class and Open Weave.
- October 2-3, 2004** Newport News Fall Festival Contact Lisa Yeaw
- October 2, 2004** Occasion for the Arts, Williamsburg Contact Alice Wyvill
- October 16, 2004** Open To The Public Contact Carol Ann Blair and Christy Newman
- November 7, 2004** Meeting 2:00 pm, Volunteer Rhonda Jones
- November 6-7, 2004** Chesapeake Heritage Arts Festival Contact Cathy Gray

Please remember to check the website for a complete list of upcoming events and our 2004 Calendar.  
<http://www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org>

## Nominations...

ITS THAT TIME AGAIN! The board will be appointing a nominating committee to accept nominations for new Guild officers. The slate of candidates will be presented at the August Pool Party. We will be voting at the September meeting for Vice President and Treasurer to take office the first of October.

Barbara Jessome has most efficiently served two terms as Treasurer and per our By Laws, cannot run for an additional term. I have threatened Linda Lindner with all sorts of dire actions and still have not gotten her to agree to another term as our Vice President. Perhaps the nominating committee will be more successful. Linda and Barbara have devoted a great deal of time and effort to supporting our Guild and have both done an excellent job. Linda stepped into the void two years ago when we were unable to find anyone to take the job as Vice President. She hesitated to take on the job, at that time, as she was a relatively new weaver and did not have years and years of Guild experience. She has proven that you don't need to have twenty years of weaving/Guild experience and be OLD to effectively fill a board position. I want to encourage you all to start thinking about how you personally can support the Guild. Consider running for office or volunteering as a Committee Chair. Jamie and I will be vacating the Secretary and President positions NEXT year. It is not too early to be thinking about replacements for us.

Start thinking about members you would like to see on the September ballot for Vice President and Treasurer. Review the responsibilities of the positions as described in the By Laws. Do not submit a name until you have asked that person if they will accept if elected. You must have their approval before putting their name on the ballot. Please plan to be at both the pool party and the September meeting to participate in these two important activities. We will be announcing the names of the nominating committee members and posting the candidates' names, write ups and ballots on the website. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the September meeting, provided the nominee has given prior consent.

Laura

## NCBA 2004 -A view from a first timer.....

TWAS the night before convention and we couldn't sleep..... At least that's the way it seemed. We (Carol Ann and I) left bright and early Thursday morning on the 3-hour trip to Durham. It was very un-eventful and we arrived at the hotel with no problems. We were almost to the hotel when we started to wonder if we would see anyone we knew. We had heard how BIG this convention was. We walked into the hotel and the first people we saw were The Queen Mother (Billie Dorris) having lunch with Cindy and Linda. Before we could even say hello or eat lunch, the Queen told us to go to a certain vendor in a specific room and get a particular kit! Yes mam! You always do what she says. After this we were finally allowed to eat lunch. Then we went to convention registration and got settled in our room before our afternoon classes.

My first class was with Ann Bowers, what a wonderful teacher, we wove a basket over a mold made of PVC pipe and it was great. Carol Ann made a small Nantucket basket, which was her favorite of the three days. Class started at 9 am on Friday for me and was a lighthouse tote, everything was going fine until I got to my challenge of the convention, a Gretchen border, this was my first one and without the help of Joyce, Perry and Hattie (until 1 am Saturday) it still might not be finished. Carol Ann was busy weaving a pouch made of ash with intricate beading. I think she decided that smaller wasn't always easier. The teachers marketplace on Friday night was amazing, so many neat things to buy and buy and buy. But we managed to keep our cash and credit cards in check. Saturday was an early class for me and Carol Ann didn't start until noon. So I finished up my class, we had lunch and then Carol Ann had was off to class so I visited the vendors, boy did I visit the vendors. So much neat stuff to look at and buy. It was amazing.

Carol Ann was the official surveyor in the elevator, at one point she was in the elevator with people from **8** different states. We had so much fun meeting so many different people and they were all so friendly. One of Carol Ann's favorite things about the convention was buying a kit and weaving in the open weave area (somehow she had more spare time than I did). We enjoyed checking out the exhibit room and all the different mediums by all the talented weavers who had works on display.

Would we go again?? How far in advance can we book for next year?? NCBA convention is awesome and we would recommend it to anyone.

See you there in 2005!

Christy Newman

PS: there is also a GREAT MALL only 10 minutes away, with great shops and food called South Pointe.



## Dye Workshop held May 15th.

The weather was just beautiful for all the Dyeing, eating and fellowship. Excited basket weavers invaded Laura's beautiful home. New members learned all about the fun and pains of dyeing reed and seagrass. As usual, the food was in abundance and was absolutely delicious. Remember to send Cindy the recipes and they will be up on the website. Have you checked out the TBG-Chef's page lately?

Be sure next year to put the Dye Workshop on your calendar, it always proves to be a ton of fun!



Thank you Laura for opening up your house to us!

Mary Jo and Cindy wear the fashionable purple rubber gloves to keep those hands from turning colors!

Andrea and Glenna read all the handouts from Rit Dye..very interesting.....

## Note from our Membership Chair-Jennifer:

Hello everyone. I hope you are enjoying the nice weather we've had lately. It's great to see the sun, but where did spring go? The dye session at Laura's last week was wonderful. It felt good to get out of the house and hang out everyone there. That was the first dye outing I'd made. Two years ago it was cold and rainy, plus I didn't know anyone, so I stayed home. Last year I was swollen, sick and pregnant so I didn't even think about leaving the house. I was bound and determined to go this year. As luck would have it that morning my husband and son woke up with nasty colds and running noses. I just smiled and said "what do you need me to do before I leave?". It was worth it. I never knew Rit dye made so many colors!!! Laura has some great handouts on dying if your interested.



We currently have 83 members with a new addition of Chris Bruce. I met Chris at Laura's Dye Shindig and boy was she ready to dye. She came fully equipped with plenty of reed. I know everyone will make her feel right at home at our next meeting. Glad you joined us Chris.

See everyone at the next meeting.  
Jennifer

### A message from Virginia Beach Craft Market Chairman Jerry...

The 2004 Virginia Beach Craft show was a great success. Our volunteer list was so large I could not use everyone. On Thursday night Billie, Peggy, Faye and I set up the booth. Be sure and see the pictures on the website. Friday thru Sunday our members were demonstrating all types of weaving and answering questions. We must have had an attractive and interesting booth as we had over fifty people sign up on the OTP class list. Many thanks to the following volunteers:

Janice Depriest	Andrea Margrave	Donna Atkinson
Cindy Stanton	Billie Dorris	Laura White
Alice Wyvill	Ella Mae King	Shirley Robertson
Peggy Williams	Mary Jo Baylor	Meredith Sabol
Cathy Gray	Glenn Bowie	Joyce Smith
Faye Bernstein		

Thanks again,  
Jerry