



# TIDINGS

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## From the President's Pen



Our spring has been filled with lots of different opportunities to make baskets and learn new techniques thanks to **Tina Chopin, Sherral Nelson, Jamie VanOekel, and Judith Saunders**. Each of these

ladies brings her own unique talents and "tricks of the trade." After picking their brains, be sure to thank them for sharing their talents. **Susie Waters'** Acorn basket, which was previously scheduled for April, will now be taught on Saturday, September 25.

**Visiting Teachers.** The classes taught by our two visiting teachers are right around the corner. **Barbara McCormick** will be teaching sweetgrass baskets July 23-25. Sunday's classes still have a few openings. **Annetta Kraayeveld**, who I met last summer in Jabez, Kentucky, is a great teacher who will be presenting her very unique basket designs August 20-22. Her teaching methods had such flair that she was able to show you how to make the most difficult baskets with ease. You must try her miniatures which are woven over a mold making them easier to create. Neither of these teachers has been to our area. So please contact **Cindy Stanton**, sign up today, and welcome them to Hampton Roads.

**Pool Party.** The annual Pool Party is Saturday, August 7, at the home of **Billie Dorris** in Virginia Beach. Directions to her home are on our Web site on the "members" page. Drawings will be held to reward you for all of the volunteer hours you have contributed toward our guild. The more times you have volunteered throughout the year, the more times your name is entered into the drawing.

Because of the great success of last year's baskets that were made for Larchmont UMC's outreach program for their homebound members, it was decided to repeat this activity. At our June meeting, **Alice Wyvill** distributed kits for the same basket we created last summer. Weave the basket with any dyed reed you have and add your favorite embellishments. Bring your completed basket to the pool party where it will be placed on display. A "favorite" basket vote will be taken, and a prize will be awarded to the basket which receives the most votes. In addition, we will each weave another basket during the pool party to give to the church thereby doubling our donation. What a great way to help the church that allows us to use the fellowship hall.

**UFO.** The UFO #2 project is due at the pool party.

**September Meeting Basket Class.** While at the pool party, members can sign up for the basket to be taught during the September 12 general meeting.

**Message from Church.** Finally, I would like to share a message I received from Sarah R. Wastella, Assistant Pastor of Larchmont UMC. She writes:

Dear Diane,

Please let the members of the Basket Guild know how grateful I am for their presence and their gifts. I am very appreciative of their time and talents, and their donations to those in need. It is amazing how much a lovely, handmade basket can brighten up someone's day. It continues to make them happy and let them know they are cared for when they use your baskets. I have one homebound member who uses her basket everyday for a lunch basket when she goes to the cafeteria to get her meal. She told me that people always want to know where she got the basket and compliment her all the time.

Thank you again,

Sarah



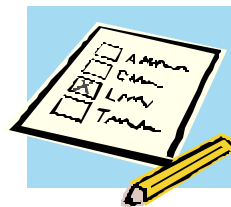
**Now everyone can find us!**

## SEPTEMBER ELECTIONS

**From Mary Jo Baylor**

We will be electing a Vice President and Treasurer in September to begin office in October. A nominating committee will present a slate of candidates; however, nominations will also be accepted from the floor. You may nominate yourself or someone else after obtaining their consent. Nominations from the floor will be accepted during the general meeting of the August pool party.

Below are the position descriptions for vice-president and treasurer to help you make well-informed nominations:



### VICE-PRESIDENT

Shall preside over any meeting at which the President is unable to attend. Shall have primary responsibility for preparing a yearly calendar of events with the president's help, for presenting the calendar to the Board for approval, and for contacting/scheduling guest teachers as needed. Shall collect money for the classes and remind participants of their selected classes via meeting announcements, TBG newsletters, emails, and Web site. Shall maintain a log of volunteers throughout the year to be used for the "volunteer drawing" at the annual pool party. Shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

### TREASURER

Shall record and disperse the funds of the Guild and shall maintain up-to-date financial reports for presentation at each Board meeting. Shall present an annual written financial report to the Board and other documentation as required for government filing. Shall keep all records and pass them on to his/her successor.

## PROCEDURAL CHANGES FOR TEACHING CLASSES ON SATURDAY

From President Diane Short

For the upcoming calendar year, TBG is implementing an additional procedure for teaching Saturday classes in order to provide choices for its members. Before discussing this new policy, referred to as "Teaching by Jurying," let me begin by reviewing the current practice, referred to as "Teaching by Volunteering."

**Teaching by Volunteering.** The guild has always tried to provide a means by which to help our members become better basket weavers and to learn new techniques by offering Saturday classes several times throughout the calendar year. Often the classes are over four hours and involve a level of difficulty beyond that of a beginner's basket. Currently, the guild asks its teachers/members to volunteer their talents. The guild purchases supplies, helps prepare the necessary materials and patterns, and always provides the teacher with whatever help is needed. By doing this the guild is able to keep the cost to a minimum. In addition, the teachers are placed on the volunteer list and are given well-deserved recognition. In the spirit of volunteerism, this policy helps to fulfill our mission of giving members the opportunity to teach and of giving students the opportunity to learn resulting in a win/win situation.

Nevertheless, in order to give members a choice with regards to teaching procedures, the Board plans to add the following policy which mimics the more formal process used for TBG's visiting teachers and the teachers selected for Guilders Weave.

**Teaching by Jurying.** For the coming year any TBG member who is interested in teaching a class on a Saturday will be required to submit a proposal to the president or vice president for a basket of your original design or for a basket

of someone else's design for which you have received written permission to teach. You will be responsible for fulfilling all requirements of the process as outlined by the guild's guidelines, and you will also determine your own price. For months now the Board has discussed all of the aspects associated with having our members teach for the guild and is currently working on the development of the aforementioned guidelines. Finally, the member will submit a sample basket to the vice president.

**Summary.** If a TBG member wishes to teach a basket class on a Saturday, the member must first decide whether he/she wants to volunteer teach or complete the jurying process.

**Interested in Teaching?** If you want to teach a basket class on a Saturday—whether by volunteering or by jurying—please begin making your plans now in preparation for August deadlines. The Board is currently creating the calendar for the next year which runs from October, 2010, to September, 2011, including opportunities for at least four Saturday classes.

Submit your proposals to me or to Cindy Stanton using the same form as our visiting teachers use. This form can be printed from the Web site along with the finalized guidelines, or we can mail the form to you upon request. The sample basket should be submitted to Cindy by the end of August.

Thank you for helping to support our members and remembering that our main purpose is to foster the art and craft of basketry by sharing our knowledge with our members and the public. If you have further questions or comments on this matter, please give me a call or email.

## Cindy's Corner

Summer is upon us and with so many baskets to weave and so much to tell you, where do I start? Let's first take a look at what we have done.

**April.** April brought us the Gathering of the Guilds at the Francis Land House.



Thanks to **Trudi MacMillan** (shown with **Marsha Broms** and **Cindy Stanton**) and her team of volunteers for sharing their love of weaving with others.



Our April meeting was brought to life with the NCBA show and tell. Many beautiful baskets were shown and lots of ooh's and aah's were said by all! **Arlene Wallace** shows the woven lamp she created.

**May.** At the May meeting we wove a little Folded Letter Basket taught by **Jamie VanOekel** and volunteers. **Bill Kay** was almost finished with his basket. This was the cutest of projects, and we all thought of many, many ideas for which to use this little woven treasure.



Open to the Public was held on May 22. Thanks to **Donna Atkinson, Tina Chopin, Brook Rohman** (shown helping Sandy Francis and Collier

Webb), and **Trudi MacMillan** for teaching our favorite pastime—weaving—to the new and excited public. This is a great event, and a great way to promote our craft.

**June.** The June meeting was exciting with the teaching of the Americana Round Napkin Basket by **Jamie VanOekel** and her volunteers. This sweet, square-based basket with twined red, white, and blue round reed becomes a round napkin basket. What a treasure to use on your Fourth of July table.

## Upcoming Events:

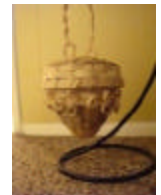
- ➔ July 23-25; "get your weave on" with visiting teacher, **Barbara McCormick**; Sweetgrass Baskets; Coventry Club House; details on Web site; a few openings still available, so contact me if interested.
- ➔ August 7; annual Saturday **Pool Party** at the home of **Billie Dorris**, 10:00 a.m.; directions to Billie's house on "member" page of Web site; "volunteer" drawing will be held.

### Bring:

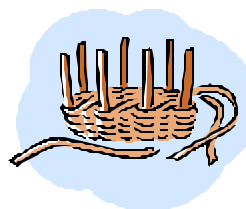
- lawn chair
- a dish to share (Billie will provide a ham, and her daughter-in-law will provide some desserts.)
- your completed basket for the church's Outreach Program (Kits were distributed at the June meeting.)
- weaving tools and materials
- UFO #2 project
- bathing suit, optional; clothing, required

- ➔ August 20-22; visiting teacher **Annetta Kraayeveld**; Reed and Mini Baskets; Coventry Club House; details on Web site, and openings still available.
- ➔ Sept. 12; general meeting; **change in location TBD**; basket class, elections, and volunteer sign ups.

- ➔ Sept. 25; Acorn Basket, 9:00 a.m., LUMC; taught by **Susie Waters**; \$12; (rescheduled from April).



- ➔ Oct. 2-3; Newport News Fall Festival; **Susie Waters**, chairperson; see page 6.



Happy Summer Weaving to All, Cindy

## GUILDERS WEAVE, 2011

From Shirley Murphy



The 2011 Jury Committee met on May 22. We had 148 baskets from 29 different teachers. We are truly excited about this year's selections. We will offer 62 different baskets taught by 20 teachers.

While we will have 16 teachers who have been with us during past Guilders Weave occasions, you can also look forward to meeting 4 new teachers at this year's event. The committee worked hard to offer a variety of classes: Natural, Nantucket, Shaker, Willow, Waxed Linen, Paper, Antler, and Traditional to name a few.

While every effort was made to take clear, good pictures for you to view, please remember the pictures cannot do justice to the baskets. I believe it will be a difficult task for everyone to choose their baskets this year because there is a wide variety of great baskets. **PLEASE** remember to list several choices for each day. I recommend at least four. Last year, our first class filled at the 33<sup>rd</sup> drawing and over 120 registrations came postmarked September 1.

Our goal is to have all information on line by the end of July. Once again the first postmarked day is September 1, which includes the \$75 registration fee. Also, Susie Waters will have our memorabilia merchandise ready to post in July. GW committee chairs are busy working on the details necessary to make 2011 a smooth running event. Without the committee chairs, volunteers, and other assistants, Guilders Weave would be an impossible task. Watch the newsletters for how you can volunteer to help.

I look forward to seeing your registration in my mailbox soon!

GUILDERS WEAVE COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Shirley Murphy	GW 2011 Chair
Jamie VanOekel	GW 2011 Co-chair
Susie Waters	GW 2011 Co-chair Memorabilia Welcome Bags
Dawn West	Massage Therapy
Kim Voska	Teacher Name Tags Class Set-up
Sherral Nelson	Registration Table
Christy Newman Carol Ann Blair	Raffle
Sherry Matthews	Welcome Bag Kits
Shannon Lovvorn Alyce Bargamin	Welcome Committee
Cindy Stanton	Web Master
Arlene Wallace	Hospitality Room

## BASKETWEAVING RESOURCE

A two-hour instructional DVD on coiled basketweaving called "Basketweaving Essentials with Nadine Spier" was just released. Filmed in high definition with superb close-ups of all instruction, this DVD covers how to start a basket around a polished stone, around anything with holes (such as a walnut slice), three different stitches, how to shape, different plants you can coil, how to finish, and a lot more! Nadine's Web site is [www.nadinespier.com](http://www.nadinespier.com). The DVD sells for \$39.99 and is available on Amazon at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Nadine can be contacted at [lovetoweave@cox.net](mailto:lovetoweave@cox.net) or 760.944.9369.

## NEWPORT NEWS FALL FESTIVAL

From Susie Waters

The Newport News Fall Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 2-3, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Newport News Park. Two shifts will be needed daily: from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to closing.



Our display must be assembled each morning and dismantled each evening. Email Susie Waters at [watersx4@cox.net](mailto:watersx4@cox.net) if you would like to sign up to work this fun event. While you are there, take advantage of the wonderful crafts that you can admire and purchase in addition to enjoying all of the wonderful food and music.

Remember that our guild participates in this festival to promote public awareness of basketry as a craft and an art as well as to encourage visitors to join.

**I need your scraps!** To help our visitors establish an appreciation for the art of weaving, we will be assisting them in weaving a coaster. In order to prepare for this hands-on project, I am requesting members to donate scraps of reed, flat or flat oval, at least 10 inches long, any color, with widths of 11/64, 3/8, or 1/4 inch. I also need waxed linen, any color, to lash around the coaster.



**Need a Polo Shirt?** TBG polo shirts can be ordered anytime. Just ask **Susie Waters** for an order form.

**Weaving Tip by Billie Dorris.** Weaving a rib basket can sometimes be rough on your cuticles. To protect your cuticles, cut a band aid in half the long way to cover the cuticle but narrow enough so that you can still bend your fingers with ease.



Note from the Newsletter Editor:

Minutes of general meetings will no longer be included as a part of the newsletter. However, they can be viewed on the TBG Web site by clicking on the Site Index link.

Any news items, comments, suggestions, ideas, or photos should be sent to me by the 15<sup>th</sup> of September.

The next issue of *Tidings* will be published in October.

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