



BASKETRY GUILD

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From the President's Pen...

Greetings Guild Members,

May started off with a bang at the Backyard Dyeing Day. Lots of great food, lots of dyeing and did you see Meredith with the blow torch? A funny story that we heard after the dyeing class....One of our members left her sister a voice message saying she was going to Chesapeake to DYE. Her sister interpreted DIE and had a panic attack. We all had a huge laugh at that one! So next year remember to say DYE and not DIE! If you missed it, well we had so much fun, we have decided to try to make it an annual event.

May also brought the Open To the Public Class. We had 33 participants, from them we have two new members! Thank you Rhonda Jones for teaching and organizing a great day. Thank you to teachers Lynn Ryan and Sue Legault, and thank you Ella Mae King for handling the registration and name tags.

June brought us the Knotless Netting Class. Rocks, waxed linen and needles were everywhere. Thank you Ella Mae King for donating the clay pots for our door prizes.

The technique basket received some color this month. With lesson six we learned the technique of French Randing. What a great addition to our baskets. If you haven't started one, let Meredith know and she will get one ready for you to start at the Annual Picnic at Billie's house.

The Annual Picnic is August 3rd at 10:00 am at Billie Dorris' house. Anne Bowers will be there teaching her "Cathead Basket". Bring a dish to share and bring the recipe. If you are not taking a class, bring something to work on, take a dip in the pool, eat all the great food and just experience all the beautiful baskets Billie has to show.

Have you seen our new website, www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org. The website will give us a much more effective line of communication allowing us to keep our calendar of activities and GW info current. We have been contacted by several vendors and other organizations wanting to link with our sites. Have you checked out all the pictures we are getting put on the site?

Have a great summer, remember no meeting in July and we will see you at Billie's. Happy weaving!

...Laura

Attention all members:

Could the member who wanted the Suzanna Miller stool please contact Laura. Laura purchased the stool at the NCBA convention and cannot remember whom she purchased it for.

Guilders Weave Update from Sam...

Guilders Weave is a comin'. The committee is working hard, picking out basket classes, taking pictures, arranging classes etc. We will be meeting again and again. Teachers should have been notified by now on the basket choices. Remember to volunteer to help with the upcoming Guilders Weave. And get busy on weaving that Basket Swap basket.



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★ *Happy Birthday to our members with* ★

★ *July and August Birthdays* ★

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★	<i>WETZEL HEIDI</i>	<i>JUL</i>	<i>15</i>	★
★	<i>RYAN LYNN</i>	<i>JUL</i>	<i>16</i>	★
★	<i>DENNARD CANDICE</i>	<i>JUL</i>	<i>20</i>	★
★	<i>TEAGUE BONNIE</i>	<i>JUL</i>	<i>21</i>	★
★	<i>MACDONALD MEREDITH</i>	<i>JUL</i>	<i>30</i>	★
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★	<i>MC CANN PAULA</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>1</i>	★
★	<i>LA RUFFA CAROLE</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>2</i>	★
★	<i>SMITH JOYCE</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>5</i>	★
★	<i>WETZEL JANIS</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>10</i>	★
★	<i>CHASTAIN SHARON</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>12</i>	★
★	<i>MOFF RICHARD</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>12</i>	★
★	<i>BARGAMIN ALYCE</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>13</i>	★
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★	<i>FUNK JOAN</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>27</i>	★
★	<i>GRAMZA JENNIFER</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>31</i>	★
★	<i>WHITE LAURA</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>31</i>	★

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What do you want?

Do you have any ideas? We are in the process of putting together the calendar for the 2003 year, is there any basket/technique you would like to be taught? Any teacher that you would like to see? Let us know your ideas and we will try to incorporate what we can. Email Cindy at webmaster@tidewaterbasketryguild.org or give her a call.

Note from Special Events Coordinator

The next **Open To The Public Class** is in October , 2002 we need teachers. Are you willing to come out and spend the day teaching others the great art of weaving? Please give Rhonda Jones a call or email her at: Specialevents@tidewaterbasketryguild.org

Thanks for all your help!!

TBG Marketplace

Aprons with the TBG logo \$15
Trivet/tiles with the TBG logo \$10
Ikea bags \$5
If you are interested in purchasing, contact Linda at marketplace@tidewaterbasketryguild.org

News 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 whom 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



Ella Mae's Mystery Basket Contest

Ella Mae King challenged her fellow students from the Saturday Tote Basket class to a competition. After discussing how every basket pattern can be modified by the personal touch, the group decided to see who could create the most "outlandish" and the "most beautiful basket". Alice and I decided the competition should be open to everyone planning to attend the August picnic at Billie's and laid down the following rules:

The basket must be woven using the tote base and the spokes and fillers as described below. and will be turned in tagged only with the members phone number encased in a garbage bag. Any basket not meeting these standards will be disqualified from judging. The winners will be rewarded and pictured with their basket in the next issue of the newsletter and on the web.

- 5 3/8" flat reed 26" long (horizontal spokes)
- 9 3/8" flat reed 20" long (horizontal spokes)
- 4 3/8" flat reed 16" long (fillers)

Soak and mark center of spokes and fillers.

Lay out the horizontal spokes with a filler between each of them. These should be touching. Weave in the vertical spokes starting with the center spoke over the fillers and under the horizontals. Weave in remaining spokes. Base should measure approximately 4" by 9 " wide.

Fold the fillers over to the 3rd spoke, trim excess reed and tuck under all fillers. Crease up the sides. Twine from the outside for two rows.

Start weaving now. Don't let Ella Mae carry off the honors without giving her a lot of competition.



Well Wishes.....

Ella Mae King called to let us know that Carol Moff's father passed away on June 16th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Moff Family.

Continued best wishes to Glen Bowie, Anne Thomas, Sara Youngblood and Mary Hayes on recent illnesses and surgeries.

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



Calendar Notes from Meredith

June 22, 2002 Small Tote Basket with shaker tape handles

July – No meeting.

August 3, 2002- Annual Pool Party at Billie's, 10:00am. Bring your favorite dish, open weave and Anne Bower's "Cross-Stitched Cathead" class. If you are not already signed up, there is a waiting list for her class. Feel free to come along anyway and enjoy Billie's pool and weaving expertise. Bring a dish to share along with the recipe. We have such good cooks in our guild, Cindy may start putting them on our web page or we may want to publish a cookbook later on. T-shirts have been ordered and should be available at the pool party.

September 8, 2002— Meeting at 2:00 pm

September 22, 2002– Please email me if you are interested in taking Mary Hettzmanberger's "Pebble People" for \$45. Right now we only have 4 people signed up and we need to let Mary H. know if there will be enough students for her to make the trip.

Tech/Sampler Basket Update: We moved on to Lesson 6, French Randing, at the June 2nd meeting. The baskets are really starting to look interesting. Remember once you have your base woven, you can jump in at anytime and learn a new technique. Anyone interested in starting a basket email me and I will have the handle for \$5 including all supplies and we can get our bases in at the pool party in August.

Smithfield Olden Days

The Guild participated in the Olden Days celebration in downtown Smithfield on Saturday, May 25, 2002 with a display of baskets representative of the olden times. Guild members, Alice Wyvil, Meredith Macdonald, Laura White, Ella Mae King and Rhonda Jones manned the display, answered questions regarding the Guild and the Open to the Public Classes and demonstrated basket weaving with various types of baskets and weaving materials. Participation in local events makes the Guild visible throughout Tidewater attracting new members and interacting with area craftsmen



Smithfield Olden Days May 25, 2002

Ella Mae King was most appropriately dressed for the show wearing a Colonial Williamsburg costume.

Reminder: Are you planning to attend the NCBA Convention next year? Your deadline to becoming a NCBA guild member is July 31st. Get your applications in now. If you need an application, email Cindy at: webmaster@tidewaterbasketryguild.org

MORE Volunteers Needed for TBG Volunteer Program

The Board announced a new TBG Volunteer Program planned for next year to encourage more active participation and better skill utilization of our new members. We have been so very fortunate with our latest volunteers, Cindy for newsletter/website, Rhonda for Special Events, Jennifer for Membership and Linda for Sales that we felt we should explore our membership to see what other skills are being hidden away.

A team of two volunteers would be assigned for each month to assist the board in all activities planned for that month. The "Coordinators" would **assist** the Vice President and Special Events Coordinator in:

- preparing any materials for the meeting
- order supplies when needed and assemble kits
- would set up the meeting space
- handle signups for classes and collect moneys
- clean up and close down
- provide Volunteer Coordinator with an after action report giving attendees, expenses, income, names of volunteers and pertinent comments

On months with special events planned such as OTPs, CraftMarket, Dye Workshop, and Fall Festival the Coordinators would work with Rhonda, Meredith and the event chairperson to determine what needed to be done and work accordingly. Coordinators will recruit additional helpers when needed.

The 2003 Guild Calendar maintained on the web page will list team coordinators for each month. The Board will appoint a Volunteer Coordinator to maintain the action reports and volunteer names. Each time a guild member's name shows up on an after action report, that name goes into a basket for a drawing in September. The grand prize winner will have their membership dues paid for the upcoming year and registration fees for Guilders Weave paid. There will also be second and third prize winner receiving one year of membership dues paid.

10 people signed up at the June Meeting but more are needed.

What activities do you want to help coordinate? PICK YOUR month.

January	Meeting and Guilders Weave
February	Meeting and Class/Open Weave
March	Meeting, Class/Open Weave, and Gathering of the Guild
April	Meeting, CraftMarket
May	Dye Workshop, Open to Public Class
June	Meeting, Class/Open Weave
July	No Activities
August	Pool Party Meeting
September	Meeting and Class/OpenWeave
October	Newport News Fall Festival and Open to Public Class
November	Meeting
December	Holiday Party

Please email Alice Wyvill our new Volunteer Coordinator with the month you wish to volunteer.
volunteercoordinator@tidewaterbasketryguild.org.