



BASKETRY GUILD

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From the President's Pen...

Greetings Members,

As many of you were unable to attend the November meeting, I am going to repeat a lot of the announcements. It was a great meeting and attendance was larger than usual with 28 members weaving the little sled and Ella Mae working on a waxed linen kit in the back. Our thanks to Rhonda Jones, our volunteer hostess, for her delightful cheese and cranberry concoction. Everyone told her they were expecting her to bring it to the Holiday Party at Billie's on the 5th of December. A big thank you to Alice Wyvill, Jamie Van Oekel, and Tamme Durant for their instructional efforts. The sled may be small but it almost qualified as a "Teddy Bear Backpack" effort. For those unfamiliar with that term, ask Cindy Stanton or Linda Lindner to explain. Our thanks to Mary Hayes and Janet Jackson for dyeing, cutting and packaging 58 sled kits.

A very special thanks to Marilyn Wald for the use of her sled pattern. Make sure you stop by her booth at NCBA, buy something and thank her personally.

Thanks also to: Barbara Jessome for her four years of dedicated service as treasurer. Linda Lindner for her outstanding support as my Vice President.

Mary Jo and the unidentified member who delivered guild baskets to Larchmont Methodist for the church bazaar---who is this mysterious weaver?

A big hand to our new board members--Jerry Bernstein as our Treasurer and Peggy Williams as our Secretary. Peggy is also handling both guild and GW memorabilia orders. Kim Voska as our Volunteer chair. Kim will be soliciting volunteers to host the monthly meetings and special events as soon as the calendar is finalized.

Thanks and congratulations for a job well done to Lisa Yeaw Chair and Sue Legault Co-Chair for NNFF and for the Best display award and to Alice Wyvill and her team for the great work at Occasion for the Arts.

Once again Billie Dorris will be hosting our Holiday Party. Remember to bring a dish and your white elephant gift. Gifts should be basket related and valued around \$15-\$25. Don't miss this great opportunity to socialize and squabble over the gifts at the gift exchange.

Membership is overdue but if you call Jennifer and beg, she might still add your name to the membership list.

My personal thanks to Billie and Mary Jo for pushing me through the paperwork required to initiate our Not For Profit process. We have just gone over our first real hurdle on the Not for Profit trail. After tons of work, we have turned our application package over to Chuck Saunders, CPA. Chuck will review and pass the package on to the attorney for review. The attorney will be writing our organizational document for inclusion in the package. This is a tremendous undertaking and will probably be in the works for 9 months to a year. Our visibility with our website and our bank account with real money (the profits from GW and OTP classes and our savings from the website) led to the board's decision that we need legal status for tax purposes. Our board members have grown more and more concerned over this issue. From an organizational point of view, we are already keeping most of the records that will be required as an NFP. We currently keep a list of all our activities, the volunteers that donate time and service and a detailed record of our income and expenses.

One additional project on my guild agenda for this year is the TBG Procedures Manual. Previous bylaws referred to a nonexistent procedures manual. Last year we tasked Sam Winters with drafting a Procedures Manual. Sam took the ramblings of many board meetings, notes from event chairpersons, and a mass of other documents and compiled a rough draft that describes the workings of our guild, annual guild events, meetings, board decisions, etc. Sam has patiently waited for months for the board to get around to doing something with this manual. The board met last week to review the manual and are now working on a final product. This is a living document that will grow with the Guild. Once again we owe Sam a big round of thanks for her literary and editorial efforts.

Happy Holiday to you all and hope to see you all soon....
Happy Weaving,Laura

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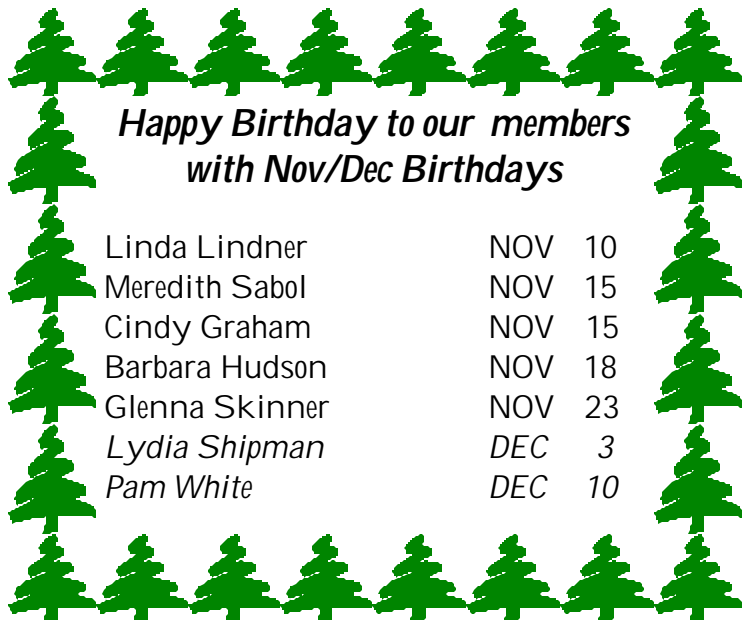
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Note from the Editor...

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 Nov/Dec Birthdays***

Linda Lindner	NOV	10
Meredith Sabol	NOV	15
Cindy Graham	NOV	15
Barbara Hudson	NOV	18
Glenna Skinner	NOV	23
<i>Lydia Shipman</i>	<i>DEC</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Pam White</i>	<i>DEC</i>	<i>10</i>

Volunteers Needed!

The 2005 Calendar is just about ready and we need your help. Please help by volunteering to help or host a meeting, class or event. What do you have to do? At most meetings you would be setting up the tables and chairs, collecting money, providing refreshments or possibly cutting kits. Don't worry if you have never cut a kit before, we have tons of helpers! Your main job is to make sure everything runs smoothly. Can you help us out? Please contact Kim Voska and let her know which month you would like to host.

NCBA Convention Tips :

- Take a cooler with drinks, water and snacks. Quicker and much cheaper than the hotel machines.
- When they say cash in the pattern room that's exactly what they mean-dollar bills not checks.
- Teacher's marketplace will take checks, I have known people to get to NCBA without enough checks and most of the marketplace folks there don't take cards either.
- Dress, they usually send info on this but dress in layers. That big class room can be cold or hot-at the same time.
- Make a list before you go of supplies or patterns that you would like to look for and stock up on. Going into the vendor area is kind of like going into Wal-Mart on a halfway busy day. You can easily become distracted and buy all the same items you have at home.

Notes from Jamie...

December 5, 2004 2:00 pm Annual Christmas Party, Potluck and Gift Exchange at the home of Billie Dorris (please check the website, members only page for directions)

January 9, 2005 2:00 pm Meeting, Seminar “Marketing Your Baskets” and GW final preparations.

January 13-16, 2005 Guilder’s Weave 2005

Thanks for all the emails with class suggestions. Input from club members really helps point us in the right direction. Choosing basket techniques or classes is like being in a candy store. The choices are endless! We look forward to the annual Christmas party at Billie Dorris' house on December 5th. Bring a yummy to share and a basket-related gift that will tempt everyone to grab!

Please remember to check the website for a complete list of upcoming events and our 2004 Calendar. <http://www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org> Remember to keep checking the new 2005 calendar will be posted soon!



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▪ **Chesapeake Heritage Festival**
▪ **What a great weekend we had to sit weave, talk and enjoy the children.**
▪ **The Festival was held at the Chesapeake City Park. There were many**
▪ **Guilds from across the city there. The Knitters, Quilters, Potters, Wool**
▪ **Makers, Spinners, Stain Glass, soap maker, blacksmith and of course the**
▪ **Basketweavers were all there. Thank you to chairperson Cathy Gray and**
▪ **her team of volunteers, Peggy Williams and Cindy Stanton.**
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Guilders Weave 2005 Update

Things are coming right along and time is getting short! Class assignments were sent out, if you did not receive your class assignment, please contact me immediately. For those of you that do not have a class one day during Guilders Weave, we have a few classes still open. Contact me by Dec. 8th to see what's available.

December 10th is the final deadline for class fees. Remember to make your check payable to the teacher, date it the day of the class and if you have the same teacher for more than one class, we need separate checks.

Have you made your basket swap basket yet? How about that door prize, have you found it, bought it? Welcome bags...we are still collecting items to fill the bags.

No sooner do we have all the tinsel and wrapping paper picked up, then we head up to Guilders Weave for a great weekend. If you need a "begging letter" for a vendor please let Jamie know and she will send some right out to you.

We look forward to January and hope to see you all there. Remember any questions, please feel free to call me.

Alice Wyvill



Attention All Guilders Weave Participants:
 Did you enjoy the Hospitality Room last year?
 We sure did and remember all those goodies?
 Again this year we are looking for your donations to the Hospitality Room. Bake a loaf of bread, a batch of cookies or how about a bunch of bananas? If you can help us out, please give Carol Moff a call or email.
 Thanks for all your help and see you in January!

Do you have any photos or memorabilia from years past? We are updating all our wonderful scrapbooks and would like for you to bring anything you have to Mary Jo at the December or January meetings. The scrapbooks will be on display in the Hospitality Room at Guilders Weave.

Happy Holidays



The Guilders Weave 2005 totes and aprons are still available for sale. Please disregard the cut-off date of November 15. We will gladly take your orders through the end of the year. See the memorabilia section of the Guilders Weave information for pictures, pricing and mail in address on the website or your brochure.

Budget 2005

Please see the website, members only page for a copy of our 2005 Budget.