



BASKETRY GUILD

TIDINGS

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From the President's Pen...

A big **WOW!!** came forth when our Membership Lady Sherral Nelson updated us at the February meeting that TBG now has 154 members!! Our new "normal" has jumped up to 30-40 members at each meeting and 20-30 in our classes. I am really excited to see the enthusiasm and interest coming in the door at that rate. One pitfall of such large numbers is anonymity. Please make sure you know the person you are sitting next to and make sure they know your name.

Everyone has something to offer. An experienced weaver may be able to share more "tricks of the trade" but a new weaver sees things with new eyes. So please, at the next meeting when I ask "Is there anything else anyone wants to share?", that is your time to share with us all.

A LifeNet update: I was recently informed that the folks at LifeNet will no longer require the baskets that we have been weaving for them. No other reason was given. I will hazard to guess that they have found another supplier. I was able to contact Allen at Ada K's, who has been preparing the bases for us. He had begun our next order but will not hold us to it. So, I would like for all of you who have any kits to finish them up, bring them in and I will still turn them in to LifeNet over the next 2 or 3 months as donations.

While the ending to this project was unforeseen and a tad anti-climatic, I am so very proud of TBG members for supporting it so well over the past 2 1/2 years. Thank you.

To everyone, Weave with a Smile, Jamie

Life Net

Don't forget to bring your Life Net baskets to each meeting. Hand them over the President Jamie and she will bet them stained and delivered to the Life Net organization.



Do you have basket laying around that haven't found a home? How about donating them to the Church for their homebound members. Larchmont United Methodist Church is very grateful for the baskets they have received and can still use more. Bring your donation baskets to each meeting.

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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 at webmaster@tidewaterbasketryguild.org

Reminders.....

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**NCBA..2009**

TBG made a great appearance this year at the North Carolina Basket Makers Association. We had 50 members of TBG attend NCBA. Ten members won a ribbon in the exhibit room, ten members won a raffle prize, four members attended the shopping day, members donated raffle prizes, 20 volunteered time to wrap tables and everyone had a great time.

**Memories of NCBA:**

- Baskets woven
- Pizza Night
- Group call to Meredith
- Welcome Bags
- Group call to Colleen
- Tape
- Scissors
- Plastic wrap
- Table wrapping
- Great teachers
- Great Baskets
- Raffles that never end.....
- Shopping, Shopping and more
- Business meeting
- Lack of sleep
- Money spent...lots of it
- Friends-old and new
- Fun, Fun, Fun

## Notes from Diane...

**Spring???** It's here... We made it through a most wonderful Guilders Weave in January. After all the hard work and the after action meeting, we need to hit the ground running for the rest of the year.....

February and April meetings were Show and Tell, it was packed as everyone wanted to share their baskets from Guilders Weave and NCBA. Alice Wyvill taught 29 fellow TBG's how to weave over a vase. Susie Waters and her helpers, assisted the group in creating Happy Pockets basket, using the Yo-yo's we made in January. And Tina Chopin taught her double wall to student in March. Gathering of the Guilds brought out Kim Voska and her assistants to man the table and talk baskets to everyone!

**Thank you all for all the volunteer hours you have put in...we appreciate you!**

### Now what is coming up?

**April 24-26** Virginia Beach Craft Show, **Ella Mae King**, chairperson, call her to volunteer as she is still looking for helpers.

**May 3:** Meeting 2:00 pm, **Twill Pattern, Laura White**. The infamous Twill challenge. This will be a step by step approach. We started sign up's for this class at March meeting. A few more spaces are available. Laura has agreed to show people how to dye reed for this class on some weekend in April. We will have more information at the April meeting. Due at the May meeting: Handle Swap Basket-make a basket with a wrapped handle to swap

**May 16: Open to the Public:** Larchmont Church 9:00 am **Tina Chopin** Donna Atkinson, Open Weave or Life Net baskets

**June 7:** Meeting 2:00 pm, Mini Just a Bit of Rust, **Sherral Nelson**, teacher Sign up's in April and cost TBD . **UFO**

### Visiting Teachers this summer:

**Patti English June 26, 27, & 28.** Watch web site. Classes to be held at Coventry Club House.

**Kay and Fred Kohler August 21, 22, & 23** Specializes in Nantucket Basket Classes to be held at Coventry Club House. More to come.

Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting – February 1, 2009

President Jamie VanOekel opened the meeting at 2:18. She welcomed all as well as several new members of the guild. She also thanked Alice Bargamin and Shirley Murphy for their delicious refreshments.

UFO Program - Jamie explained our UFO program for the new members. We will begin a new round starting at our March meeting with #1 due then. If you did not bring your list you can e-mail it to Alice Wyvill, who is in charge of the program.

GW 09 Update – Laura White – This was our largest GW yet with 172 attending and 21 teachers. We received 122 evaluations of which most were very favorable. Laura thanked all of the volunteers and also Tina Chopin who made her a beautiful miniature basket from ash and coppoer as a thank you for serving as GW Chair.

Class sign ups – Diane Short –

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Clarity (basket over vase), \$15.00, taught by Alice Wyvill. There are still a few openings. Class will start at 9am here at the church.

March 1<sup>st</sup> Susie Waters will teach the Happy Pockets basket, using the yo-yos we were taught in Jan by Carol Vanderzee, at the end of the meeting. It is free and there are still a few spots left.

April 4<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Guilds will be held in VA Bch at the Francis Land House. It is a nice small gathering inside, from 10am – 4pm. Kim Voska volunteered to chair, Carol Vanderzee, Rose Glenn, and Tina Chopin also volunteered to help.

April 24 – 26<sup>th</sup> is the VA Bch Craft Fair. Ella Mae King will chair and coordinate additional help to work the fair and help set up our display.

June 27 – 28<sup>th</sup> Patti English will be here to teach and if there is enough interest she will also come on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Location to be determined. If you would like to view some of her baskets, visit her site at [www.BasketsMySpecialty.com](http://www.BasketsMySpecialty.com)

August 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup> The Kohlers, Brad and Kay, will be here to teach Nantucket baskets at the Coventry Club house in Yorktown. Further details will be coming.

Mr. Jim Kent has offered us 5 days of continuous weaving to complete 11 nesting Nantucket baskets to be held in Oct. There are 7 openings, with a cost of \$850 (\$950 if he comes here). This price does not include food or accommodations. A \$200 deposit will be due by June 09. We are considering a 3 day weekend in Oct. for this. Please let Diane know if you are interested.

Tina Chopin will be teaching her double wall basket again (back by popular demand) sometime the end of Feb. If you were on the waiting list for the last class you will be first on this list, with a class max of 12.

Lifenet Baskets – Jamie thanked everyone for their participation. The kits and sign in/out sheets are here for checking in or checking out.

Guild Swap Basket – Jamie – Jamie is challenging the guild to another swap, this time with a wrapped handle requirement. The guild will supply a 6 x 10 D handle and if anyone is interested in a book demonstrating wrapped handles, Jamie will order it. She will have the handles and books at the next meeting. The basket swap will be held at the May meeting. Sign up sheet up front.

Basket Donations: Jamie – There were 2 baskets donated to the church, which they pass out to the homeless and needy and are very much appreciated.

Members in attendance: 41

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 for show and tell from GW 09.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn West

## Tidewater Basketry Guild General Membership Meeting – March 1, 2009

President Jamie VanOekel opened the meeting at 2:10 by welcoming everyone and thanking Alyce Bargamin and Shannon Lovvorn for their delicious refreshments.

Membership Report – Sherral Nelson – We have 154 members! There are a couple of sheets up front for everyone to check to update your email addresses for Cindy Stanton.

### Classes and Volunteer Opportunities – Diane Short

Gathering of the Guilds – Kim Voska is chairing and she has enough volunteers.

VA Bch Spring Craft Show – Ella Mae King is chairing and she still needs a few volunteers, please talk to her.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting – Laura and Cindy will teach a twill pattern class which will be free. Sign up sheet at front table.

Patti English classes will be June 27-28<sup>th</sup>; however, if there is enough interest she will come on Friday, the 26<sup>th</sup>. Sign ups will be at the April meeting. The classes will be held at the Coventry Club House in Yorktown.

Update on Tina Chopin's double wall basket – The class will be held on Mar 28<sup>th</sup>, here at the church for \$15.00.

The Kohler's are coming Aug 26-28 to the Coventry Club House to teach Nantucket baskets.

UFO – Alice Wyvill – 18 people are participating with 7 1<sup>st</sup> timers. Kim Voska won the prize. UFO # 4 will be due at the April meeting.

Jamie passed out the handles and books for the May swap challenge.

Members in attendance: 29

Meeting adjourned at 2:28

Happy Pocket Basket taught by Susie Waters assisted by Donna Coleman, Arlene Wallace, Kalynn Hassell, and Tammy Durant.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn West

Don't forget to come out and see us this weekend at the Virginia Beach Convention Center for the Virginia Beach Spring Craft Show. It's a great time and you will see many other local guilds demonstrating their craft.

## Tidewater Basketry Guild General Meeting – April 5, 2009

President Jamie VanOekel opened the meeting at 2:20.

Jamie welcomed everyone including a visitor, Cease Pine, who was invited to come while she visited our table at The Gathering of the Guilds on Saturday, April 4.

Jamie also thanked Sherral Nelson for the wonderful refreshments she provided for us to enjoy.

Jamie asked Carol Vanderzee to tell us about The Gathering of the Guilds which was held yesterday. Carol, who was speaking for her daughter, Kim, who chaired the event, said that it was a very nice event. There was a lot of interest in our open to the public class, which will be held May 16<sup>th</sup>. She wanted to extend her thanks to those who volunteered with her and Kim: Rose Glen, Doreen Smith, Glen Bowie, and Dawn West.

Diane Short - Classes and Sign ups –

Tina Chopin's class for the double wall twilled basket will be held again on May 30<sup>th</sup> for a cost of \$15.00.

Pattie English will be here June 26 – 28 and her classes will be held at Coventry Club House in Yorktown. She will be teaching 3 classes a day: a beginner, an intermediate, and an advanced. Pictures and information will be up on the website soon. The 8 hour classes will start at 9:00 AM and the 6 hour classes will start at 10:00 AM. Please bring food to share for lunch.

Diane asked Laura White to tell us about the twill pattern she and Cindy Stanton will teach at the May meeting. Tika Tucker was gracious enough to allow us to use her pattern. We will need a small awl and 4 mini clips. This is something that you can mat and frame when you get it home. Laura said it would be nice if we would all write Tika a thank you note for her pattern. There are currently 31 people signed up for the class with a max of 36. Sign up sheet is at the front table.

Diane asked Sherral to tell us about the basket she will teach at the June meeting. It will be the "Rusty Star"; a small basket with a handle, some rusty weavers, and a rusty star to hang from the front. This is a Kathy Libby pattern and there will be an \$8.00 charge for this class. As of now, there is a limit of 20 people; sign up sheet is at the front table.

Jamie asked Billie Dorris to give us an update on GW 2010. Billie has just signed the contract with the hotel for our rooms and food. The dates will be January 14 – 17, 2010. There will be a \$5 increase for registration. (from \$70.00 to \$75.00). She also asked to be notified of any teachers you would like to be considered for next year. Liz Pangrac responded by highly recommending Linda Allen to be invited.

Jamie turned the floor over to Alice Wyvill for our UFO program. We had 10 out of 18 complete their UFOs for this month. Jamie won the prize and #3 was picked for our next project to be complete. This UFO will not be due in May, but in June as our wrapped handle challenge is due in May.

Jamie – The election for the President and Secretary positions will be held this fall. The nominating committee will consist of Alice Wyvill, Donna Atkinson, and Shannon Lovvorn. If you are interested in putting your name on the ballot for one of the positions or if you have a question about the elections, please ask one of the committee members.

Jamie - If you did not get your handle yet for the May swap challenge, see Jamie. She also reminded us that a basket has to accompany the handle!

Jamie asked Ella Mae King to share information about the Spring Craft Show in Virginia Beach, for which she is the chair. The dates will be April 24 – 26 and she still needs volunteers for all 3 days. Ella Mae said that it is a great event and if you volunteer, you get in free. Jamie has a "round robin" basket for the volunteers to take turns weaving on and a name will be drawn for the basket.

Diane – Don't forget the Kohlers are coming August 21 – 23; they will be at the Coventry Club House in Yorktown. Look for their classes on the website.

Diane also announced that we need a volunteer to chair the Newport News Fall Festival this year.

Jamie – Life net baskets are up front to turn in and check out.

Christy Newman announced that she has started a "Friends of TBG" page at Facebook.com. She invited everyone to check it out, she said it is a lot of fun and a great way to share tips and get help from one another.

Members in Attendance: 35

Meeting adjourned at 2:47

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn West

## TBG Members Spotlight Holly Finch

**Hometown:** Norwich, NY

**How did I start weaving?** Don Colley took the TBG Open to the Public class and bought a kit for me to make. Then I was hooked.

**How long?** 1 year.

**How did you find TBG?** Don Colley and I visited the TBG booth at the Newport News Fall Festival in 2007.

**Favorite type of weaving/basket?** I like the bias and the mad weave baskets so far. I'm new at this so I'm still finding all sorts of fascinating patterns.

**What else do I do?** I like many different crafty things. I dabble in paper, clay, wood, glass and fabric. I also like to garden and read.

**Guilds:** TBG

**Best thing about weaving?** I like the challenge of it and the joy when it works out right! I also enjoy the comradery of the guild members.

**Perfect day off?** Let's see, probably a lovely sunny day with a project to work on.

**Something you would like us to know?** I am a children's librarian in Chesapeake where I love working with "my" kids.

"Holly, thanks for being a member of TBG"

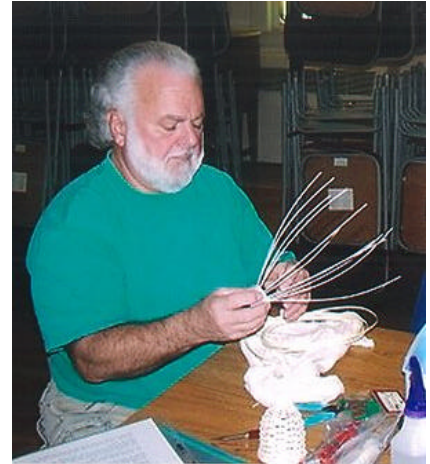


## TBG Members Spotlight Donald Colley

**Hometown:** Marion, Virginia (not quite as far west as Laura White)

**How did I start weaving?** I saw the TBG display at Newport News Fall Festival 2007 and signed up for fall Open to the Public class

**How long?** 1 -1/2 yrs



**How did you find TBG?** NNFF when signed up for class

**Favorite type of weaving/basket?** Medium to large baskets: ribbed baskets so far but I am still learning.

**What else do I do?** Wood working of all sorts, glass work, pottery, photography and gardening.

**Guilds:** TBG , Tidewater Wood Turners and Tidewater Woodworkers Guild

**Best thing about weaving?** I like the creativity of it and friendly and helpful guild members.

**Perfect day off?** Working in my shop being creative.

**Something you would like us to know?** I'm a Retired VA State Police Communications Technician Supervisor after more than 37 years.

"Don thanks for being a member of TBG"



## Guilders Weave 2009 is all over except the memories and the statistics.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the wonderful job you did on Guilders Weave 09. The GW Committee was outstanding but they could never do the job without the support of all our members and our teachers. The volunteers, the donations to the raffle and the welcome bags and the overall GW support just gets better and better each year. This is confirmed by the 122 event evaluations we received.

### Wrap-up of the evaluations:

- Accommodations are considered Excellent to Good by 99% of our people.
- Hotel staff is considered Responsive by 99% of our people.
- 96% were satisfied with the class choices.
- 87% thought the teacher choices were Excellent, while 13% thought choices were Good.
- Water access sufficient 100%; Space sufficient 89% and Lighting sufficient 92%
- 97% find Welcome Bags useful and 99% want to continue the welcome bags
- 83% visited the hospitality suite
- 99% thought website and email communications were excellent or good
- 93% weave the basket kit; 7% share the kit or give it away.

### Frequently voiced comments:

*"Loved the hospitality suite."*

*"The side cutters and leather holders are great."*

*"Want sweatshirts and denim shirts for memorabilia."*

*"I didn't win a raffle prize."*

*"I like the teacher nametags."*

*"It was great. Don't change a thing."*

### Pet Peeves heard from some of our weavers:

- *Coming to class late with poor excuses. Example given-"I'm not a morning person".*
- *Leaving class early with a poor excuse. Example given-"The ball game is on".*
- *Using cell phones in class.*
- *Inviting visitors to class. Chatter disrupted the students' concentration.*

### Most Favorite Things about GW---Great classes, meeting people, great teachers.

*Being surrounded by so many wonderful weavers-It really invigorates my weaving.*

*Getting together with friends.*

*Meeting people and learning new techniques.*

*Weaving great baskets with good friends and eating all together.*

*Excellent classes and marketplace shopping.*

The favorite thing about GW seems to be the **teachers, the classes, meeting old friends and making new friends**. The 150 weavers who took 506 classes from 21 teachers certainly had an opportunity to experience classes, teachers and visiting with old and new friends.

**We should give a special thanks to the following people who served on the 2009 Guilders Weave Committee and donated many hours to making the event a wonderful experience for the attending weavers and teachers.**

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**Diane Short and her team** for Basket Jurying. This is a tremendous task and is the cornerstone for a successful GW!

**Susie Waters and Sue Legault** for coordinating the great Welcome Bags. Susie and her team were also responsible for the selection and preparation of our Basket Kits.

**Alice Wyvill** collected and distributed lots of wonderful door prizes. The lunch time give away was very popular with our weavers. A special thanks to **Joanne Howard** for her extremely generous door prize and raffle donations—we're really glad she cleaned out her basket room.

**Alice** is also responsible for the beautiful TBG "Touch of Williamsburg" raffle basket. Our thanks to Alice for donating this wonderful basket and to Ella Mae King and Liz Pangrac for helping Alice collect all of the Williamsburg goodies. I know Anna Justice will treasure this raffle prize for years to come.

Tamme Durant, Arlene Wallace and Susie Waters served as our Hospitality Suite coordinators providing us with lots of food and a place for relaxation and meeting old and new friends.

Deer Creek Basketry Guild did an outstanding job coordinating the basket swap. Juanita Kenner was assisted by Marge Fuller, Carol Kenner, Georgia Schumacher, Ingrid Williams, Ann McConaughy and Vickie Smith. Our thanks to the Deer Creek Cowboys for the delicious chocolates. Once again they brought scintillating entertainment to the Banquet.

**Carol Vanderzee and her team** are responsible for our own weavers' version of Rodeo Drive presented daily at North Carolina Basketworks and on Friday night as Teachers' Marketplace. We need to thank her for giving us an opportunity to spend, spend and spend.

**Kim Voska and her team** prepared the class board and the table signs and were responsible for classroom table setups each day.

**Susie Waters**, our Memorabilia Chairman spent hours selecting and ordering our beautiful cardigans, aprons and t-shirts. She was inspired by suggestions from last year's evaluations so help us out again by making more suggestions!

**Andrea and Marilyn Margrave** did a wonderful job getting our raffle together. This was our most successful raffle ever with \$2,800 in proceeds. This money is used to keep down the costs of registration. We all appreciate that! Give a big hand to all the Margraves—big and little.

**Sherral Nelson** and her team are responsible for the smooth registration process. They manned the registration table both late at night and very early in the morning!

**Cindy Stanton** our Webmaster for her fantastic support in getting the Guilders Weave information out to our weavers.

**Mary Jo Baylor** - our TBG Historian for her great photographic support and for maintaining and making available our TBG scrapbooks.

**Liz Pangrac and her TBG team** provided nametags for all our attendees.

**Shannon Lovvorn and Alyce Bargam** coordinated meal functions and distributed meal tickets.

**Jan White** prepared and distributed our event evaluations, teacher evaluations and class evaluations. We received a tremendous response on all three sets of evaluations. Comments and summary information on each class has been mailed to the teachers.

**Diana Veazey, Don Colley, Holly Finch, and Trudi Macmillan** donated their GW time to assist teachers and coordinators doing whatever needed to be done. This is the second year Diana, Don and Holly have sold raffle tickets, taken up lunch tickets, run errands for teachers, and kept the GW Chairman straight.

**Billie Dorris and Shirley Murphy**, my co-chairs assisted in many, many ways generously spending day after day working on administrative details. I am passing my Chairman's apron down to Billie. Look for Billie and Shirley in those lovely red and white aprons next year. I know you will give them the same wonderful support you have given me for the last two years.

Thank you for being there for me when I needed you. Laura....