



TIDINGS

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From the President's Pen



Guilders Weave 2012.

Spring was supposed to be just around the corner, but maybe it is already here! Sometimes it is a little harder to weave when the weather is so beautiful. Yet

at the February meeting I saw some beautiful baskets. Many of you shared your thoughts about teachers and classes at our annual Guilders Weave as well as showing us those wonderful baskets you made during that event. It is a great way to get feedback from you and also to hear what the teachers had to say, too, from **Jamie VanOekel's** report.



For those of you who didn't make it to the February meeting or who still have to finish your

baskets from GW, we will have Show and Tell at the April 1 meeting; so bring those baskets along. Most of us will be sharing what we learned at the North Carolina Basketmakers Association conference and showing our new creations.



Several members signed up to take on the second challenge event that **Donna Coleman**

introduced to us in February. Everyone started with the same round base and added as many spokes as they wanted and secured them to the base. Those were then brought back to the March meeting inside a closed brown bag and distributed to totally new weavers on the list to work up the side of the basket. These then will be returned in the same brown bag at the April meeting and be distributed once again to the final weaver who will finish the rim and add any embellishments. Come join us at the May 6 meeting when the beautiful new creations will be unveiled and returned to the original owners.



Coming June 3 is our class where **Cindy Stanton** will WOW you with some great ideas to

finish off that plain handle that you have on your basket. It's a great way to enhance that basket and send it into the WOW factor. ~**Diane Short**

CINDY'S CORNER

Spring has appeared way too early this year, and it started with the NCBA 2012 convention,



“The Woven Journey.” The trip to North Carolina is so exciting—what to pack, what to eat, what to buy—just too many decisions! The drive is always an adventure. Some years we drive directly to the

hotel. Other years we take the “scenic tour” which is code for “lost.” Thinking once again that we were traveling on the “scenic tour,” it turned out that we were on the correct route after all.

Again this year as we have in the past, we wrapped the weaving tables. About 20 TBG members and friends completed the table wrapping in just over an hour. We have our system in place, and it’s so good that we have already been approached by the new NCBA chairperson about table wrapping in 2013.

Over 40 TBG members made the journey to North Carolina on March 15 to weave their fingers to the bone. Over 60 teachers taught classes throughout the weekend.

There were 23 vendors from which to make your many purchases, and boy did we visit them! Saturday was the Visitor Shopping Day, and 124 NCBA members came to make their purchases.



TBG members in attendance at NCBA

Saturday night the exhibit room ribbons were given, and TBG made a huge showing once again. Congratulations to the following members who won awards in the General Membership category.



Left to right:		
Carol Vanderzee	3 rd Place	Flat Reed
Kim Voska	3 rd Place	Wire/Textile
Claudia Sowell	2 nd Place	Coiling
Christy Newman	2 nd Place	Miniature

In the Professional/Teacher category, **Judith Saunders** (right) won two, 2nd Place awards: one for Miniature, and the other for Mixed Media.



Here are additional statistics from our NCBA trip. NCBA has 1,059 members from 39 states and from Canada and Ireland. This year’s convention touted 525 student registrations. Over 125 raffles were handed out, and 9 of those raffles were won by TBG members.

It was a great convention. Seeing old friends and making new ones are two of the most rewarding pleasures of attending a convention. If you have the opportunity to go, do join NCBA and get ready. It’s a BLAST! ~**Cindy Stanton**

GUILDERS WEAVE 2012 Final Report From Jamie VanOekel



All the reviews are in. The bills are paid. The books have been audited. The supplies and info have been passed on. That leaves one last

thing . . . one more big **THANK YOU** to the members of TBG for the support you gave the GW12 committees to make everything go so smoothly. Your support makes it all happen! Our teacher reviews and our event reviews reflected the planning, preparation, and smiles that went into making the weekend special for all who attended.

I look forward to volunteering with many of you to help Susie Waters with GW13.

Some happy GW12 moments are shown below.



Sandy Whalen, teacher at left, helps Tamme Durant get started with her "Garden Round Up" basket.

Debbi Gegner looks pleased with the progress she has made on Jane Brinkman's "Red Cherry Tart" basket.



Barbara Jessome is on her way to creating a great new treasure with Jim Kent's "Nantucket Apple Basket."

Claudia Sowell proudly displays the early stages of her sweetgrass basket taught by Barbara McCormick.



GUILDERS WEAVE 2013 January 17-20 From Susie Waters



Preparations for GW 2013 are in the works. Teachers' letters have been sent, hotel contracts have been signed, and the jury date has been set.

Unfortunately, costs are rising on everything so expect some increases. Nevertheless, please know that we are trying to keep all expenditures as low as possible.

The GW13 theme is Family Game Night. How loudly can you shout the word "BINGO"? Start practicing because Basket Bingo is in the works for Friday evening after marketplace.



I have read all evaluations and will be using some of your ideas. Please contact me—your GW13 "Lucky" Chairperson—if you have any questions or suggestions.

WHAT WE'VE DONE

At February's "GW show and tell" meeting, it was quite obvious that **Alice Wyvill** was thoroughly pleased with having made Anne Bowers' "Mayan Sun" basket.



Also in February, **Jean Koon** traveled from the Northern Neck peninsula to teach her marsh grass basket with an oyster shell center at LUMC. Jean is shown drilling a hole inside an oyster shell.



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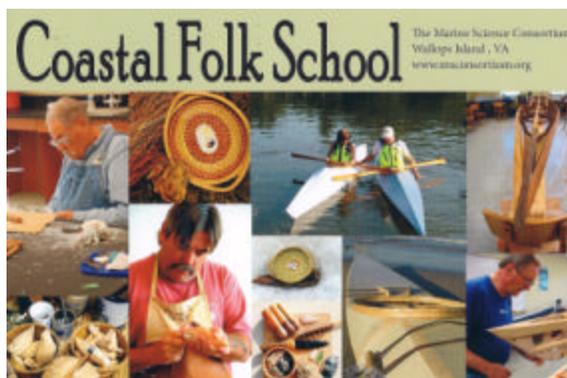
Liz Pangrac shows her finished Jean Koon basket with much satisfaction.



Thanks to **Shirley Murphy** for teaching our members how to make a trivet from large round reed at the March meeting. Shirley, who is holding the finished product, helped **Vicki Cartos** with her almost-finished trivet.

WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO

- ➔ April 1, general meeting @ LUMC 2:00 p.m.; "Show and Tell" from NCBA
- ➔ April 7, Gathering of the Guilds
- ➔ May 5, Open to the Public @ LUMC 9:00 a.m.
- ➔ May 6, general meeting @ LUMC Challenge Baskets—THE BIG REVEAL
- ➔ May 19, Saturday class @ LUMC Bud vases taught by Susie Waters
- ➔ June 3, general meeting @ LUMC Making decorative handles taught by Cindy Stanton
- ➔ June 23, Saturday class @ LUMC Hoop basket taught by Jamie VanOekel



Nature journaling ----- **Flint knapping**
Kayak building ----- **Basket weaving**

Do these activities pique your interest? The Marine Science Consortium at Wallops Island, Virginia, is offering instruction in these areas. Visit the website at www.msconsortium.org for complete information.

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