



# Spokes & Weavers

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## Message from the President

Since this is our last newsletter of 2007, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the board who helped me through my time as president of this great guild of weavers. We did it all: winter snowstorms, teachers canceling, full classes, dates being switched, conflicts with Textile Center events, and planning our special events and classes. I appreciate all the advice you gave, and the solutions we came up with together. You are all extremely talented and creative people and I love rubbing shoulders with you. The pieces you create have inspired me to learn more and try new things in this field of weaving. But most important, I treasure the friendships that have developed. Sometimes we sat one-on-one, talking over life's problems while manipulating a piece of reed. Sometimes we gathered in groups, shared our stories, and celebrated our "ta dahs!"

I would like to give a special thanks to the Basket Bingo Committee for putting on an outstanding event this year. You really raised the bar. Although next year I think I'm going to infiltrate one of the groups sitting up front. They seem to have a knack for getting winning bingo cards.

In parting, I sprinkle you with "Worry Free Fairy Dust" and look forward to all the weaving ahead of us.

Juliana Fick  
President, MBWG



## "Save the Day"

**July 25th, 26th and 27th 2008**

Back by special request,  
**Kay & Fred Kohler**  
Look for more details soon on  
basket choices.

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## Garage Sale

Time to clean out those studios and storage areas!!

We're having a garage sale at the March meeting.

So, bring all those basket items you no longer need or want—and either sell or give away to your fellow guild members.

Either take home your own leftovers, or they will be given to the Textiles Center's Garage Sale

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## RECIPE OF THE QUARTER

### Famous BINGO Chocolate Mint Brownies (Member of Minneola Basket Weaving Guild)

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 can Hershey syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar. Add rest of ingredients, mix well. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes in 9x13 greased and floured pan.

#### Filling:

- 2 cups powdered sugar sifted
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 teaspoon mint flavoring, NOT peppermint green food coloring

#### Glaze:

- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 6 tablespoons butter
- Melt and drizzle or spread over filling

Cool brownies before spreading the mint filling over them.

Allow mint filling to set up before spreading the glaze over the top.

### Do we have your current email address?

Does the Guild have your correct email address? If not, can we have it? The better you keep us informed of any changes to your address, the easier it is for us to communicate any special events, and upcoming activities. Thanks!!!

# Basket Bingo

## Another Successful Event!!!

The day finally arrived and the many volunteers descended upon the Minnesota Textile Center to ready it for our guests and the annual fund-raiser – Basket Bingo. Nine a.m. the action began. We scrubbed and arranged tables and chairs for the players. We covered tables and arranged the display of 70 wonderful baskets, donated by guild members to be prizes for each bingo game. We set up the ticket table (games cards and daubers), the raffle prize table (5 more wonderful donations) and the stupendous door prize table (enough so everyone went home with a prize!). The coffee pots were plugged in, the coolers filled with ice, the hot dogs set to cook. Hand-made baskets arrived to grace the tables and lend an air of fall decor. Bars and desserts (more donations – thank you Minneola Guild and all who baked for us) were cut and arranged on platters. The Bingo Machine was set in place and we were ready for action!! At 11 am the doors opened and the flow of guests began. Groups of relatives, work colleagues and friends staked out their territories and enjoyed time to visit and examine the prizes that might be theirs, if their luck was good. At noon the welcome was given and the games began.

At the end of the day we were all exhausted, but happy. Clean-up went quickly as many stayed to help. We had another full-house and I believe everyone left anticipating next year's Basket Bingo.

Jill Scarpari and Jo Guttormson chaired the event this year and with the help of MANY, MANY additional guild members (and some non-members too!) this year's bingo was the most successful ever – financially. The money raised by bingo is used by to help pay rent at the Textile Center for our monthly meetings, send newsletters, sponsor special events, and help with other costs incurred during the year. This year's event, after expenses, earned the guild \$2168. Thank you to all who donated their time and experience, their baskets, their baked goods, door prizes and who attended (to work or to play) and brought guests. The Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild is a wonderful organization and this event is fun and profitable **and** it helps the guild function throughout the year. Thank you everyone who helped make it a success!

Jo Guttormson  
Jill Scarpari

## MBWG Dates for 2007 and 2008

<b>January 12, 13</b>	<b>Marlys Sower in Owatonna</b>	At the Steele County Community Center. She will be teaching the 9" Nantucket Style, the Large Pot Belly Basket, and Oval Willow. Complete information can be found on the web site <a href="http://www.ferggiesbasketcase.com">www.ferggiesbasketcase.com</a>
<b>July 25, 26, 27th</b>	<b>Kay and Fred Kohler at Textile Center of Minnesota</b>	Sponsored by MBWG—these 2 great Nantucket teachers will offer a variety of classes. You can choose from various baskets, and take them whichever day you choose. More details later!

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## MBWG Dues

Just a quick question. Do you remember that the MBWG dues are due in January regardless of the month you joined the guild? I tried really hard to find additional ways to use do/due but alas and alack nothing popped up. If you joined the guild in October, November or December of 2007, you do not owe again for 2008. Other than those folks, all dues are due in January. The guild simply does not have the technology or tools to track the specific enrollment into the guild that would be necessary to administer dues due date other than January. Any questions, just let me know and I will do my best to answer them. Thanks!

Jean Ellingson

President, 2008

# A message from your next president

A few words from your 2007 President Elect

With 2007 coming to a close, I will be moving from President Elect to President. Good luck with that one guys. I am excited to be working on the board of the guild again. I have previously been involved in the education committee and as secretary for the guild several years ago. I was also the co-chair with Sandi Quint on the first Bingo event back when we met at the Barn in Eden Prairie.

There are great class offerings coming up for 2008 and lots of fun to be had by just hanging out at the Textile Center on guild meeting day. I hope to see many of you at the January meeting. Not sure how the business side of things will go but I do know the fun side of things will be some of the best the Twin Cities has to offer.

Jean Ellingson

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