



Spokes and Weavers

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Newsletter
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Message from the President

Dear Guild Members -

We are all saddened by the loss of Diane Ericson. Her warmth, talent and hard work have left a legacy that the basket weaving world will long remember. Thoughts and prayers go out to her family and to those of you who knew and loved Diane for many years. She touched so many lives, even those of us who did not know her well. We will miss her.

Many of you participated in the Special Event with Michigan weaver Karen Tembreull. The results were both functional and beautiful. It's hard to believe summer is nearly over. Check out the website for September classes and be sure to bring those donations for Basket Bingo to our August meeting. Also listed on the events link on our website is the Northwest Hoosier Basket Guild Retreat Sep 30 - Oct 2, 2010, in Valparaiso, IN.

I have just arrived in Southern California, with lots of basketry supplies in my car. I'll be visiting with my Mom and other family through September, then will head home by way of Northern California and Idaho to visit two sisters. The mountains and color between here and MN are incredible. While driving, I was thinking of ways to include the colors and the shapes in basket weaving or beadwork.

If any of you happen to be in the Denver area, the Denver Art Museum has an awesome collection of Japanese bamboo basketry. The work is amazingly fine, with gorgeous designs.

Hope you are all having a great summer. See you in October.

Linda

Coming Soon - Bingo!!



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Basket Bingo

It's that time again!!!

Call your girlfriends, your relatives, your co-workers. Basket Bingo 2010 is coming up soon. Saturday, October 23rd at noon, the Minnesota Textile Center will be the place to be!! 15 games of bingo for \$10. Beautiful handmade baskets will be the prizes for every game. Chances to win fabulous filled raffle baskets and special bucket raffle baskets will be sold. Delicious hot dogs, beverages and many sweet treats available for your consumption.

It is GREAT fun and a wonderful tradition for our guild. Plan to attend, bring a crowd, donate baskets and/or a dessert, volunteer for a job. Any of these will help to support the guild for our next year of weaving.. hope to see you there!!!

Don't Forget to Donate

I'll try not to disturb those of you thoroughly enjoying the summer with thoughts of rain and sleet and snow. I only mention this because those are possibilities for weather when Basket Bingo rolls around. Yes Jo and I need to remind you of the baskets we need donated by the fourth Saturday in October, October 23rd (we'd actually rather have them by the September guild meeting). If you let one of us know how many and what size you will be bringing that would alleviate some of our worrying. You always pull through with marvelous baskets but we always worry a bit. Seems like it goes with the territory. We will also be looking for volunteers for the various jobs that need to be done on that day. September will be our sign up month or you can email one of us too. I hope you are making a few baskets for yourself too and enjoying the season.

See you soon.

Jill

(email us at scar0011@tc.umn.edu or jogutts@yahoo.com or call me at 651-322-1964)

This and That

Thinking of You

We like to send get well wishes or sympathy cards to our members but we don't always know about these things. If you are aware of a need please let Layce Parkinson know and she will send a card. Her email address is laycep@q.com

Random Act of Kindness Program

Just a reminder that if you would like to submit a name for the RAK you can do so by, filling out the form on the bottom of Page 4 and giving it or mailing it to: Susan Burkhalter 1904 Shorewood Lane, Mound MN 55364

Headwaters Basketmakers Guild

This year at Bemidji Catherine Peters taught 2 classes involving antlers. One was to be a table basket with the antlers as a base or stand and the other was to be a wall hanging with the antler at the top and the weaving descending. She showed us how to drill the holes and how to space them. We did use quick drying glue to set the reeds in the antler and the weaving was done by simple twining. All of them turned out a little differently from the design offered but each turned out as it's own unique basket. The wall hangings were done fairly straight forward as the design suggested. Catherine is a very patient teacher and was open to any suggestion from anyone to change anything we wanted.

Layce Parkinson

A Common Thread - Textile Center's Annual Member Exhibition January 14 - February 26, 2011

Call for Entry Deadline is October 4, 2010. Textile Center welcomes all active (paid) members 18+ years to submit predominantly textile-related (in either materials used or techniques employed) art work/entries for its annual member exhibition.

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Random Act of Kindness (RAK)

The Nitty Gritty

1. Any member can nominate a person for the RAK (preference would be given to a Guild member).
2. Look for a form in the newsletter or on-line.
3. Depending on the number of submissions, there may be a random drawing.
4. A committee will review all submissions. You will be notified whether your submission was chosen or not. You can resubmit later if not chosen.
5. The recipient will be sent an invitation for a free class with the Guild in their choice of weaving level.
6. The invitation will be given anonymously.
7. All information will be strictly confidential.

The Form

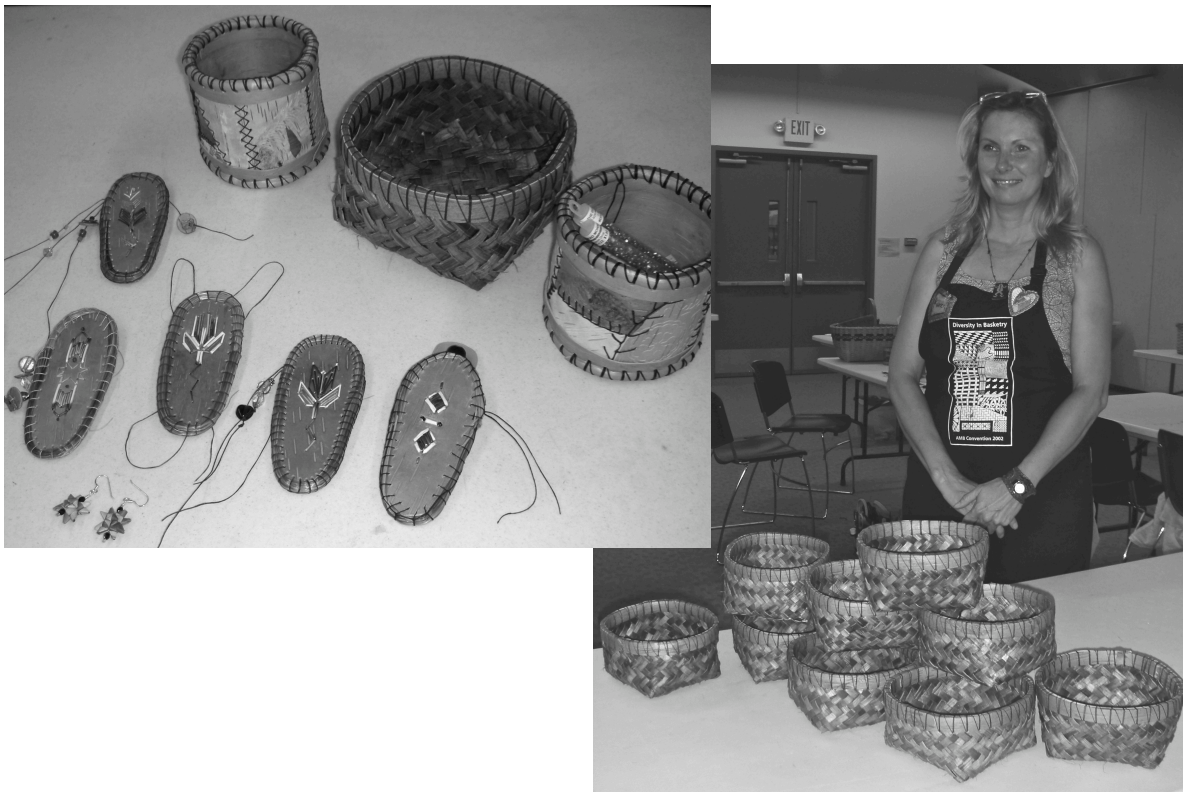
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Recipient e-mail address:	
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Class preference (if known):	

Special Event with Karen Tembrell

A bittersweet Special Event.

Diane Ericson and I started planning our next "special event" just before our August 2009 event was starting. We had the luxury of time to go over our potential guest teacher list, to tweak a few things and to decide on Karen Tembrell as our 2010 Special Event guest weaver. In early winter we met with our expert computer and layout guy (Don Ericson) and put together the brochure and the logistics for August 2010. We were a well oiled team. Diane, with complete notes on what worked and on what needed work, made a small hit list of detail we would need to get squared away. Question: Would Jean Ellingson again, agree to be a hostess and hotel for our teacher? Answer: Yes. Many times as Diane and I met in the studio or at Einstein's we would congratulate ourselves on being a part of such an amazing group of women and men. The "Special Event" was well on its way. Then came the crash, the reality that we can not plan for. I thought briefly that canceling the event was an option, but because of how much it meant to Diane and I, the guild, our friends and not least of all Diane's wishes, we went forward. When I say we I mean that Don took over all the registrations, checks, and the updates to the class lists. Jean Ellingson and Jo Guttormson added so much help to the logistics and even more in the moral support they gave me. And so the "Special Event" of 2010 happened. We had a great success. Karen (the teacher) was a delight, the materials were wonderful and fun (who knew you could do a blanket stitch on birch bark!) The classes were full, the students successful, and the teacher not stressed. We had door prizes, we had treats, we had stories, we had moments. We all missed Diane, her infectious laugh, her uplifting nature and her excellence in weaving. Things will never be the same without Diane but we will remember, we will go on and there will be more "Special Events".

Susan Burkhalter



About Our Organization

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild

www.mbwg.org

When: The Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild typically meets the 4th Saturday of each month, with a few exceptions on holiday weekends. Go to the website (listed above) to confirm specific meeting dates.

8:30 - 9:00 am

Meet & Greet

9:00 - 3:00 pm

Classes & Open Weave

Where: Textile Center
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Membership: Single \$25 per year

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