



# Spokes & Weavers

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Newsletter

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## Message from the President

Hi All -

Thank you for inviting me to be guild president this year. I am honored. A big thank you goes to Jean for two years as president and for continuing guidance. A big thank you also to all board members, returning and new, for your hard work and generosity with your time and ideas. As most of you know by now, we have a new president-elect - Bonnie - and Margaret has graciously agreed to handle class registrations.

Compared to many of you, I am relatively new to basket weaving. My first class was a five day workshop taught by Flo Hoppe at Sievers. I felt like I'd come home.

What a wonderful introduction - and I still love working with round reed. Have enjoyed classes with MBWG, and have managed to accumulate way too much in the way of supplies. Sound familiar?

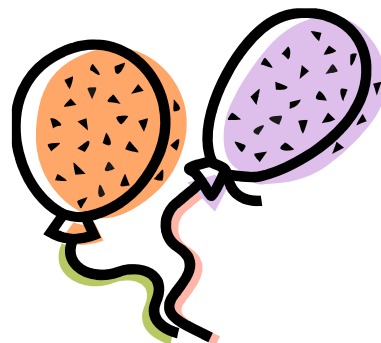
I'm looking forward to getting to know you. Please stop and say hello and introduce yourself at meetings - and please be patient if it takes me a few times to connect your name and your face - I'm better with faces than names.

I wish you happy and peaceful weaving and a wonderful 2010.

Linda

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April is our anniversary month. We will work on breaking out the very best of door prizes for this special month and there will likely be cake of some kind. Wonderful classes, food and prizes - now that is a day to look forward to!



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## *April Classes*



Susan Coyle - Oval Double Wall Sock - \$48

Learn double wall construction and cathead shaping in this very sturdy basket with hand carved oak bushel basket handles. The compensation on the outside wall will make the design for the overlay embellishment. Basket is woven in space dyed and natural reed. A very useful basket from the home to the garden.

11" x 9" x 7" high

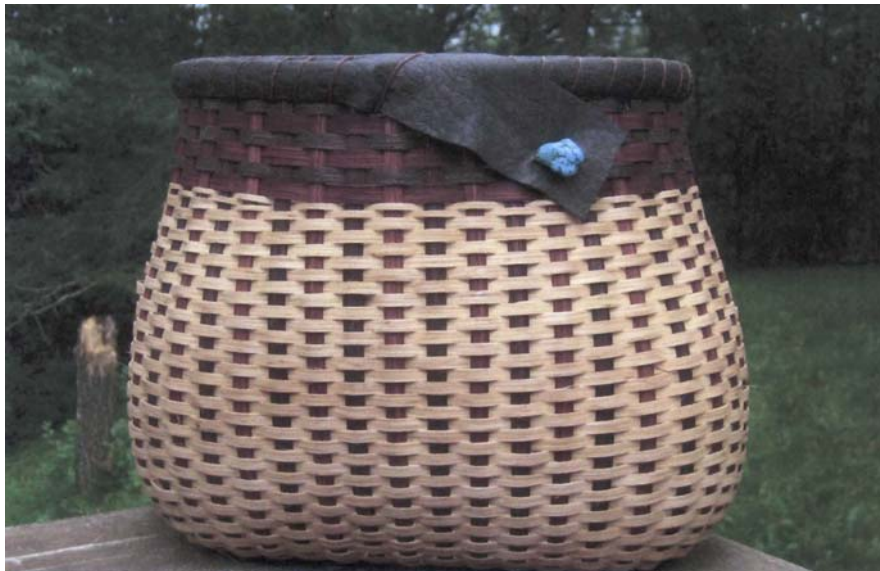


Bob Coyle - Winnebago - \$38

A great size market basket. Learn Bob's methods of refined finishing techniques to take your basket to the next level of basket weaving. Use space dyed reed for the color band. This basket is topped with a hand carved oak square handle.

8-1/2" x 12" x 6" high

## April Classes (cont)



Marlene Meyer – Small Leather Storage - \$44

Students will make this great colorful storage basket starting with an oval base. All the spokes are 3 different colors along with the same colors as weavers woven into the top. End with a totally unique rim of leather! Embellishments are extra or bring your own.

6" x 4" oval base, 8" tall

## Standing Committees

### Bingo Committee

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# A Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild® Special Event

## July 30 through August 1, 2010

### With Karen Tembreull

The Special Event Committee would like to invite you to spend a weekend weaving with Karen Tembreull. Karen comes to us from L'Anse, Michigan where she is a founding member of the basket guild of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Her use of natural materials has won her numerous awards for natural basketry. She is bringing her knowledge and teaching expertise to give us all a chance to weave with hand harvested birch bark, basswood, rush, elm bark and spruce roots. These unique materials will give the weaver an opportunity to weave and learn another dimension of basketry.

- ❖ Please read all of the registration instructions carefully. Note the class times are different for each day.
- ❖ Special tools are listed in each class description.



#### ⇐ Patchwork with Russian Interlocking Seam Friday July 30, 9am – 4pm (6 hours + lunch break) \$85.00 (\$95 nonmember)

This very functional basket has a round pine base. Students will begin with a flat piece of birch bark which they will design, and stitch a unique patchwork pattern various colors and textures of birch bark onto. Once stitched, we will carefully heat and join the interlocking seam and add a liner for a smooth surface inside. To finish, students will sew a top rim and a bottom foot of spruce roots. All material is teacher-prepared. This basket is very strong as it consists of 3 layers of birch bark! Embossed bark will be available. Students will need a scratch awl (small narrow tipped).  
Size: 4¼" diameter x 3¾" tall  
*Weaving Level: All Levels*

#### **Birch Bark Star Earrings ⇨** Friday July 30, 5:30pm – 9:30pm \$45.00 (\$55 nonmember)

Learn to make a petite Scandinavian birch bark star. Then thread beads on a head pin and learn basic jewelry techniques to fashion a pair of earrings. Enough bark will be provided for two finished sets of earrings (beads and findings for one set). A variety of bead colors will be provided to choose from. Tools needed: flat packing tool with a narrow tip – Cass Schorsch's bone awls work great! Also bring your flat nose and round nose jewelry pliers if you have them!

*Weaving Level: All Levels*



## Saturday Class



### ⇐ Bias Twill Cedar Basket

**Saturday July 31, 8am – 5pm (8 hours + lunch break)  
\$95.00 (\$105 nonmember )**

The base of this basket is derived from a Tarahumara basket from central Mexico. Learn to weave and understand a bias-twill row by row with cedar bark and a graph. The hand-painted birch bark rim is sewn on for contrast. Bias or diagonal weave experience is helpful. Tools needed: spoke weight.  
Size: 3" tall x 6½" diameter

*Weaving Level: Intermediate/Advanced*



## Sunday Class

### Scissor Sheath ⇨

**Sunday August 1, 9am – 4pm (6 hours+lunch break)  
\$63.00 (\$73 nonmember)**

Learn basic porcupine quill embroidery on birch bark using a native inspired design. Buttonhole stitch a sweetgrass edging around both sides of this functional scissor sheath. Sheath size will be adjusted to fit your scissors. Tools needed: small sharp scratch awl and hemostats.

Size: 4¾" x 2½"

*Weaving Level: All Levels*



## *Special Event Registration – See Page 7*

### *Did You Know?*

Every member of our Guild has a library card in the library. The Guild pays \$1 per member per year to give us library privileges. All of our basket books have been donated and are available in the library. The library also holds many books on knitting, sewing, embroidery, weaving and all things fiber! Videos and DVD's too. It is truly a unique library.

### *Lost*

We are still missing the first album/book from the early years of the Guild. It's been gone for quite some time at this point. If you have pictures or other memorabilia from that time that you'd like to part with or make copies of it would be appreciated!

### *Shop Online & Benefit the Textile Center Library*

Help earn money for the TC library just by shopping online! Linking to Amazon.com **through Textile Center's library section** will earn a donation with every purchase you make. Go to:

[www.textilecentermn.org/library.asp](http://www.textilecentermn.org/library.asp)

click on the amazon.com link and have fun shopping for a great cause! Thank you.

### *For sale*

Fran Molnar, former member of our guild is no longer able to weave. She has a number of new items she would like to sell. She has about 11 kits, some spools of thread and many kinds of reed. If anyone is interested you can contact Fran at 651-463-1059. She indicated that she is home most evenings.

- ❖ All classes will be held at the Minnesota Textile Center, 3000 University Avenue SE.  
 Friday class times: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
 Saturday class times: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Sunday class times: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

- ❖ All classes have a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 14 students. Classes will be filled in the order received, so early registrations are recommended. Please sign up for all the classes you wish, but list them in order of importance to you. We will try to honor all choices.

- ❖ You may wish to bring lunch and/or beverage for the day.

- ❖ All classes must be pre-paid. Final class confirmations will be given (provide email and/or phone below) - make checks payable to:

**Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild**

- ❖ Send registrations to:

Diane Ericson  
22160 Oak Ridge Drive  
Rogers, MN 55374

Questions may be directed to Susan at 612-799-3103

**Registration Deadline is April 30, 2010**



Please Print: **Name**  
**Address**  
**City**  
**Phone**  
**Email**

**State**                      **ZIP**

Basket Name	Date	Member Amount	Nonmember Amount

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## *About Our Organization...*

### *Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild*

Textile Center  
3000 University Ave SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

[www.mbwg.org](http://www.mbwg.org)

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

8:00 – 8:30 am

Meet & Greet

8:30 – 9:00 am

Informal Business Meeting

9:00 – 3:00 pm

Classes & Open weave (class duration varies)

**Where:** Textile Center  
3000 University Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

**Membership:** Single \$25 per year

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