



Spokes and Weavers

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Newsletter

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Message from the President

Hi Everyone,

This year has begun with wonderful winter weather, giving us a good start to our Saturday Guild meetings. It has been good to see so many people taking classes and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow basket weavers.

We have lots of fun and interesting classes scheduled for this year. I hope you can take the opportunity to learn new techniques and enjoy the friendship of other weavers.

This Spring the Headwaters Basketmakers Workshop will be held April 20,21,22. The workshop is a wonderful weekend at the Concordia Language Camp in Bemidji. Different classes are offered with a beginner level held every day as well as the more challenging skill levels. An e-mail was sent out to each person on our e-mail list with the brochure attached.

Also this summer is Weavin' in Winona. Classes are offered June 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The workshop offers an excellent setting to weave and lots of interesting classes to learn new skills and sharpen old ones.

The "Minis and Moldies" exhibit at the Textile Center was a great success. It ran February 28th through March 24th in the library at the Textile Center. Bonnie Buzza spent quite a bit of time organizing the participant's baskets, as well as arranging the reception. Thank you Bonnie for all your hard work.

Jean Ellingson and Carolyn Miller have snagged Leslie Granbeck for this year's Summer Event. Leslie did the successful January class of Felting. It sounds like it will be three days of felting different items. Make plans now to attend the Summer Event.

This year I thought the most important item I would have to worry about would be the parking around the Textile Center. However, finding a President-elect seems to be very difficult. I know everyone gets busy with other groups and their families. But we really need someone to take on this role. The task is simple. Serve as Outreach contact to individuals and other organizations (with past-president). Represent the Guild at events, send information about upcoming events to Textile Center newsletter, and act as a voting member of the Board. Meetings are the Tuesday before the Saturday meeting and are held at the Highland Bakery and Café in St Paul. Please consider volunteering for this position. We need you and your help.

Happy Weaving,
Alice Ford

Textile Center Garage Sale

Bigger and Better Than Ever

Saturday April 14 - 8AM to 4PM at the U of M ReUse Warehouse (883 29th Avenue SE, Minneapolis)

The biggest Textile Garage Sale is back again at a new and bigger location. In addition to all the fiber related items of previous years, the ReUse Warehouse Program will also be open to shoppers with great items for your art studio such as desks and chairs, file cabinets, white boards and tables.

For additional information regarding the preview sale as well as how and when to donate, see the Textile Center website. <http://www.textilecentermn.org/garagesale.asp>

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*Calendar - What's Up?**Headwaters Weavin' Up North*

April 20 - 22, 2012
 Cocordia Language Village, Bemidji, MN

MBWG Meeting

April 28, 2012
 Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN
www.mbwg.org

Lake Country Basket Fest

May 3 - 5, 2012
 The Center for Excellence, Waukesha, WI
www.lakecountrybasketguild.com

MBWG Meeting

May 26, 2012
 Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN
www.mbwg.org

Weavin' In Winona

June 22 - 24, 2012
 Tau Conference Center, Winona, MN
www.weavinwinona.com

MBWG Summer Event

July 27 - 29, 2012
 Felting with Leslie Granbeck
 Location(s) - To Be Announced

Willow Harvest Weekend Conference

October 7 - 9, 2012
 Amana Arts Guild - High Amana, IA
www.amanaartsguild.com

MBWG Basket Bingo - 12th Annual

October 27, 2012
 Make sure you put the date on your calendar now! Basket donations happily accepted by Jill Scarpari or Jo Guttormson at any time.

Textile Center Library

A reminder that the textile library has all the library books on baskets that the Guild once owned. We have purchased "500 Baskets" for the library. If anyone has any other suggestions for a purchase to round out the collection please let me know as I'm the Guild's representative to the Library Board. Beside the basket books the library is full of quilting, knitting, tatting, weaving and embroidery books as well as many other textile related subjects. The guild pays for your library cards each year.

Layce Parkinson

Upcoming Classes

April 28, 2012



Teacher: Connie Ryks

Cost: \$55

Description: This is a beautiful coiled pine needle basket with an agate center. You will be able to finish this basket in the size shown (you may have enough material to make it larger, but you would not be able to finish a larger basket the same day). Dimensions approximately 5" x 4.5".

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Tools: Typical basketmaking tools

Teacher: Janet Olney

Cost: \$55

Description: This Shaker Cat's Head Basket has a solid green inner basket with a twill woven on the outer basket. If time permits students can add a band of French Randing. Dimensions approximately 9-10" x 13-14" x 8-9" high.

Skill Level: Advanced

Tools: Typical basketmaking tools



Teacher: Cynthia Stuck

Cost: \$29

Description: Made almost entirely of recycled materials, this basket is woven of hand-painted cardboard, decorated with colorful shipping tape or nylon cord. Weavers may choose from sets of cardboard strips painted in bright, adventurous colors. Approximately 9" diameter x 10" high. Pattern owner is English basketmaker Lois Walpole in "Creative Basket Making".

Skill Level: All Levels

Tools: Please bring 2 yards of heavy button thread and a large eyed needle to carry it as well as typical basketmaking tools. Please bring a hot glue gun if you have one.



Upcoming Classes (continued)

May 26, 2012

Teacher: Susan Coyle

Cost: \$40

Description: This beautiful basket is woven on a black walnut base with natural reed in an intermediate or advanced design. The design is then accented, as much or as little as you want, with different combinations of space dyed colors, making an interesting look to the basket. Students will have fun picking out their different colors of space dyed. The basket is lashed with waxed linen thread. Some embellishment may need to be finished outside of class. A simpler twill will be offered as well as the one picture. This is Susan Coyle's own pattern. Dimensions 9"W x 5"L x 3.5" H

Skill Level: Intermediate/Advanced

Tools: Typical basketmaking tools.



Teacher: Bob Coyle

Cost: \$62

Description: Very large and sturdy basket due to heavy laced runners running along the bottom of the basket. Different colors available for the accent or make it natural. Double hand carved oak swing handles make the basket easy to carry in from the garden. This would also make a great picnic basket due to the double handles for stability. Dimensions 19" x 13" x 4"H

Skill Level: Intermediate

Tools: Typical basketmaking tools.



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, excluding summer, and 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 - 2:00 pm Classes & Open Weave

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

Membership: Single \$25 per year



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MBWG Cooks

Spiced Fruit - Layce Parkinson

1 can pears, 1 can peaches, 1 can of apricots, 1 can pineapple, all drained
1 banana
1/2 t grated lemon
1 T brown sugar Cinammon to taste
1 t curry 2 T butter
2 t cornstarch

Put in different spices or different fruits. (I used some gram marsala as well as the curry) Combine in casserole sprinkle with butter & cornstarch.
Bake 1 hour @325. Can be served cold or hot

Golden Winter Soup - Jill Scarpari

2 tbsp butter	2 c sliced leek (about 2 medium)
5 c. cubed peeled butternut squash	4 c fat-free, less sodium chicken broth
2 c cubed peeled russet potato (1 very large, or 2 large)	1 c. half and half (or milk)
1 tsp kosher salt	chopped hazelnuts
1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper	chopped apples

Melt butter in a large Dutch over over medium-high heat. Add squash, potato, salt and pepper to pan; saute 3 minutes.

Add leek; saute 1 minute. Stir in broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 20 minutes or until potato is tender, stirring occasionally. Use immersion blender to cream soup or put into a blender. If the soup is hot, remove center piece of blender lid (to allow steam to escape). add some soup. Replace lid on top and put towel over opening in blender lid-to avoid splatters. Blend until smooth, repeat until all of soup is blended. Add half and half or milk. Sprinkle with hazelnuts and/or apples and enjoy!

*I use cooked squash I have frozen in place of the fresh squash, use same amount of cups.