



**Meet the new President-Elect, Christine Dellwo**



**How did I first learn of the MBWG?** I was at "Art Crawl on 87" in Pine River, MN on Labor Day Weekend 2012 and bought two "organizer baskets" from Jo Guttormson for Christmas gifts. She invited me to learn how to weave a bread basket at a class she was organizing in Hackensack and also mentioned she was going to be making the organizer baskets I bought for the Bemidji Guild and invited me. I accepted for both events and we rode up to Bemidji together and became fast friends. She then told me about MBWG and I joined in January 2013. I look forward to meeting at Guild each month.

**What is your favorite basket to make?** I don't have a favorite basket to make. I enjoy the opportunity to take a class each month and have a finished basket every month that is unique and beautiful. I am so grateful for the instructors that share their time and talent to provide me and others with such an enjoyable activity along with fellowship the guild provides.

**What other hobbies do you enjoy?** My introverted activities include reading, crossword puzzles and candy crush! My extroverted activities include book club, card club and hosting dinner parties for family and friends. I also enjoy spending time up north and taking more classes from Jo!

**Anything else we should know about you?** I live in Shakopee with my husband, 3 kids and dog "Trooper". I work for Southwest News Media in Shakopee (in the business office) and I love when everything balances at work...especially my checkbook.

**Why did you decide to serve on the board as president-elect and now president?** I think it is very important to support causes that matter to you. Volunteering is vital to any successful organization no matter how large or small. It's my way of supporting the MBWG. It doesn't take any special abilities...just willingness to serve and attend board meetings. Plus I have met some wonderful people through the guild and at board meetings. I hope more members consider volunteering in support of the MBW.

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## In this edition of 'Spokes and Weavers'

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- Basket Bingo 2014-2015 news
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And a **big thank you** to **Louanne Hipp** for her year of service. Now she starts the fun part-giving advice to Christine as the past president. Louanne will continue on in her position as **Bingo Chair**, so everyone will still be hearing from her as she encourages us to volunteer and make baskets for **Basket Bingo 2015!!!**

## The Alexandra House Project 2015

Once again this year our guild spent time during the December Christmas party making and filling baskets for the Alexandra House. I thought you would be interested in learning a bit more about this deserving institution.

Alexandra House is a non-profit community-based organization which provides 24-hour emergency shelter, support services and community advocacy to victims of domestic and sexual violence. All services are free.

Their mission is to empower victims of domestic and sexual violence and inspire social change through education, support and advocacy. They provide emergency shelter, a crisis line and on-site hospital advocacy 24 hours a day. Also available are legal assistance and support services for women and children who have experienced domestic or sexual violence. Alexandra House is active in the community, including many area schools, providing information, intervention services and volunteer training.

Alexandra House, and the clients they serve rely, on the generosity of others to continue services. Volunteers support virtually every area of the organization. To find more information about Alexandra House, including how to volunteer your time, donate goods or monetary support, check out their website at [www.AlexandraHouse.org](http://www.AlexandraHouse.org). All donations are tax deductible.

Sooooo the volunteers working when I dropped off our 15 beautiful baskets were excited and amazed when I explained that we had made them that morning at our meeting. Our "filling items" were all things on their list of wants/needs. They were very appreciative of the heartfelt messages that were included in each basket.

In closing, our guild is a wonderful group! Friendships, new and old, bound by a common love of the craft of basketweaving. And now we have added outreach to women and children in rough times. It is, as Martha Stewart would say, "a very good thing". Happy and healthy wishes for 2015 to you all,  
**Jo.**



**Jo delivering the baskets.**

### YEAR END ROUND UP FROM LOUANNE HIPPI.....

- ✓ **WANTED A PRESIDENT ELECT for MBWG** The cities premiere basket weaving guild. Board meetings are the Tuesday before guild at Highland Cafe and Bakery. It's great to be part of the synergy of making Guild happen! Contact any current board member for more information!
- ✓ **BINGO 2015**  
Keep on Weaving tie it on! Be the first to Tie-one-on!  
BASKET BINGO MBWG 16th Annual Fundraiser October 24, 2015  
Tie-one-on cards will be available at February - September guild meetings for your Bingo basket creations! :)  
Table Decoration Committee has the situation well in hand. Contact Jill Scarpari ([jill.scarpari@spps.org](mailto:jill.scarpari@spps.org)) if you want to help.  
Raffle tickets will be available for early sale at the March - Sept guild meetings  
Use donated materials for your Bingo baskets!  
Alice, Christine and Louanne will bring donations to January - May guild meetings!
- ✓ **Reed Donations**  
MBWG is making PATTERN KITS for local basket conventions door prizes and to SELL\$. Proceeds will go to RAC (Random Acts of Kindness) fund.  
The donated reed is some of all sizes natural flat, flat oval, round. Also available is seagrass and HOOPS!  
Please do bring a favorite pattern (or two) complete with photo and credits.  
Do bring necessary colored weavers and supplies.  
MBWG will provide - pipe cleaner ties, MBWG brochure, "Basket made by" business cards and plastic bags.  
Donated supplies can also be purchased for your weaving.
- ✓ **2015 Elected Officers**  
President - Christine Dellwo  
Past President - Louanne Hipp  
Program Director - Julie Pleski  
President Elect –
- ✓ **Request:**  
Hello Louanne:  
I am totally blind and live in Mora Minnesota. I would love to learn basket weaving. I am wondering if there is anyone closer to me that would be willing to teach me. I do not drive and have difficulty finding someone to bring me to the Minnesota Basket Weaver's classes. If you know of anyone who would be willing to help, I would appreciate hearing Sent from my iPhone  
I may be reached at 320-679-4471.  
Thank you for your time.  
Tammy Frost  
717 Forest Avenue West  
Mora, Minnesota 55051  
320-679-4471

**Don't forget about these upcoming GREAT weaving events/opportunities. Teachers need to know in advance if you will be attending, so they can prepare materials.**

Please join us for **Cabin Fever Weavin' on January 10th and 11th, 2015 in Owatonna MN**. We have scheduled **Marlys Sowers** to teach three of her baskets - B Basket, Clock, and Plaid Bowl. **Pam Ihle** will teach her beautiful **Viking Knit Bracelet**. If unable to join us for weaving, you are welcome to stop in and shop the products that Marlys brings. If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Deb Mather** -[weavinwinona@gmail.com](mailto:weavinwinona@gmail.com). or call [507-451-8571](tel:507-451-8571). Complete information is available on [www.weavinwinon.com](http://www.weavinwinon.com). Thank you!

The **22nd Annual Weavin' in Winona Basket Workshop will be June 26th, 27th, and 28th, 2015** at Tau Conference Center of Winona State University, Winona MN. You are invited to share a wonderful experience of basket weaving with talented teachers who have been invited to instruct and share their talents. Join us for 3, 2, or even 1 day of relaxation and fun. We look forward to seeing you again to renew old friendships or meeting you for the first time to create new ones. Teachers scheduled for this year are: Jeanne Dudley, Flo Hoppe, Gina Kieft, Annetta Kraayeveld, and Marlene Meyer. **Complete information can be found on the web site** and a workshop brochure can be printed from a pdf file on: [www.weavinwinona.com](http://www.weavinwinona.com) which should be updated later in January. If you would like to receive email notification when the information is available or if you have any questions, please contact Deb Mather at [weavinwinona@gmail.com](mailto:weavinwinona@gmail.com) Thank you

The **Wisconsin Weave Away, is March 13-15, 2015**. Look for registration info on **The Basket Patch** website and sign up on line or via snail mail. Registration fee for the workshop is now \$126. All class assignments are given in the order the registrations come in or post marked date. Teachers are **Jackie Bedworth** (willow), **Jeanne Dudley** (brooms), **Annetta Kraayeveld** (reed), **Ellie Lidda** (reed), **Shirley Mount** (Nantuckets), **Jeanie Penick** (Shaker tape stool), **Judy Wilson** (Twined Trays and coiling), and she is coming all the way from Georgia and the only time she is going this far north! Classes are filling fast, all are about half full.

## Weavin' Up North

Save the date for - April 17, 18, 19- 2015

Teachers for this year will be

Sandy and Steve Atkinson

Maryls Sowers

Cathryn Peters

Denise Arzberger

Jill Scarpari

Eileen Spilman

For a brochure email Nancy at [baerbaskets@hotmail.com](mailto:baerbaskets@hotmail.com)

## **NBO Summer Workshop 2015-July 14-19, 2015**

For more information go to the NBO website-nationalbasketry.org The conference will take place at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN registration starts January 15<sup>th</sup>. You must be a member of the NBO to attend the conference.

**And sign up for these awesome classes offered by us, MBWG  
at the Textile Center**

**Guild classes 2015**

**Jan 24.2015**



**Felted Table Runner  
Leslie Granbeck  
\$70**



**Nesting Nantuckets  
Shirley Mount  
S \$40, M \$45, L \$50**

**Feb 28, 2015**



**Trillium Coiled Basket  
Tressa Sularz  
\$45**



**Hen Style Antler  
Della Pleski  
\$75**

**March 28, 2014**



**Paul Bunyan Trail Bike Basket**  
**\$46**  
**Jo Guttormson**



**Wavy Star Basket**  
**\$40**  
**Julie Pleski**

**April 25, 2015**



**Midnight Enchantment**  
**Debbie Mroczenski**  
**\$60**



**Waffle Cone**  
**Karen Kotecki**  
**\$45**



**May 16, 2015**



**Plaited Heart Shaped Basket**  
**Louanne Hipp**  
**\$30**



**Glove Basket**  
**Nancy Miller**  
**\$24**

**Every  
Month  
9-3?**

**Open Weave Table**

**Have a project that you want to finish but need help? Or just want to talk about baskets? Check out the Open Weave Table.**

- ✚ The September classes are changing, so keep an eye on the website. A weekend with Annetta Kraayeveld will be offered.**
- ✚ All classes start at 9 and end at 3 (or whenever you are finished.) Find more information on our MBWG website-[www.mbwg.org](http://www.mbwg.org)**
- ✚ Class registration forms are available there as well as lots of other good information on the classes we offer.**

## Pictures from Basket Bingo 2014



Look at all the baskets! These baskets are for the big bingo win.



While these, on the left, are for the small bingo win. The two baskets on the right were for a special raffle, Linda Wilcox and Della Pleski donated them.



The baskets and bowls were for the bucket raffle. And these large filled baskets were for the big raffle prizes (along with our food price list)



Look at all the goodies!



And our table decorations too!



Raffle prizes galore!



The prez discussing the game with the callers.



What a great looking crowd that day. An awesome time was had by all.

**Pictures from the December meeting, potluck and service project.**



**Everybody is concentrating on their basket for the service project-baskets for the Alexander House, a shelter for women.**



**Weaving and weaving... Paul is finishing Margaret's basket while she enjoys the potluck.**



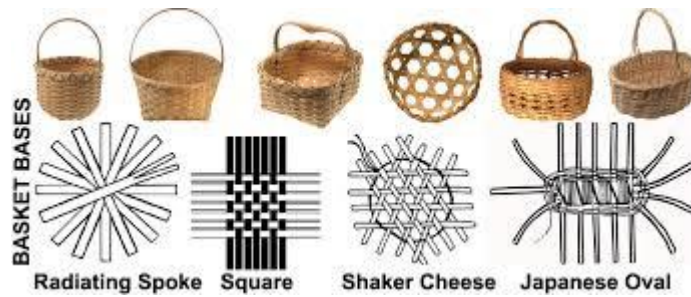
**Lots of goodies were on hand for the potluck as well as nutritious treats.**



The baskets created and filled were better than ever!

# Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild

This banner is available for use by all members. Let the prez know if you have use for it. You can check out the size by looking at the Basket Bingo pictures. It is visible where the 2014 Prez, Louanne is talking to the bingo callers. So if you are at an event demonstrating, we have this banner and brochures to spread information about our unique organization.



### A Very Brief History of Basketry

Basketry is an ancient art that dates back to the earliest recordings of civilization. Baskets were found in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs and are estimated to date back to 5000 BC. Historically, baskets have always been woven with materials indigenous to the geographic area in which they were grown. Early baskets were often woven from rush, grapevines and twigs. Some archaeologists have suggested that the craft of basketry predates pottery making. Baskets have been used for fishing, laundering, harvesting, sewing and marketing. Today the reed and cane commonly used for basket weaving and seat weaving comes from the rattan vine. The use of rattan vine was developed in the Far East, where weavers used the entire vine intact. The outer part of the vine is now used for chair caning and the core is cut into different sizes and shaped reeds for basket weaving. It is both durable and pliable. Basketry is a craft that can be done by anyone almost anywhere there is a water supply. Very few tools are necessary to create a beautiful, useful basket.

### Are you a basket case?

noun: **basketcase**; plural noun: **basketcases**

- a person or thing regarded as useless or unable to cope.
- a country or organization that is in severe financial or economic difficulties, especially one that is unable to pay its debts. Ex: sudden meltdowns—such as the financial crisis—can turn flourishing countries into basket cases overnight”

#### Origin

World War I: originally slang denoting a soldier who had lost all four limbs, thus unable to move independently, and would be carried in a basket.

**\*\*\*Or are you hopelessly in love with baskets and the art/craft of making them?**

Hello, Basket Makers! This is a reminder that our membership year runs January through December...and that it is time to start thinking about renewing your membership for 2015. The \$25.00 due is one of the best bargains in town!!!

To encourage you to renew soon, the Board once again voted to offer a free membership for the following year to the winner of a drawing to be held at the December meeting from the names of all the people who had renewed their memberships by that date.

I've attached a membership renewal form for your convenience--it is helpful if you complete it so I can double check your contact info. Also--if you change your e-mail address, please let me know....otherwise we won;t know how to reach you for messages, announcements, or newsletters.

See you soon! BB

**MINNESOTA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD  
2014 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Please complete this form and send with your check for \$25.00 annual dues to:

Treasurer, MBWG  
Mailbox #7  
Textile Center of Minnesota  
3000 University Avenue SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone A \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone B \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Guild treasury remains healthy, after another successful Basket Bingo. Although both of the raffles were high earners, the numbers of cards sold was down from last year; however, the price increase to \$15 for the set made up for the fewer purchases. We made about \$600 more than last year.

Our memberships were down from last year's—44 compared to 54. We have 30 memberships paid for 2015, as of the December Guild meeting.

Your membership not only supports the Guild, enabling us to provide very reasonably priced, interesting classes each month, it also underwrites the rent at the Textile Center for the summer event and usually provides a gas stipend for members attending either the Bemidji or Winona events. This year our reimbursements didn't get organized....someone attending next year let me know so that we can get the stipends ready for attendees!

Our expenses other than rent are modest...and we go into 2015 with a bit over \$10,500 in the bank. This is about \$1000 over past carry forwards, and is due to the super Basket Bingo event and lower costs than projected. The Board voted to provide \$100 as a contribution to the Textile Center's year end fund drive to help them meet expenses. We consider the TC our "home" and are one of the few Guilds to provide it with extra support beyond rent. We want to keep the doors to our home open!

Although this edition of the newsletter is a few days late (due to spending time with both our children during the holidays-hasn't happened in 5 years); the next edition of the newsletter will be on April Fool's Day 2015. The snow has been flying and some of us are very happy, however not most of us.

Editor's disclaimer: Once again forgive any unintentional errors I am sure I have made in this newsletter.

Last note: Send any **additions, corrections, or articles** you want addressed in the next newsletter to [jill.scarpari@gmail.com](mailto:jill.scarpari@gmail.com). And I do make mistakes that need correcting.

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