

MINNESOTA BASKET

WEAVERS GUILD



# Spokes and Weavers

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Newsletter

President's Message by Nancy Fulton

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Well, well, well

Where is our elusive President? Word has it that she is still traveling. Last I heard she was winging her way to London! Retirement really agrees with her. If she were writing this I am sure she would say:

*"Bring those baskets to Basket Bingo. As many as you can spare. This fundraiser keeps us in business and everybody who attends has a wonderful time. One of those reasons is that we give away many baskets as well as door prizes. It is a bargain at the price of \$15.00. And don't forget to bring those cookies and bars as well as friends, neighbors and family members. These are all reasons our event is great! See you all soon."*

## **BASKETBINGO NEWS!**

**Hi Everyone,** The Event of the year is near! Everything seems to be falling into place nicely, thanks to all the Volunteers! Now we would like to get a count on the baskets that we have been busy working on. Please remember to sign and date your beautiful baskets!

We will need:

**Large- 25**

**Medium/Small- 30-40**

**Themed Raffle- 6-7**

**Bucket Raffle-5**

Good News!!! **If you are unable to get your baskets to the Textile Center.... Jean Ellingson will pick-up any baskets in the Twin Cities!** I've heard a rumor that she can be tempted with a glass of wine.

**Please Call/text or email with your counts asap.**

Thank You All, Sue Leizinger

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**When you arrive at Bingo check the board to see where you volunteered. If you didn't sign up, check with Jean or one of the designated leaders of the various tasks to be done. Don't forget to round up your family and friends and bring them to play bingo for our fabulous prizes!**

# BasketBingo

## Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Doors Open: 11:00 am

Bingo Starts: 12:00 pm

Location: Textile Center of MN  
3000 University Avenue SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Getting There:

Carpool or use Light Rail (Please note: U of M  
Homecoming game at 11:00 as well!)

Parking Options:

Behind Textile Center and adjacent buildings-free  
Surface Lot (\$\$)-entrance from 29th Ave. or 4th Ave.  
Please obey posted neighborhood parking signs.

Light Rail-easy access



**Tickets: \$15.00/set**

**(Additional sets of cards are available at an  
extra cost)**

**Refreshments will be available!  
Raffle Tickets for baskets!  
Basket Door prizes and more!**

**State Fair Winners-Prizes sponsored by us! MBWG!**

**All of these weavers were first place winners (in different categories)**

**Alice Ford with 2 first place entries, Mark Boyce from the Duluth Guild, Nancy fulton with 2 first place entries too!**



**Mark's winning basket is the one closest to him and one of Alice's is to the left of that.**

## Three Minnesota Guilds-Alike or Different? By Jill Scarpari

Over the past year, I have been to all three Minnesota Basket Guilds-MBWG, North Shore Basket Guild and Headwaters Basket Guild-for a monthly meeting. I noticed many similarities as well as differences.

Similarities include monthly meetings from Sept-May, a class or classes are offered each month, all have board members that are similar-president, newsletter editor, program chair, etc. And all have a meal of some kind during the meeting day at times throughout the year. Meeting times are approximately the same, 9-3 although NSBG ends at 2 pm. Also all have members that travel a distance to practice the weaving art. In Headwaters Marcie travels to Bemidji from Fargo, ND, at NSBG a member comes from Ely to Duluth and here in the Twin Cities we often have weavers travel from WI.

Differences are many, but not really that far apart- NSBG meets on the second Saturday each month, Headwaters the third and MBWG the fourth. That makes it convenient for any weaver who wants to attend a class in all 3 some month. NSBG and MBWG charge \$25 a year for dues while Headwaters is a bargain at \$12, the same price as when they started. Headwaters is the oldest guild having started in 1990, MBWG next in 1998 and NSBG shortly thereafter in 1999.

NSBG has communal lunches at almost every meeting. Members sign up to bring part of the lunch and coordinate, so as to not bring the same item. If not enough members sign up, then an email is sent out advising members to bring a bag lunch. Both meetings I attended, in the past two years, provided an excellent meal. Members told me that for special occasions they have the lunch catered, by Green Mill or a similar restaurant. Good idea! MBWG and Headwaters have potlucks a couple of times a year. Members often bring goodies to share at all meetings, at all 3 guilds. And the food is excellent at these two guilds too.

Headwaters offers 1 class a month, usually taught by a member of the guild. Sometimes, especially in the winter, they have a weave a kit month, so if the weather is forbidding people can still weave at home. NSBG and MBWG offer classes taught by both members and outside teachers. Both try to have 2 classes every month.

Headwaters offers a 3 day workshop, with multiple teachers, every April at the Concordia Language Villages. MBWG and NSBG both used to have workshops, that were discontinued for various reasons. NSBG now has an extended class in May, it takes place on the second Friday of the month and finishes the next Saturday. This allows for a basket that takes more than 5 hours to be taught. MBWG has been hosting a special event in the summer that generally lasts 3 days. Only 1 teacher teaches at this event.

NSBG and Headwaters both meet at a church, while MBWG meets at the Textile Center in Mpls. Although when MBWG started, we met in a church.

At all the guilds, members are truly glad to see each other especially in September, when they have been apart for 3 months. But with so many things to do in the Twin Cities area, we don't have as steady attendance as the others do, at least it seemed to me with my limited observation.

So there you have a snapshot of the 3 guilds. We can all learn from how the others function. On occasion we at MBWG have had to cancel classes, so maybe we need to drop to one class some months. Our open weave table is pretty well attended as is the one in NSBG.

**And personally I vote for checking out having a meeting catered! Who is with me???**

**An Opportunity to show your Skills:** At the Crossings in Zumbrota, MN there is a juried show for textile, fiber and jewelry. Registration deadline is Nov. 7, 2016. The price is \$15 for entering 3-5 original pieces. If you are interested in this venue, the email address is [info@crossingsatcarnegie.com](mailto:info@crossingsatcarnegie.com) and the phone number is 507-732-7616. Or if you want a copy of the announcement the guild received you can email me, [jill.scarpari@gmail.com](mailto:jill.scarpari@gmail.com) and I will gladly make a copy and send it to you via snail mail. (Sorry no fax facility here or scanning capabilities and since we received a paper copy I can't attach it.)

**The Basket Patch**, run by Shirley Mount, has new prices on reed. She is coming to teach in November and I know personally that she will bring the supplies you order so you can save on shipping. She also has quite a few specials, so check out her site at [www.thebasketpatch.com](http://www.thebasketpatch.com)

## Fall Class Schedule for MBWG

### BASKET BINGO!!! Oct 22, 2016-that's a Saturday



- **The day is coming fast! While you are weaving remember to weave one or two baskets for our annual fundraiser.**

**November 19, 2016**



**Pam Ihle**



**Shirley Mount**

**December 10, 2016**

**Annual Christmas Party and Service Project-we make baskets for a women's shelter in Blaine and we EAT!**

- **Check our website-MBWG- for more details about the classes and schedule. And remember: the open weave table is always open; except at Basket Bingo.**

**September Guild Meeting 2016**



**Left-Julie Pleski and teacher Karen Kotecki working together**



**Right-Teacher Debbie Mrozcenski with SuzetteLeizinger, possible new member Jen Schmerler, and Betty**



Left-Open weave table- Alice Ford, Jean Ellingson, new member Nancy, Jeanie Wilcox and Bonnie Buzza. Right-Bonnie Buzza brought a maple flavored pie-Delicious!!



Left- Debbie's class again Right-Debbie's baskets, which one will be taught next year?



Left-Karen's baskets, which of these will we weave next year? Right-Long time weaving friends, Jean and Nancy.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

The next couple of months are crucial for the financial health of the Guild... You all know we depend on Basket Bingo for our main revenue source. This enables us to pay our rent at the Textile Center...but it also depends on your participation as a basket maker/donor, player (who encourages friends to play, too), and volunteer. Jean and Suzette need your help—as do we all—with this year's Bingo on Oct. 22nd. Then, we are moving to our membership renewal period in November and December. Dues remain at \$25.00 per year. At December's meeting we will have a drawing of all members paid for 2017 for a free 2018 membership...so bring your checks to the Nov or December meetings—and we'll see you this month at Basket Bingo!  
Bonnie Buza, Treasurer

## A Request from the Editor

I am unable to attend this year's Basket Bingo, so **Margaret Fiedler** has volunteered to take pictures for me. If for some reason she doesn't attend—things come up you know, just like it did for me, I would appreciate you all sending me pictures of the great event for the next edition of Spokes and Weavers. Or if you see her not fulfilling her duty, prod her to fulfill her obligation.

## President, Facebook Liasion ?????

We are still looking to fill these positions, so if you love the guild and want to see it stay in business, considering volunteering for one of these 2 positions. **SOON!**



**Did you see this basket appraised on the Antiques Road Show recently on PBS? It is an egg basket woven by the Shelton Sisters, who had a home industry making baskets in North Carolina and dates from around 1910. It is worth \$2000-\$3000. WOW!!! Keep on weaving, you never know.....**



**Baskets?** Yes these are also baskets. Who knows what they are used for? Think snow for the answer.

Editor's disclaimer: The fall is glorious, winter just around the corner and Guild is back in session. Now just awaiting the snow so I can use my other baskets that are on the end of a pole. Send any additions, articles or corrections-***corrections meaning factual errors not grammatical/semantical errors because I can live with those***-you want addressed in the next newsletter to [jill.scarpari@gmail.com](mailto:jill.scarpari@gmail.com) .

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