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WEAVERS GUILD



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Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Newsletter

President's Message by Deb Johnson

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Sarasota, FL - Debbie with Vladimir Yarish, Birch Bark Instructor from

Have you heard the news!!!

Our Textile Center is embarking on an incredible journey. This past May, I was invited to attend a Guild Leader meeting, hosted by the Textile Center, with Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi, National Artist Advisory Council as a guest speaker. The Textile Center has entered into a purchase agreement to acquire property located at 3300 University Ave. SE, just a couple of blocks down from our current location. At this time they are going through a due diligence process, which is anticipated to be complete this Fall.

The proposed facility will provide guilds better space (including more parking), museum standard exhibit spaces, expanded shop and library, social and gathering spaces, and much more! We will continue to keep you updated as information becomes available.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE to all our Guild Members.....

Your Guild Board is embarking on a special mission this summer. We are taking the opportunity to re-group and re-invent who and what we are as a guild. Subject matters to be discussed include: 1) Expanding the Board into smaller roles in an effort to reduce the level of commitment for everyone and encourage more participation. More hands make a lighter load. 2) How can we get the word out that we exist and attract new members? 3) What kind of classes do our members want and instructors to bring in. 4) How can we be more welcoming, informative and have fun. 5) What is the role of the Textile Center as it relates to our Guild.

It's time to put a new face on your Guild so it reflects what you want your Guild to be. A number of members have been around for a long time and provided much valued service to our Guild. If you are one of these members, you have experience and wisdom to share. If you are newer to this world of basket weaving, we are so glad for your valued interest! Your enthusiasm rejuvenates others around you! Your perspective is very valued! Perhaps you might be willing to help with some duties from time to time! Everyone has strengths and talents to share!

To be successful, we need your participation. WE INVITE you to attend our Board meeting at the Textile Center on Saturday, July 28 from 10:00-1:00 and again on Saturday, August 25 from 10:00-1:00. Some members in attendance at the May meeting have already expressed an interest in participating! This is a limited time commitment and requires only the time you want to give. Please RSVP via email to debjohnson58@gmail.com.

In addition, I am inviting you to send an email to me at debjohnson58@gmail.com and share your ideas and/ or concerns. Hearing from you is really important to us! ALL email senders will be held in confidence. If you would like to participate in some way but are not able to attend either of these meetings, please let me

know. My email box is open and waiting! Still hesitating...give me a call: cell (218) 491-3550. If you prefer to send a note to an alternate Board member, please feel free!

Hope you're having a happy and safe summer! And keep weaving!

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PARKING ALERT— started MARCH 1

The Textile Center has purchased a parking lot on University Ave. , just a bit "uphill" from the TC. It is just past the old health care office and computer buildings, and is the first right turn past the TC when you are driving on University. Use this space if the regular lot is full and **DON'T USE THE LOTS WE HAVE BEEN USING BEHIND THE TWO OLDER, ADJACENT BUILDINGS. THE TC NO LONGER LEASES THEM, AND YOU MAY BE TICKETED OR TOWED IF YOU PARK THERE.**

Member News!

Debbie Johnson is teaching the following classes:

Textile Center, September 15th, 10-4p.m., Tote Around Town, an introduction to basket weaving. Go to [Textile Center MN.org](http://TextileCenterMN.org) for more information.

Minnetonka Center for the Arts, September 21, 9:30-3:30 p.m., Williamsburg Basket, an introduction to basket weaving. Go to: minnetonkaarts.org for more information.

Minnetonka Center for the Arts, November 3, 9:30 - 3:30 p.m. Bread Basket, an introduction to twill basket weaving. Go to: minnetonkaarts.org for more information.

Tressa Sularz is teaching Twining Bowls, Oct. 20-21 9-4. Go to the textile center website or follow this link <https://textilecentermn.org/product/twining-offering-bowls-%E2%80%A2-october-20-21/>



BINGO!

Time to plan for another fun time on October 27th. Baskets (for both the small and large) baskets are needed. Please contact either Sue Leizinger aslzinger@gmail.com or Jean Ellingson jellngsn@gmail.com with information on the basket(s) you will be able to donate. Also needed are raffle baskets and jug raffle items. Again, let either Sue or Jean know if you are able to provide either type of raffle basket.

Help will be needed the day of bingo to set up (arrival 9AM), refreshment table set up and tending, bingo and dauber sales, and clean up. Please contact Jean if you have a specific job you would like to do the day of bingo.

Thank you to all the guild members who have assisted with this event in the past. As many of you know, the proceeds of bingo allow the guild to pay rent at the Textile Center.

Treasurer's Report

The Basket Weavers Guild is financially where we generally are in the summer, with about \$8,000 in the bank and no major bills outstanding. We currently are off our membership goal by about 7 members. Some of our “regulars” haven’t yet renewed, so I will send them a “memory jogger” e-mail to do so. If you know you are one of these folks, send in a check for \$25.00 for the year—still one of the best deals in town!

Over the summer we often think of “money ins” and “money outs.” Our big Money In is of course Basket Bingo, and planning for that has begun. Last year’s change to a shorter day for \$10 seemed to work well, and we are likely to continue that format this year. We hope you are making baskets...that is always the big concern (“Will we have enough baskets????”) and the big relief when we see so many nice ones as prizes!

For Money Outs we are considering renting some upstairs space at the Textile Center to free up our closet space for essentials—it is a mess with everything stuffed in there!— and to give us space to store Bingo supplies, which are now scattered about town in the garages and basements of various volunteers... We are also thinking about how best to update and manage our web presence—Don Erickson has graciously agreed to continue to do our updates and give us some help, and the questions are whether or not we need to find or hire someone to give our website a new look and more functionality, if we should have a Facebook page, etc.

We’re also giving some thought to aligning our fiscal and business years with our activity year, September 1 through August 31, perhaps, rather than January 1 through December 31. This makes it more consistent with our Sept-May class calendar, plus perhaps a summer event.

Your ideas on these (and other) issues are most welcome—e-mail me banddbuzza@gmail.com or our President Debbie Johnson debjohnson58@gmail.com or come to one of the summer “Board +” meetings any member is invited to, to help in some planning for our future. Contact Debbie for the dates and details of those sessions, which will be on 3 Saturday mornings at the Textile Center.

Meanwhile, happy weaving those bingo prizes! :0

Weavers Guild Treasurer, Bonnie Buzza

Photos from the May Basket Class with Jo Guttormson.



What is your favorite type of basket?



Kovels.com



Rest of the year MBWG classes and events:



Sept. 22, 2018-Apps, eggs or pie! Tray-Jo Guttormson

This versatile basket is fun to weave and useful to own. Woven on a large wooden base, the class includes, 2 inserts, one for appetizers and one for eggs. There will be color choices and it is topped with an intricate (but easy) lashing technique. Beginner, 13" x 2.5" **\$45 for members \$50 non members**

Oct 27, 2018-BASKET BINGO! Make a table decoration, small basket, large basket, raffle basket or bucket raffle basket. Volunteer, help make it a success again.



Nov 17, 2018-Japanese Style Weaving

on Rocks-Jill and Paul Scarpari and Della Pleski

Flat rocks-'skipping rocks'-from various locales will be available for learning how to weave on rocks. Cane of various shades and sizes will be available, as will 'bling' if so desired. Bring your own bling if you want. The designs that can be created are endless and each unique! All levels **\$15 for members for first rock \$20 for non members, \$5 for second rock.**

Dec 8, 2018 Holiday Party and Service Project

As always the Open Weave Table is always available every month-Have a project that you want to finish but need help? Or just want to talk about baskets? Check out the Open Weave Table.

Check out MBWG website for more info on above classes or contact Julie Pleski (jpleski@yahoo.com) if website does not have current information.

- ✚ The MBWG website also has all of our forms. Just search for mbwg.org and hit the forms tab. Every form you need is at your command. Print and use often.

Still Looking for a President Elect and a Newsletter Editor.

Step right up for one of these worthwhile and fulfilling positions. Both help keep the guild up and running right. It takes a small portion of time but reaps big rewards for you and the guild. Think about it and talk to a board member soon.

Table decorations for 2018 Basket Bingo update.



In case you have forgotten how many you pledged here are the numbers. **Linda Wilcox 3 (already fulfilled!), Susan Burkhalter 1, Margaret Fiedler 2, Alice Ford 1, Roxanne Miller 1, Chris Dellwo 1, Nancy Fulton 1, Jean Ellingson 2, Claudia Speak 4, and Jo Guttormson 2.** Thanks to all who volunteered. Please give these baskets to Susan Burkhalter the day of bingo. If you need to relieve yourself of it/them ahead of this date, please talk to Jean Ellingson. The date for Bingo 2018 is Sat., Oct. 27. Suzette Leizinger and Jean Ellingson are co-chairing. Any questions or if you want to offer to help-find their information on page 2 of this newsletter in the box for Board Members and contact them. Bingo is always a good time!

Editor's disclaimer: Time is running out for this newsletter editor and this may be the last time I say this but: 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 .

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