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MINNESOTA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD



Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Newsletter September 2020 – Issue 2



Back to School Old Style!

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Letter from the Editor -

Greetings fellow shut ins! This is a short informational newsletter about some updates for the fall. September is the time to re-up for the 20-21 MBWG year, so we are attaching a registration form with this newsletter. Please take a minute to fill it out and send it in! We thank you for your continued support through this weird time and look forward to in person meetings and classes.

This month I had my own Covid scare. I had to quarantine for about a week and a half, then the test came back negative – such a relief! Had to cancel my hiking trip up north, so I am participating in the virtual cookie decorating competition offered by the Minnesota State Fair – that was the only competition they had! - hope to see you soon!



These kind of inspired me...



Here's the finished product!

Presidents Message by Deb Johnson -

Dear Guild Members,

I hope this note finds you all safe and well!

I can hardly believe it is nearing the end of August. A week or so ago I occasionally started to notice what I thought was the hue of green leaves changing? Na, that tree must just be stressed or something. Yes - Fall is around the corner.

These indeed are most unusual times we are living in (for many reasons). With Textile Center not yet able to open for guilds to meet, our first Guild meeting of the season will be Saturday, September 26th via Zoom, at 10:00 a.m. As a MBWG member, you will be receiving a zoom meeting invite shortly from Nancy Fulton. As Nancy says... 'come when you can, leave when you must'!

The Board has been meeting over the summer months and decided starting out slowly would be a good plan. Our September meeting will be an open weave social visit. You can join us and work on your

projects while we visit, or just join us and visit! It will be fun to 'see' everyone! We would be thrilled for anyone who has 'show & tell' projects from over the shut-down, to share with us too! It's inspiring to learn and see what everyone has been up too since we last met in February! If you recall, our annual meeting, which was to have been in May, was pushed out to our September meeting. So we will also update you and answer any questions you might have. We'd love to have your input! We do hope you will join us!

October is normally our Basket Bingo event. Sadly, this too had to be cancelled. Our October 24th meeting will be a Zoom presentation by Jo Campbell Amsler in the morning. She has an incredible talk and slide show for us regarding her willow travels in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Spain and Italy! Early afternoon will be a field trip/meet-up at a local park to harvest wild willow and other natural weaving materials. You can participate in both morning and afternoon events, or just one of your choice! This will not be an all or nothing day! More on the October meeting to come!

Kindest regards & we hope to see you September 26th!

Debbie Johnson,
President

Membership Chair Message:

Hello All - I would like to introduce myself, Sarah Peterson. I am the new Membership lead and am looking forward to engaging with our members and basket making of all sorts. I would call myself a novice basket maker, but I greatly enjoy making of all kinds and have tried my hand at several kinds of coiled basketry this summer, as well as a foraging basket. I have several more baskets in line to be made in the very near future!

I would like to create a MN Basket weavers Guild Instagram page to share some of the wonderful baskets our guild members make and to gather more interest for our guild. I will let you know when I have the page started, but please send me pictures of any baskets you have made that I can post. My email is: 777sarahpeterson@gmail.com

Membership renewals are due September 1st. Dues will remain at \$25 for the year (\$55 if you want to also be a Textile Center member.)

Why should I join/renew my membership?

- Community - A group of wonderful basket weavers
- Membership pricing for monthly basket classes or talks (this year may be a bit different, but I think some wonderful opportunities are being worked on)
- Textile Center Library privileges
- Monthly meetings, generally the 4th Saturday of the month (September thru May)
- Bringing together individuals with basket interests and stimulating growth of knowledge and skills, while expanding basketry practice as a group and as an individual.

Please complete the form below and return with your membership fees, as soon as possible. I already have 2 renewals!!!

Textile Center -

The Textile Center Gallery and Shop are open by appointment only, on the hour, Tuesday-Friday, 11:00am – 3:00 pm. The gift shop is also online with curbside pickup or shipping options. The library is available with online withdrawal requests with curbside pickup only. Also, check the Textile Center website for the new '**Occasional Shop**' (formerly Garage Sale) held on August 27 through 29 at 61 Bedford Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. You must make appointments to drop off donations and to shop the sale, so book yours soon!

2020/21 Season - MBWG Classes:

September 26 – 10:00 a.m. – Noon – FREE!



Zoom Open Weave and Annual Member's Meeting, 10am – 12pm. We will be having a Zoom meeting and open weave. Bring your BIPs (baskets in progress) and your questions. Nancy Fulton will be sending members a separate invite with the Zoom link via email to join the meeting.

Don't have a BIP? Need some inspiration or a free pattern? Here is an option to check out! Click here:
<http://basketmakers.com/topics/patterns/fpreedindex.htm>

October 24 – Join us for an exciting two-part event! Cost: Members – free; Non-Members \$30.00

To register: email Debbie at: debjohnson58@gmail.com to receive the Zoom invite. Your 2020/21 season membership must be paid in advance to qualify for free registration. Non-members – consider taking a guild membership and save \$5.00!

Part 1: Jo Campbell Amsler 10a.m.-11:30 a.m. - Zoom – European Tour with Jo!



Jo has been an avid willow basket maker and teacher for more than 30 years. She has taught, shared her knowledge of willow and these techniques in her work throughout the United States and beyond. In recent years, Jo has hosted a number of basketry tours to Ireland, Scotland, Spain, Italy, France, Denmark, Wales and England, visiting with basketry weavers in those countries, learning new skills with willow and other natural materials. Join us as Jo takes us on a virtual European tour, meeting some of those basket makers and learn about basketry abroad!

Part 2: 1-3pm – Part 2 will be led by Debbie Johnson and Sarah Peterson. Join us as we explore one of our twin city regional parks (park TBD), to harvest wild willow or other weaving materials! We will meet you (transportation on your own) on this adventure after being inspired with Jo's lecture! The park location will be defined after pre-scouting ample willow patches and confirmation of our

permit. Maintaining social distancing will be mandatory as will mask wearing when in proximity of others! Materials you gather will be yours to take home!!

November 14 – Save the Date! More information coming soon!

December 12 – Save the Date! More information coming soon!

Keep an eye out for more information to come to you via email, in our next newsletter, and on our website! <http://www.mbwg.org/>

2020 Minnesota and Wisconsin Events:

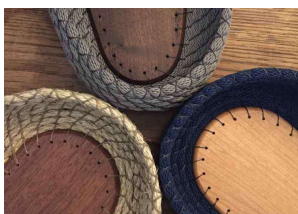


Willow Harvest and Weave – Sievers School of Fiber Arts, Washington Island, WI, September 18-23, 2pm Friday – 11am Wednesday, Jo Campbell Amsler, \$505, siewersschool.com

Basket Week – North House Folk School, Grand Marais, MN. September 22-29, prices vary depending on classes taken. northhouse.org



Wisconsin Weave Away – thebasketpatch.com, Conference is held at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek, WI. October 9-11. Prices vary depending on classes taken.



Coiled baskets – Virtual Workshop – American Swedish Institute, Minneapolis, MN, October 13, 6:30-8:30pm, Teresa Audet, \$60/\$70(includes materials), asimn.org.



Birch Bark Sawtooth Table Basket – North House Folk School, Grand Marais, MN, November 7-8, 9am-5pm, Beth Homa Kraus, \$170, northhouse.org

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2020/21 MN Basket Weavers Guild Membership & Renewal Form

New or Renewing – Please complete

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please make checks payable to: MBWG

_____ \$25 MBWGs annual membership

_____ \$55 Dual MBWG/Textile Center Membership (Textile Center membership includes membership discounts for Textile Center classes & 10% off Textile Center Shop purchases!)

Mail your check, together with this form to:

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