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Summer Special Event

Join us this summer for an opportunity to take a class from Eric Taylor!

June 20, 21, & 22

Eric teaches black ash baskets —using his own wood bases and turned handles, etc. The baskets are beautiful!!!

See inside for more details, and a signup form.

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Message from the President

Hi all!

Are your calendars as full as mine? We're moving into the summer months at warp speed and I'm already struggling to fit in all the things I want to do. Hopefully you have put aside the time to take one or more of Eric Taylor's classes offered in July. That deadline is fast approaching!

My summer plans include at least one opportunity to sit by the shores of a northern Minnesota lake and weave 'til my heart's content. Hopefully you will include a similar respite for your soul.

I'd like to express my thanks to Diane Ericson and Susan Burkhalter for all the work they did in preparing for our Anniversary celebration. A good time was had by all and I love my new apron!

We have some fantastic classes lined up for the fall – so I will 🎵 See you in September 🎵 and we can share our stories about our summer vacations.

Juliana Fick
President, MBWG

Top 5

reasons to join us for an Eric Taylor class...

1. Get a chance to use cute power tools (like a drill press!)
2. Travel to the Textile Center, instead of New Hampshire to take a class from a great Nationally known teacher.
3. Get lots of ooohs and aaahs from your family and friends.
4. Make a great black ash basket before the Everald Ash Borer kills all the ash trees.
5. Have fun with molds!

Hope to see you there!

Diane Ericson
Susan Burkhalter

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LauHilLau Cookies

Made by Pam Ihle for our May meeting. They were delicious!!

Prep Time: 15 Minutes
Cook Time: 12 Minutes
Ready In: 30 Minutes
Yields: 36 servings

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/8 cups white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla e xtract
- 1/2 banana
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 1/2 cups all -purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 cups rolled oats
- 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F .
2. In a large bowl, cream together the butter, brown sugar and white sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well with each addition, then stir in the vanilla, bananas and peanut butter. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; gradually stir into the creamed mixture. Finally, stir in the rolled oats and chocolate chips. Drop by rounded spoonfuls onto an unpr e-
pared cookie sheet.
3. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven. Allow cookies to cool on baking sheet for 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

Do we have your current email address?

Does the Guild have your correct email address? If not, can we have it? The better you keep us informed of any changes to your address, the easier it is for us to communicate any special events, and upcoming activities. Thanks!!!

Upcoming Events

June 22, 23, 24	Weavin' in Winona Winona, MN	Teachers: Sandy Bulgrin, Flo Hoppe, Joann Kelly Catsos, Marlene Meyer, Marlys Sowers, Diane Stanton, & Marilyn Wald. Contact: Deb Mather
Many Dates	Women in the Outdoors	This organization offers some great retreats—all over the state. Contact: www.womenintheoutdoors.com
July 20, 21, 22	MBWG Special Event	Teacher: Eric Taylor is coming to the Textile Center of Minnesota, sponsored by the Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild Contact: Diane Ericson
August 3, 4, 5	Missouri Basketweaver's Guild St. Louis, MO	Contact: Mona Hartzler dimohart@kc.rr.com www.mbg.unionpoint.net
September 27, 28, 29	Northwest Hoosier Basket Guild	Contact Barb Thomas. 219-464-0968 http://www.nwhoosierbasketguild.com ronandbarb@verizon.net

Fun at the Textile Center (support your local landlord!)

Minnesota Quilters Annual Show & Conference

Land of 10,000 Quilts at the St Paul RiverCentre in St Paul is June 14 -16, 2007 with classes beginning on June 13. General registration begins on February 8, 2007. Check <http://www.mnquilt.org/mq2007/index.htm> for details.

State Fair 2007:

MBWG will have a day to display basketry in the Weaver's area. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

The Textile Center will again have a display at the Minnesota State Fair. The theme this year is **Textiles in Bloom** with an emphasis on native Minnesota flowers. Colors are any color found in nature again with an emphasis on native Minnesota flowers. The idea is to avoid colors that aren't found in native Minnesota plants, think dayglow . . . Since the theme this year is pretty open, consider making a basket for holding flowers, that has flower accents, that is flower shaped or anything floral related. We'll only need a couple of medium to small size baskets for the run of the fair (August 23 through September 7) and all baskets are returned to their owners. Think of the fun of seeing your basket displayed with textile items from other Textile Center guilds.

Last, but not least —consider entering a basket in the Minnesota State Fair. We've donated \$125 in prize money, \$25 each to the first place winner in categories 564 - 569. See page 24 of the State Fair Creative Activities Rules and Premiums for details. This is available as an online PDF at http://www.mnstatefair.org/2007_pdf/CA07-pbWeb.pdf. For a copy by mail, contact the Competition Office at (651) 288 -4417.

Center Corridor – 2007 Exhibit Schedule

- Jun 22 – Aug 11 Merry Mac
- Aug 13 – Aug 18 Choi, In-Ryu (South Korean Artist – thru Textile Center)
- Aug 19 – Sep 1 Craft Mafia sponsored by the Community Forum (14 days)
- Sep 2 - Oct 13 Weavers Guild of Minnesota
- Oct 14 - Nov 24 **MN Basket Weavers Guild—Notice—this is us!!! Start planning now.**

A Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild[®] Special Event

July 20, 21, 22, 2007

With Eric Taylor

The Special Events committee is *proud* to bring you a weekend with Eric Taylor. Eric comes to us from New Hampshire and has been involved in Shaker style weaving for over 20 years. He crafts his exquisite handles, rims, and bases from cherry wood, and the baskets are woven with hand-pounded black ash. He combines the influences of Shaker and Nantucket basket techniques in his own contemporary designs. This is indeed an opportunity of a lifetime to weave an heirloom with a master.



⇐ **Cottage Bureau**
 9" long, 5" wide, 2.5" high
 Friday daytime class
 6 hours, 11am – 5pm
 \$125.00 / \$135.00 non-members



⇐ **Cottage Small Tray**
 6" long, 4" wide, 3" high
 Friday evening class
 4 hours, 6pm – 10pm
 \$110.00 / \$120.00 non-members



⇐ **Little Brown Ash Tub**
 5" long, 4-3/4" wide, 5-1/2" high
 Saturday class
 8 hours, 8am – 5pm
 \$140.00 / \$150.00 non-members



⇐ **Cottage Dresser Tote**
 10-3/4" long, 5" wide, 5" high
 Sunday class
 8 hours, 8am – 5pm
 \$145.00 / \$155.00 non-members

- ❖ All classes will be held at the Minnesota Textile Center,
3000 University Avenue SE.
 Friday daytime class time: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Friday evening class time: 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
 Saturday class time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 Sunday class time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- ❖ You may wish to bring lunch and/or beverage for the day.
- ❖ All classes must be prepaid – make checks payable to:
Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild
- ❖ Send registrations to:
 Diane Ericson
 22160 Oak Ridge Drive
 Rogers, MN 55374

Questions may be directed to:
 Diane at 763-428-7826 bsktmkr@juno.com or
 Susan at 952-933-4200 frontdesk@scicom.com

Registration Deadline is June 15, 2007

Please Print: Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____

Basket Name	Date	Member Amount	Non-Member Amount
Total Due MBWB:			

MBWG Dates for 2007 and 2008

2007 Dates	2008 Dates (planned)
January 27—a Great Time!	January 26
February 24—almost a snow day!	February 23
March 31	March 29
April 28	April 26
May 19	May 31
July 20, 21, 22—Eric Taylor	
September 22	September 27
October 27—Bingo!	October 25—Bingo!
November 17	November 15
December 8—Christmas Party	December 13—Christmas Party

Change for September Classes:

Unfortunately, Karen Mitchell will no longer be able to teach her scheduled class in September.

Look in the next newsletter for an alternate to choose from.

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The card from all of you and gift certificates to the Textile Center and Barnes and Noble are greatly appreciated. I learned a lot during my four years as vice-president and president and have enjoyed the friendships I've made. I've missed getting together with the guild and weaving baskets. My weekends are now filled with going to our cabin and spending time with my husband and daughter. Unfortunately, my dystonia has progressed to my left arm and leg, so crafting tends to be difficult when I am having an episode. I hope to someday come to guild again when my body is working better. Thank you again for thinking of me and I hope to see you all in the future.
Fondly, Mary Konobeck

Guild's 10th Anniversary—April 2007

If you attended the meeting, I hope you had a great time! We have accomplished a lot, and we should be proud of that. Many friendships have grown out of our group as we continue to explore the exciting world of basketry. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all who contributed door prizes for the party. Thanks go to: Susan Burkhalter, Jo Guttormson, Molly Stahlke, LuAnn Sedlacek, Jill and Paul Scarpari, Jean Ellingson, Sandi Quint, Shirley Mount and Gratiot Lake Basketry.

There were a lot of wonderful door prizes from these people. Please remember to thank them for their generosity! We couldn't have done it without them!

Diane Ericson

p. s. from the newsletter editor —Diane did a great job coordinating all these prizes, and the wonderful new aprons we have an opportunity to purchase. Don't forget to thank her for all her hard work, too! It made the day very, very special!!!



Our founder, and first president, Fred Kogler



Second President, Diane Ericson, teaching one of the first classes



A class in October, 1997



Diane Sannes taking Diane's class



Marlene Meyer Class



Cathryn Peters—Fall 1997

The first Christmas party and Basket Exchange



Molly Stahlke & Cathryn



Bingo!!!

Wow—thanks to all!!! Seven baskets have been donated so far! Two of these are baskets from teachers Marlene Meyer and Bonnie Becker and we thank them for their donations. Sandi Quint and Kathy Dowell combined their work for another, and we have promises from several others, which helps us plan. All in all, we need 15 -18 large baskets and 15 -18 small baskets. So, we have a ways to go, but this is a great start.

You can bring your baskets to Jill at any guild meeting. She has cleared off a shelf to store Bingo baskets until October. We would like to have most, if not all of the baskets by the guild meeting in September, so please keep that date in mind!!!

We also would like to know if anyone is planning to donate a raffle basket, we need 3 -5 of this type of basket, so the raffle will be successful.

Volunteers are also needed to step forward that day, as well. Particularly, we are looking for someone who has an interest in decorating or any ideas for a fall theme please let Jill or Jo know.

Many hands make the work light —keep those baskets coming we are off to a great start!!!!

Thanks, Jill

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