



## **Message from the Past President**

**Hi Everyone,**

This is my last letter as President of the Guild. I have enjoyed leading our group for the past two years. I have learned a lot about how our group runs, how we are connected to the Textile Center and the many activities that we do each year. I think the basket making at Christmas that we started two years ago under the direction of Jo Guttornson was a terrific idea. Thank you Jo, for finding a way for us to share our skills and crafts with others.

I was pleased when Louanne Hipp decided to accept the position of President-elect last year, thus allowing me to step down this year. Thank you, Louanne. When she offered to chair the Bingo committee, everyone on the Board gave a collective sigh so I know I am leaving the Board in good hands. Please offer your support to Louanne and continue volunteering when you see a need.

**Happy Weaving Alice**

## **Message from the New President**

**Happy New Year!**

Have we all reflected and resolved to make changes, appreciate each other, stretch ourselves a bit, gather our strengths and proceed on? The Holiday are over and the decorations are sorted (they're NOT?.....oh well.....big deal! **No worries...☺**)

Last year I had the pleasure to spend my President elect time with MBWG president, Alice Ford; thank – you, Alice for your clarity and enthusiasm! And because we share the same zip code – we were easily able to combine weaving and Guild business. Taking on Bingo duties was a great introduction to the Guild. The process gave me such an appreciation of the synergy and friendships that we all enjoy in MBWG. The time spent weaving with friends is so familial and fundamental. It's unconditional craft time and chatting at its **BEST**. Since my parents have passed and I don't have a family homestead to hang out, do crafts and chat; the time spent weaving on Guild Saturdays is of special importance. It's so exciting to see how crafty we all are, and **the baskets created!**

Last November, I was kinda nudged into submitting my name for the next president elect, and I must say - THANKS. We all need a nudge every now and then. This past year, it has been a pleasure meeting with the Board and Chairing Bingo. I look forward to the 2014 Board meetings and another year of great Guild classes, Bingo, **"Spokes and Weavers"** and Textile Center events. Sure makes me appreciate the efforts of all past Board and Guild members that have kept this amazing organization rolling along.

The Guild classes and open-weave offer us an opportunity to express our creativity and individuality. Being a member of the Board is just another way of expressing some creativity and individuality. And, I get to check something off my Bucket List! **Keep on weaving!**

## Louanne Hipp

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HELLO! And Welcome  
to our new board members:

We elected three new members to be on  
the Board.

Our new President is Louanne Hipp

Our new President-Elect is Christine  
Dellwo

Our new Program Director is Julie  
Pleski.

Congratulations to our new Board  
members!

We still are in need of a  
chair for our Special  
Event. If you are  
interested contact  
Louanne Hipp our new  
President.

## 2013 Financial Report

The MN Basket Weavers Guild continues to be healthy financially, largely due to our membership numbers holding and to our efforts to make a successful fundraiser of Basket Bingo.

We maintain a balance on hand of roughly \$9,000 that starts our year. Our annual rental at the Textile Center runs about \$2000, and we make about that much at Bingo--which is always our goal. This past year we had an increase in the numbers of renewing members--with about 50 renewing members compared to 35 in 2012. This was due in part to an active "reminder" system using e-mail, which hadn't been used the previous year. We'll definitely do that again with the 2014 reminders!

Our final figures for Basket Bingo aren't yet ready--all invoices and reimbursement requests have not yet come in. However, we do anticipate the income to be down a bit from the previous year--we think probably due to parking problems near the U made more difficult on days with football games. These increase the costs of parking in nearby lots. We should still clear about \$2000.

We continue to award honorary memberships to State Fair Winners in relevant basket categories, and support sister guilds by offering a couple of memberships as door prizes for special events in Bemidji and Winona. Our major expenses (after rent) are for memorial gifts when a member's close family member passes and supporting the summer event. In this case, there is building rent which the Guild covers rather than pro-rating it among those registering for classes.

We have re-energized "A Random Act of Kindness" started some years ago by Diane Erickson. This fund is often used to help support a member's registration at a special event here or elsewhere. Fundraisers are conducted throughout the year, generally the sale of handmade or donated items at meetings, to provide the funds. These are co-mingled in the bank account with our general funds, but tracked separately on the financial report. We currently have about \$250 in that fund.

Bonnie Buzza, Treasurer

## BINGO UPDATE

WOW! OMGosh! Bingo was, once again a fun financial success!  
THANK YOU!

EVERYONE knew just what had to be done, and we fun-tasked the day away! Thanks to Jill Scarpari and Jo Guttormson for their past leadership and orchestration. Thanks to our entertaining CALLERS - Gary Guttormson and Paul Scarpari!

It was a great time to see friends, cheer for each other and wonder why a certain family kept walking up to collect yet another great Bingo basket.

We'll get Bingo 2014 going in February: I'll send out sign-up sheets for the two standing committees: Table Decorations and Door Prizes. Also in Feb, small and large BASKET BINGO MBWG 16th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER tie-on cards will be available for weavers to attach to their donated baskets! Save your blue reed ribbons to re-use for the tie-on!

### Scenes from Basket Bingo 2013











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 2014. The \$25.00 dues 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sign up for the **classes offered in the year 2014** by sending the form available on our website along with the fee for the class made out to the teacher to Margaret Fiedler. See the pictures also at the MBWG website. **Jan 25<sup>th</sup>** classes: *Mainly Seagrass* with Jo Guttormson (\$48) and *Ply Split Braiding* with Katherine Buenger (\$30). **Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** classes: *Fabulous Felted Slippers* with Leslie Granbeck (\$80) and *Pitcher and Saucer* with Jill Scarpari (\$25). **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** classes: *Black Ash Spirit Pouch* with Jo Guttormson (\$35) and *Coiled Pin* with Tressa Sularz (\$40)

A message from Nancy Baer (of the Headwaters Guild):

"Our good friend and fellow weaver Char Jones passed away of ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. Char has been very brave and has faced off with her condition with courage.

Char was a long time member of the Headwaters Basketmakers Guild of Bemidji, MN. She loved to come to guild – she laughed and we laughed with her. For the past few months we all cried with her, but she always came to guild as long as she could. Char loved our annual weaving retreat at Farm by the Lake. We loved her rhubarb cake, deviled eggs and potato salad. Char always had more baskets patterns than anyone else and sometimes she would weave and sometimes she would relax and crochet. She made crocheted potholders in our favorite colors for all of us, mine stays in my tool bucket.

Char will be missed –. Rest and be at peace our weaving friend! There is no more pain and no more suffering."

Charlene Jones, 58, of Wilton, MN died Sunday, December 15, 2013 in Neilson Place, Bemidji, MN A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 27, 2013 at the First Baptist Church, Bemidji with Rev. Stan Nelson officiating.

Charlene Denise Johnson was born July 15, 1955 in St. Paul, MN to Charles and Josephine (Madison) Johnson. She grew up in St. Paul and attended school in Duluth, MN. In August 1971 she married Ronald Jones in Sisseton, SD. They lived in Omaha, NE and Bemidji, MN. She worked as an inspector and laborer for Nortech Systems in Bemidji for 21 years, retiring in August due to her illness. She enjoyed the Paul Bunyan Vintage Auto Club where she served as an officer. She was founder of the car club friends weekend held in March each year. She belonged to the Headwaters Basket Weavers Guild. Charlene was involved in the Relay for Life as a 35 year cancer survivor and worked with other ladies putting together care packets for cancer patients. For 30 years she sold her crafts at the Old Schoolhouse. She loved to crochet and knit. Charlene loved spending time with her grandchildren.





**Pictures from the 2013 Guild Christmas Party and service project.**



**Thanks to all who wove and/or gave supplies. Jo Guttormson brought them to Alexander House, a women's shelter, for us.**

## **A few great workshops are coming up in the area!**

### **Cabin Fever Weavin' January 11 and 12 2014 in Owatonna, MN**

**Deb Mather** is the coordinator and contact person.

Phone #: 507/451-8571 email: [bsktcasemn@gmail.com](mailto:bsktcasemn@gmail.com) See all the details at [www.weavinwinona.com](http://www.weavinwinona.com) and find the PDF link at the bottom of the page.

Marilyn Wald will bring kits and you can purchase as many basket kits as you'd like, then sit and weave for the day or weekend.

Classes Start at 8:30 a.m.

## **Wisconsin Weave Away!**

**March 20-22, 2014 in New Auburn, WI.** **Shirley Mount** is the coordinator and contact person. Phone #: 715/447-8497 email: [basketsofblessings@gmail.com](mailto:basketsofblessings@gmail.com)

See all the classes at [thebasketpatch.com](http://thebasketpatch.com) Teachers are Diane Gotham teaching: Braided Elegance and Daniel Boone Berry Basket, Donna Kallner teaching: Beyond Knotless Netting, Burundi Looping Pouch and Walking Dream Net, Ellie Lida teaching: "Rimless Wonder" Basket and Rueben, Pam Talsky teaching Alaskan Yellow Cedar Bracelets, Beadevilled, Ocean Currents and Little Show Off, Karen Tembreull teaching: Small Birch Tray, Coptic Stitch Photo Album and Athabaskan Birch Bark Basket, Kathy Tessler teaching: Twill Ash Necklaces, Largo and Braeburn, Shirley Mount teaching: Nesting Nantuckets and Jeanie Penick facilitating: Billy Owens Small Oak Laundry.

Note from the editor: Boy I hope I put those classes with the right teachers! If I messed up so sorry. But check Shirley's website for the pictures and registration details.

## **Weavin' Up North 2014**

**Save the Date April 11 -12 - & 13 – 2014**

**Come weave with us at Concordia Language Village in Bemidji**

**We are excited to announce our Teachers!**

### **Back By Popular Demand:**

- **Pam Talsky** – teaching Diagonal cedar, Daisy Spin (pine needle) and Antler Bowl-lievable!
- **Shirley Mount** will teach all of her Nested Nantuckets New to Weavin' Up North
- **Anneeta Kraayeveld** – Plaid Beach tote, Oma's Basket and Northern Lights
- **Eileen Spilman** returns with Basic Skills!
- **Team Scarpari** – Paul and Jill – will teach their Laundry Series

**Brochures out in January! Contact Nancy Baer for a brochure, at the following email address: [baerbaskets@hotmail.com](mailto:baerbaskets@hotmail.com)**

**Basket Patch will be vending again this year!!**

### **A message from long time guild member Elaine Greer.**

Wanted to update the guild on my quick changes in life. I retired from child care just before Labor Day and we sold and moved out of our Eagan home in 30 short days. We will be wintering in Florida and living in Alexandria, Mn in the summer months. I feel bad that I was not able to come and say farewell. I have so much enjoyed learning to weave through the guild. Hopefully I can get back for a class or two but it is unlikely. Please tell everyone hi as I will miss my basketweaving friends. I do plan to continue weaving!

**Live, laugh, love...**

**Elaine**

**Here are some last thoughts as 2013 draws to a close. I asked the board as well as members at the Christmas party why they are thankful for the guild and why do they volunteer for various guild positions. Here are their answers:**

I offer to help, because I was taught as a young age to help out when asked.

It was something our family did. It is what I expected my kids to do. Therefore, I continue to offer my help when the opportunity arises. Giving of yourself gives something back to you. It is not measurable with dollars just with self-worth. It is an opportunity to do what you have an interest in or to try something you might not be able to do any other way. It starts out as something small and seemingly miniscule and before long it becomes a bigger part of your life.

I'm thankful for the friendships I've made, the opportunity to learn and be creative, all in a local environment and it's affordable!

My daughter and I are grateful to do baskets together and do so in a wonderful atmosphere with wonderful folks and we love to learn new techniques to add to our skills

I'm grateful to be able to do something with my mother among wonderful people and learning new tricks and tips.

I became the secretary so I wouldn't have to be President! (and I wanted to be on the board.)

I **LOVE** the guild. At first it was about the baskets and learning and sharing. Now it is all that, and the friends I have made. The very best people are basket weavers.

Beautiful baskets and many new friends.

For me, it's a habit, a good habit. I look forward to the monthly meetings and time to reconnect with everyone while creating something beautiful and useful. Or sometimes I just come to talk and talk and

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**The deadline for articles and information for inclusion in the next issue of *Spokes and Weavers*, will be March 31, 2013. Newsletter will be sent as soon as Paul's birthday party is over-Mar 31<sup>st</sup> is his birthday. He'll be 64!**

Another editor's note: Once again forgive any unintentional errors I am sure I have made in this newsletter.