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Message from the President



Hello all weavers!

Karen Tembreull's Summer Event baskets are amazing! I know everyone participating in her classes will create a magnificent basket!

MBWG will have great basket classes planned for this year. **Julie Pleski** is collecting all the **2014 class proposals that are due by July 31st**. Teaching a class can be a challenge, and I know a few of you weavers have been shy about teaching – so please, take the challenge this year and send in a class proposal! There is a class proposal form included in this newsletter for your use. **Julie will be taking over Class Registration in September.** Thank you, **Margaret Fiedler** for all the years you handled the registrations. And thank you, Julie, for taking on registrations!

The **National Basketry Organization** (nationalbasketry.org) is planning to have their national meeting in the **Minneapolis/St. Paul area in July 2015**. Nancy Fulton has an update article in this newsletter.

Bonnie Buzza and I were invited to do a **two-hour weaving demonstration** at the **Hennepin County Fair** on June 21! We had a great time! Folks took away brochures, Summer Event sign-up sheets and were delighted with the baskets we had to show. Some of the baskets we brought were baskets made at Guild classes and everyone was quite impressed! I'm looking forward to the event next year! The Creative Arts exhibits were fun...there weren't ANY baskets entered in competition though, could be a great venue!

Christine Dellwo put together **3 kits** from the donated basketry supplies we received and they were sent with **Jean Ellingson** to the **Weaving in Winona Basketry Workshop** for door prizes along with 2 MBWG memberships. Thank you Christine and Jean!

The GREAT **Minnesota State Fair** website 2014 is up - mnstatefair.org. If you have an inkling to maybe enter a basket or two - **Registration** is open until **Aug 5th**. It is fun to enter and join in the competition. MBWG sponsors the fair by donating membership to first place ribbon winners.

Board meetings will start up again on **September 23rd**. MBWG members are all invited to come to the Board meetings; we meet the Tuesday before guild meetings at the **Highland Bakery and Café in St. Paul** at **6:00 PM**. If you plan on joining us, let me know and I can forward you the month's agenda.

Guild classes start up again on **September 27**. There are still openings in all the classes, so please look at your schedules and sign-up!

Bingo activities will again prove to be very fun, interesting AND successful! I'm sorting through my extra baskets and putting some aside for BINGO and plan to make some more! So - **KEEP ON WEAVING!**

See you in September! **Louanne Hipp**

What do the following have in common?:

1. A famous New York arena.
2. Something on the front of a bicycle.
3. A container for a picnic.
4. The wizard's ride to Oz from Kansas in the latest movie with James Franco.
5. The Easter Bunny's main arm accessory.

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Our **Summer Event** is almost here. If you haven't registered yet , please take the time to fill out the form and send it in . The classes will be held **Friday, July 25, Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27 at the Textile Center.**

Our guest teacher for the Summer Event is **Karen Tembreull**. Perhaps, some of you have taken classes from her before and have made some her well thought out projects. Karen is known as a Fiber Artist. She takes natural materials and combines them with traditional techniques presenting us with beautiful creations.

Karen is offering **four fabulous classes**. She has been out in Nature collecting all the materials since Spring. Let us take her collection of bark, spruce root , iris leaves, and rushes and put it to use. Take a class and awaken your creativity! Karen is offering the **Bullnose Pouch, the Pine Pocket Basket, the popular Patchwork Sewing Kit and the Bias Woven Bark Basket.**

You can find the registration form attached to this newsletter or on our web site. www.mbwg.org

-Alice Ford

2015 National Basketry Conference

The National Basketry Organization (NBO)

<http://nationalbasketry.org/> is holding its 8th Biennial Conference in the Twin Cities July 15 to 20, 2015 at Macalester College in Saint Paul. Their juried show "*All Things Considered VIII*" will be in the Textile Center Joan Mondale Gallery.

At this point, the specifics of teachers/workshops/speakers/tours have not been finalized. Our Guild Board will start working with the local representatives of the NBO in the fall.

Stay tuned for more details..... Nancy Fulton

BASKET BINGO!

BINGO 2014 is in progress! Jill Scarpari and Susan Burkhalter have the table decorations well situated. Alice Ford has volunteered to be the Door Prize Coordinator. She will need **100+ small gifts**, so please save whatever might come your way and volunteer to help her out when the sign-up sheets go out.

Small and large **tie-on Basket Bingo MBWG 15th Annual Fundraiser October 25, 2014 cards** will be available for all your baskets at **September Guild**. Or email me and I can snail mail you some if you'd like.

Basket weavers! We need approximately **25 large baskets and 30-40 small baskets** for the games, **6 Themed Raffle baskets, 5 Bucket Raffle baskets and 1 NEW Ticket Raffle** basket.

Whew! That's a lot of weaving going on – how fun! ☺ Please let me know by e-mail louanne.hipp@mac.com what baskets you plan to donate.

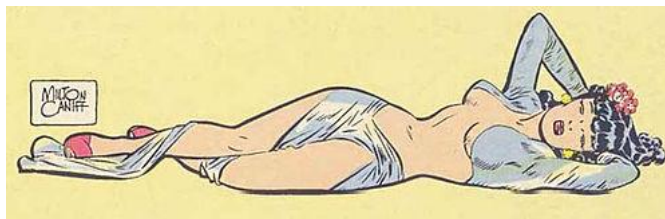
Volunteer Sign-up sheets will go out the end of July.

Can't wait to see all the delightful Bingo baskets that everyone has created! ☺!



Meet the Secretary-Layce Parkinson

I learned a lot about Layce, including the fact that she was named for the cartoon character, Miss Lace-shown below. Miss Lace was a character created by Milton Caniff (who also drew Steve Canyon and Terry and the Pirates) to entertain soldiers in their weekly military base newspapers during World War II. Layce's dad was a lifelong member of the army when she was born in Compton, California. She doesn't consider herself an army brat since she never lived on base, even though they moved every 2 years. She is 71 years old.



Layce is a retired librarian and started out working in the bookmobile for Dakota County libraries. One of the more interesting incidents she remembered from her years working as a librarian was when some small children were in the back of the library looking at nude figures in art books. She thought about stopping them but in the end decided it was normal and let it go.

Layce has always been interested in art, she sketches, embroiders (but she doesn't sew or quilt-her mother did that), paints, has done some pottery and of course she weaves baskets. She became interested in basketry when she took a class at Creative Fibers and then went to Camp Hay Creek-an arts and crafts camp for adult learners. While there Kay Fritz told her about the new basketry guild that was starting and she attended the first meeting. She has made somewhere between 100 and 1000 baskets.

Besides her interest in the arts she is an avid Gopher hockey fan. She says there is only one sport and that is hockey, however she will watch soccer when hockey isn't available. She

started watching hockey while living in S. St. Paul and saw an outdoor game; her sister was also a cheerleader for hockey. Then Doug Woog's sister was the captain of Layce's softball team and she went to watch him play hockey. When the boys on the hockey team graduated from high school and went on to play with the Golden Gophers, Layce's parents bought season tickets so they could continue watching them play. She still has the season tickets.

She is still an avid reader and categorizes her reading lists. Layce has been our secretary for years, as you know, and does everything she can to help the guild. Below are 2 of her paintings.



Treasurer's Report

The Basket **Guild Finances are in excellent shape** except for an **unexpected downturn in membership renewals**. Our budget is pegging at last year's, and other years'. We're down a bit after paying our space rental costs at the Textile Center...should return to "normal" after Basket Bingo. We now have about \$8500 in the treasury, which will drop by \$360 when we pay the balance due on the Summer Event rental, making our balance about \$8100.

Random Acts of Kindness is doing really well!!! Over **\$500** is in that fund, a part of our regular bank account but tracked separately. The many purchases of donated basket supplies have really helped, and members have been very generous with their purchases.

I mentioned that membership renewals were down..... last year we had a membership of 54 members, and this year's projected budget was based on an anticipated 48 members..... We currently have 40 members paid (some with raffle memberships from special events like Bemidji, but that is the case every year). If you haven't yet renewed your **membership for 2014**, please do so. We count on your support, and while **the \$25.00** isn't much, it represents a commitment to the Guild that is critical for our activities.

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 _____

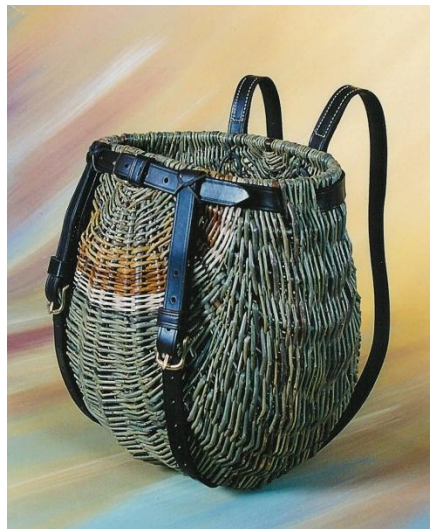
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Telephone A _____ Telephone B _____

E-Mail Address _____

From Headwater's

Guild-Willow! Read on for info!



**Advanced Willow Weaving Class- Willow Picnic
Backpack w/optional lid (Rib Style)**

at the Headwaters School for Music and Arts

519 Minnesota Ave NW, Bemidji, MN 56601

September 12-14, 2014

Friday/Saturday 8:30am-4:30pm optional lid/ Sunday 9:00am-1:00pm

Note: THIS IS FOR ADVANCED WEAVERS ONLY.

It is important that participants have woven many baskets and know the rib-style construction. Only advanced weavers should apply! Hand strength is also important. If you have any questions or are interested in beginning level willow weaving please contact Evonne Sumsky at 218-586-3533.

epbensum@paulbunyan.net

Construct a rib-style willow backpack, just the right size (12"W X 16"L) to carry to the concert at the Park or an afternoon outing in the woods. Much emphasis will be on the creation of a double rim for strength, shaping with ribs and weaving with willow to achieve the desired shape, so experience of rib-style basketry is required. An optional lid can be added to make this a very special piece. Once completed, a leather backpack strap will be added. This is a Big, Beautiful, Basket!

Class minimum=6 Class maximum=10

Cost with Lid = 20 hrs. of class (Friday thru Sunday)

Total cost per person including materials = \$241

Cost without Lid = 16 hrs.

Total cost per person including materials = \$203

Tools needed - basket scissors, box cutter knife, small pruners, large awl, old bed sheet or 2 old beach towels, spray bottle, work apron (optional), 1 ft. square of leather or denim scrap (old jean leg works well)

Deadline for registration is July 16, 2014

Registrations are on a first come-first serve basis.

No refunds will be given unless workshop cancels.

Registration Information -

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/email _____

Class without lid _____ enclose \$203

Class with lid _____ enclose \$241

Please make checks out to: Region 2 Arts Council

Mail your registration to:

Region 2 Arts Council

426 Bemidji Avenue

Bemidji, MN 56601

Questions? Contact Eve Sumsky at 218-586-3533 or Region 2 Arts Council 218-751-5447



Pictures from the April anniversary month meeting



Our cake-and it was good!!!



Jo Guttormson, Alice Ford (past-president) and teacher Cindy Ericksmoen



Great teachers come to visit!-Bob and Susan Coyle!



Jean Ellingson being shy!



Linda Wilcox at the open weave table

Pictures from Headwater's Workshop at the Concordia Language Villages



First time weaver-Larry Poppler



Layce Parkinson and Val Heide weaving hamper baskets



Linda Hansen and Nancy Baer halfway there! Julie Fick working on a twill basket.



The store from Shirley Mount!!! Overwhelmed by patterns-Eve, Monie, Roxanne and Frances.



Barb Nichols showing her twill skills.



The excellent cook, explaining dessert.

Pictures from the May meeting and potluck



Guttormson's-Nancy and Lorraine concentrating. Our Prez, Louanne teaching our Prez-elect, Christine.



Julie, the program chair, weaves a cornucopia. Della and Layce at the open weave table.



Everybody brought healthier foods, not a bar or cookie in sight. All salads and veggies!!!

Answer to what do they have in common-they all use baskets one way or another, but you knew that already.

Upcoming guild classes:

- July 25, 26, 27: Special Event with Karen Tembreull
- Sept. 27: Chestnut Oval, teacher Cindy Ericksmoen and Meg Thompson, teacher Alice Ford
- Oct. 25: Basket Bingo
- Nov. 22: Wheat Woven Holiday Ornaments, teacher Bonnie Buzza and Basket Purse, teacher Shirley Mount
- Dec. 13: Annual Christmas Party and Potluck. Activities include making gift baskets for the women's shelter, Alexander House and basket exchange.

Find more details on the MBWG website.

Turtles and the Picnic Basket

Three turtles, Joe, Steve, and Poncho, decide to go on a picnic. Joe packs the **picnic basket** with cookies, bottled sodas, and sandwiches. The trouble is, the picnic site is 10 miles away, so the turtles take 10 whole days to get there.

By the time they do arrive, everyone's whipped and hungry. Joe takes the stuff out of the **basket**, one by one. He takes out the sodas and realizes that they forgot to bring a bottle opener. Joe & Steve

beg Poncho to turn back home and retrieve it, but Poncho flatly refuses, knowing that they'll eat everything by the time he gets back.

Somehow, after about two hours, the turtles manage to convince Poncho to go, swearing on their great-grand turtles' graves that they won't touch the food. So, Poncho sets off down the road, slow and steady. Twenty days pass, but no Poncho. Joe and Steve are hungry and puzzled, but a promise is a promise. Another day passes, and still no Poncho, but a promise is a promise. After three more days pass without Poncho in sight, Steve starts getting restless. "I NEED FOOD!" he says with a hint of dementia in his voice.

"NO!" Joe retorts. "We promised." Five more days pass. Joe realizes that Poncho probably skipped out to the Burger King down the road, so the two turtles weakly lift the **basket** lid, get a sandwich, and open their mouths to eat. But then, right at that instant, Poncho pops out behind a rock.

"Just for that, I'm not going."

source: <http://www.jokebuddha.com/Basket#ixzz34LBEhKsA>

On July 26 (Saturday) one class will be offered:



9 am to 5 pm: Patchwork Sewing Kit — \$106.00

Learn Karen's Birch bark patchwork technique on the lid of this functional sewing kit. Embossed Birch bark will be available. Learn several embroidery stitches. Sweet grass will be used for the edging and felt to hold your needles. You may have one or two felt flaps or a felt pocket in the back with a felt flap to hold needles. The unique hinge was taught to Karen by her friend Carol Miller. Learn how to make a rolled up birch bark button for the latch. Tools required are: needle and scratch awl.

(Size: 4.75" x 5" x 1")



On July 27 (Sunday) one class will be offered:

9 am to 3 pm: Bias Woven Barks Basket — \$112.00

Weave this bias woven Birch bark basket with a textural twist. Gradually decreasing sizes of Poplar and Elm barks are laced into the weave to create a strong and unique design. The rim consists of Birch bark with an Elm bark filler and is buttonhole stitched to create a nice boxy finish.

Tools required are: flat packer, clothespins, needle-nose pliers, and a knife.

(Size: 5" tall with 19" circumference)





Information about registering for classes



Your registration and class choices must be in by June 15, 2014. (After this date, a late fee of \$10 dollars will be added to the cost of the classes.)

Send your registration and money to: Alice Ford
3725 Cardinal Road
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Please provide your email address for confirmation or self-addressed envelope. The confirmation will be sent after June 15th. Registration will be processed on first come, first serve basis. Make a copy of the registration form for your own records before submitting to Alice.

Questions can be directed to Alice at marthaandedward@yahoo.com or 952-935-4762.



REGISTRATION FORM—2014



Classes will be held at the Textile Center, 3000 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN. Please refer to the website: <http://www.textilecentermn.org/> for information on directions and parking.

You may bring your own meals and drinks. We will have potluck for lunches.

Your registration and class choices must be in by June 15, 2014. (After this date, a late fee of \$10 dollars will be added to the cost of the classes.)

All classes must be prepaid—make the checks payable to Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild.

Please print the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please note which class you want to take:

Date and Project Name	Cost	Amount
July 25—Poplar Bullnose	\$68.00	_____
July 25—Pine Pocket	\$73.00	_____
July 26—Patchwork Sewing Kit	\$106.00	_____
July 27—Bias Woven Barks Basket	\$112.00	_____
<i>(After June 15th, add a late fee of \$10 dollars)</i>		_____
Total:		_____

Thank you for your interest! We are looking forward to having you with us during this special event! Please check out our website: www.mbwg.org.

CLASS PROPOSAL for MBWG 2015 DUE: July 31, 2014

NEW THIS YEAR BY STUDENT REQUEST: Teachers must have their name (and /or basket creator name) & PICTURE of basket with pattern in PLASTIC SLEEVE.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

1. Name of Basket: _____

2. Description of Basket for website listing.

3. Photograph enclosed _____ (This is required for website class listing-Digital photos are preferred - see mail information below.)

4. Pattern owner credit _____

5. Dimensions of the Basket: _____

6. Skill Level Suggested to successfully complete the basket:

Beginner _____ Advanced.Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

7. Number of hours required to complete the basket _____

8. Number of students you are comfortable teaching: Maximum _____ Minimum _____

- **A class assistant can be made available upon request. Payment in the form of a kit of the basket being taught is suggested**

9. Months that you can teach in 2015:

Jan _____ Feb _____ March _____ April _____ May _____ Sept _____

Nov _____

10. Cost of class including all materials and travel expenses _____

Please snail mail Proposal with photograph(s) to: Julie Pleski

1388 Pascal St. North
St. Paul, MN 55108

OR please e-mail Proposal with photograph(s) to: jpleski@yahoo.com

Next edition of the newsletter will be October 1st. Hopefully the snow will start falling again-you know I love snow...

Editor's disclaimer: Once again forgive any unintentional errors I am sure I have made in this newsletter.

Last note: Send any additions, corrections, or articles you want addressed in the next newsletter to jill.scarpari@gmail.com