

**MINNESOTA BASKET
WEAVERS GUILD**

Spokes and Weavers



Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Newsletter

President's Message by Christine Dellwo

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Happy Spring! Doesn't the board look happy? Join us as the new president-elect! or just join us as we work on moving the guild forward!

With Winter in the rearview mirror and Summer on the horizon, I look forward to what 2015 holds for each of us and MBWG. I'm both nervous and excited to step up my involvement as President this year. We can all be grateful for Louanne Hipp's leadership in 2014. A big thank you to all board members, returning and new, for your dedication and time you give to make the guild an organization we all benefit from.

Classes are scheduled for next year, the Textile Center space is reserved and we will have an opportunity to showcase our craft in the gallery in the near future! Look for details in an upcoming newsletter. As you know, the NBO (National Basketry Organization) is hosting the national conference in the Twin Cities this summer; how fortunate for others to see our beautiful state and perhaps get a flavor of why we love living here.

A reminder for you all—you are more than welcome at any Board meeting! We generally gather over supper at the Highland Bakery Cafe at 6:00 p.m., the Tuesday before the Guild meetings. Also, we are still looking for a President-Elect to become involved with the Guild. It's a great opportunity to give back to an organization and be part of a team that makes it work.

This year we plan to continue with the activities that have been so successful in the past—classes and an open weave table at our regular Saturday meetings, a special fall event, Basket Bingo and gift baskets for the Alexander House.

It's going to be another fantastic year and I thank you for being part of MBWG.

Gratefully, Christine Dellwo – President

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A special thanks to Nancy Fulton, who has once again donated money for the State Fair prizes given to Basket Weavers in these categories: mixed technique, plaited, ribbed and coiled. A year's membership to the guild along with a monetary prize is given to first place. Other winners are given a cash award as well as a ribbon. (2nd, 3rd, etc.)

A friend in need is who we want to help indeed

Random Acts of Kindness Nomination Form

Date: _____ Requested Amount for Grant: \$ _____

Name of Proposed Recipient: _____

Name of nominator(s): _____

Reason for nomination: _____

↑ Committee Decision:

Approved – Amount Granted: \$ _____ Denied _____

Signature of Committee Representative _____

Random Acts of Kindness Procedure:

1. Any MBWG member may nominate a recipient for a Random Act of Kindness Grant.
2. The request can be submitted to any member of the MBWG Executive Board and given to the treasurer. It will be forwarded to the RAK committee.
3. The RAK committee will approve or deny the grant.
4. The nomination form will be returned to the MBWG Treasurer by the RAK committee as soon as possible.
5. If granted, an award certificate will be completed by the Treasurer and mailed or given to the recipient.
6. The treasurer will track RAK grants awarded and the balance of the RAK fund.
7. No grants shall be awarded that exceed the balance in the RAK fund.
8. The recipient can redeem the certificate for any MBWG scheduled event.
9. Upon receipt of the Grant Certificate, the Treasurer shall write a check to cover the event fee.
10. Grant Certificate is non-transferable, not redeemable for cash and expires one year from issuance.

✚ **Print and turn in-it's easy**



Do you need a **shave pony** and **draw knife** for making rims? The Guild has 3 of them that members can use at meetings or check out and use at home. A board member can help you find them in our cabinet.



Meet the New Executive Director of the Textile Center-Karl Reichert

Karl Reichert graciously agreed to do an interview with me. Following are excerpts of our conversation.

I met with Karl Reichert on Wed, Feb 4, 2015 immediately at the end of a 'Fiberside Chat'. This is a new informal gathering that focuses on what's happening in the coming year at the Textile Center. The chat is open for anyone-guild members, textile center members, neighborhood people, etc.- to attend and there were quite a few people in attendance. Information is available on when they occur on the Textile Center Website, under news, then to the Textiles on the Town link. You can sign up for the e-newsletter at this location also.

Karl started this position on Nov. 17, 2014 and his first priority has been to present himself to the guilds and their members. He feels the guilds are a strong foundation for the Textile Center and is looking to utilize the strength of the guilds in moving the Center into the future. Guilds are where fiber artists do 'show and tell', share techniques and motivate each other. He met some of our members at our Dec. 2014 meeting. He expressed an interest in making a basket in the future. Right now he is busy acquiring knowledge about his new position, besides being an artist himself.

Karl's background, since graduating with degrees in journalism and music history, has been in the arts. He was employed by the Minnesota Orchestra as Director of Public Affairs and the Capri Theater in Minneapolis as Director before coming to the Textile Center. Karl also served as Fundraising Director on R. T. Rybak's 2001 mayoral campaign. He brings a wealth of management experience to the position from these posts. His main artistic outlets are in photography and knitting. He participates in Art a Whirl with his partner Reynaldo, who is a painter. Although this is his first employment with fiber arts, his appreciation is growing for the rich history and dedication the artists have with this medium.

Karl Reichert has many varied interests besides the ones mentioned above. He is also part of the program Sister Cities and on the board of Cantus-a men's vocal ensemble based in

Minneapolis. The Sister Cities Program fosters people to people citizen diplomacy. He is the chair of the partnership with Kuopio, Finland. These partnerships focus on what makes a city livable-education, culture, environment, business and the arts. Hopefully the cities learn from each other. You can find more information about this organization on the Sister Cities area on the Minneapolis.org site.

Karl has started setting plans for the future involving guilds. Although they are not firm at this time, he envisions discussions that would help guilds grow in areas they are interested in. One example of this is bringing in experts about non-profits and would it be a good fit for specific guilds. We also talked about how to engage younger people in various guilds and their activities; he plans on addressing this as he moves forward with plans for the Textile Center. He also realizes the need to communicate with members in ways they are comfortable, whether it be by mail, e-newsletters, Facebook, etc.

All in all, it was a great conversation and Karl has the enthusiasm and ideas to help move the Textile Center forward and serve the members.

Sign up for the upcoming events if you have time in your schedule.

Event	Dates	Contact
Weavin' Up North	April 17, 18, 19- 2015	Nancy at baerbaskets@hotmail.com
22nd Annual Weavin' in Winona Basket Workshop	June 26th, 27th, and 28th, 2015	www.weavinwinona.com or Deb Mather at weavinwinona@gmail.com
NBO Summer Workshop	July 14-19, 2015	nationalbasketry.org

And sign up for these awesome classes offered by us, MBWG at the Textile Center

Guild classes 2015

April 25, 2015



Midnight Enchantment
Debbie Mroczenski
\$60



Waffle Cone
Karen Kotecki
\$45

May 16, 2015



Plaited Heart Shaped Basket
Louanne Hipp
\$30



Glove Basket
Nancy Miller
\$24

✚ And May is our Potluck month-bring a dish to share!!!!

**Every
Month
9-3**

Open Weave Table Have a project that you want to finish but need help? Or just want to talk about baskets? Check out the Open Weave Table.

✚ The September classes are changing, so keep an eye on the website. A weekend with Annetta Kraayeveld will be offered.

- ✚ All classes start at 9 and end at 3 (or whenever you are finished if earlier than 3) Find more information on our MBWG website-www.mbwg.org
- ✚ Class registration forms are available there as well as lots of other good information on the classes we offer.

BASKET BINGO NEWS!

BINGO 2015 is underway! Jill Scarpari , Susan Burkhalter, Jeanie Wilcox and Linda Wilcox are raising the bar for the Table Decorations with THREE styles of artful weaves that are nearly complete ! WoW! Again ☺, Alice Ford has volunteered to be the Door Prize Coordinator. Please let her know if you have crafts, hardware or miscellaneous items that could be used as one of the 100 plus door prizes needed each year. E mail Alice at marthaandedward@yahoo.com

Small and large tie-on Basket Bingo MBWG 15th Annual Fundraiser October 24, 2015 cards will be available for all OUR lovely woven creations at ALL guild meetings.

Basket weavers! We need approximately 25 large baskets and 30-40 small baskets for the games, 6 Themed Raffle baskets, 5 Bucket Raffle baskets, 1 basket for the Raffle for all Basket Bingo attendees and 1 for the Sharing Transport 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 will donate.

Volunteer Sign-up sheets will go out in July.

Can't wait to see all the delightful Bingo baskets that you all will be creating! ☺!

- ✚ Remember Bingo helps to fund our room rental at the Textile Center and plus many other activities.

Recipes!!!!

Jo Guttormson's easy recipe for Buffalo Chicken Dip that she brought to the Holiday Party in December

Buffalo Chicken Dip

2 cans chicken breast -12.5 oz
8 oz. Cream cheese
1/2 c. Buffalo sauce
1/3 c. Ranch dressing
(I use neufchatel cheese and low fat dressing.)

Eat dip with tortilla chips, crackers or celery

**This recipe was supplied by Bonnie Buzza, she says it is delicious-
must be over 21 to eat a slice!!!** (it may show up at our 19th anniversary
meeting in April-so be sure to be there and have a taste.)

JOE AND JENNA'S EASY COCONUT TEQUILA CAKE

cake

1/3 cup chopped pecans

1/3 cup coconut flakes

1 box coconut cake mix (may substitute white—if so, substitute coconut pudding or add coconut flavoring)

1/2 cup coconut tequila—or plain tequila

4 eggs

1/2 cup water (if adding coconut flavoring, add 4 teas. flavoring and fill up the mess cup to

1/2 cup with water)

1/2 c vegetable oil

1-3.5 oz pkg instant vanilla pudding mix (or coconut—see above)

glaze

1/2 c butter

1/8 c water

1/2 c white sugar

1/4 cup coconut tequila or tequila

preheat oven to 325 degrees

grease and flour 10 in. tube or else bundt cake pan—I like bundt

sprinkle nuts and coconut over bottom of pan

mix together the cake mix, the tequila, eggs, water or water/flavoring, oil, and pudding mix

“stir” for 30 seconds, then med speed for 2 min

pour batter over the nuts/coconut in the pan

bake 50-60 min, cool 10 min and then turn out on to cooling pan

make glaze by melting butter in sauce pan, stirring in water and sugar and boiling 5 min
stirring constantly; remove from heat and stir in tequila

poke holes with bamboo skewer into the top of the cake and then pour half the glaze in
the empty cake pan and put the cake back into the pan...then poke holes in the bottom of
the cake with the skewer and drizzle the remaining glaze over the bottom of the cake

allow to sit in pan until glaze is absorbed, then turn onto serving plate and enjoy—ole!

Cabin Fever Weekend by Jean Ellingson

In January, Deb Mather puts together a weekend of weaving at the Steele County Fairgrounds in Owatonna. This year Marlys Sowers taught Nantucket style baskets with glue on rims. Her classes were Saturday and Sunday. Pam Ihle was there on Saturday to teach the Viking Knit bracelet. Marlys offered three Nantucket projects (a clock, a plaid bowl and a lidded tulip shape) that were available on either day. I was able to attend on Saturday and completed the lidded tulip shape.

While I really do not know how many years I have attended this event, I do know that it is a wonderful time to relax and enjoy visiting with other weavers from the immediate area as well as Iowa, Wisconsin, North Dakota and I believe even further away. You would have to ask Deb how many states have been represented.

All stories of events in Minnesota in January must include comments on the weather. The weather report for this event is varied. One year I met a high school friend at the event to weave a basket with Margaret Grund. After finishing our projects we went to the Medford outlet mall for some shopping - in our shirt sleeves! Another year there were several from the Twin City area that had attended with the drive home on Sunday taking several hours due to bad weather. There had been an accident and those of us in one car did not know if the car ahead of us was involved or not. We were all very glad to get back and hear that everyone was okay. Evidently, this was prior to everyone having cell phones!

The dates are set for the 2016 Cabin Fever weekend. They are January 9th and 10th, so save the dates. Deb will be in touch in the fall to let us know what the weaving options will be. You can contact Deb Mather, with questions or to request getting added to her distribution list, at weavinwinona@gmail.com.



Are you interested in weaving Nantucket style baskets but don't have the molds? The Guild owns quite a few-above you see 3 of the many we collectively share. Check out our cabinet-with the help of a board member and see if you can use them. It's simple; return them when you are done for another member to use.

Meeting dates are set through March at the Textile Center-we now schedule with the Textile Center's fiscal year rather than calendar year. So mark your calendars!!!! Thanks to Nancy Fulton (again) for setting this up for us with the Textile Center. Note when the date is switched from the 4th Sat for holidays.

2015

April 25, May 16 (3rd Sat-Memorial Day is May 25), Sep 26, Oct 24 (Basket Bingo), Nov 21 (3rd Sat- Thanksgiving is Nov 26), Dec 12 (Holiday Party)

2016

Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 19 (3rd Sat-Easter is March 27)

January Meeting Pictures



February Basket Pictures (I forgot my camera-mea culpa!) These were made in Della Pleski's and Tressa Sularz's classes



From Jeanie Wilcox



From Carol Lekies



Shirley Mount and Della Pleski. Louanne Hipp's coiling project with Tressa.

March meeting pictures

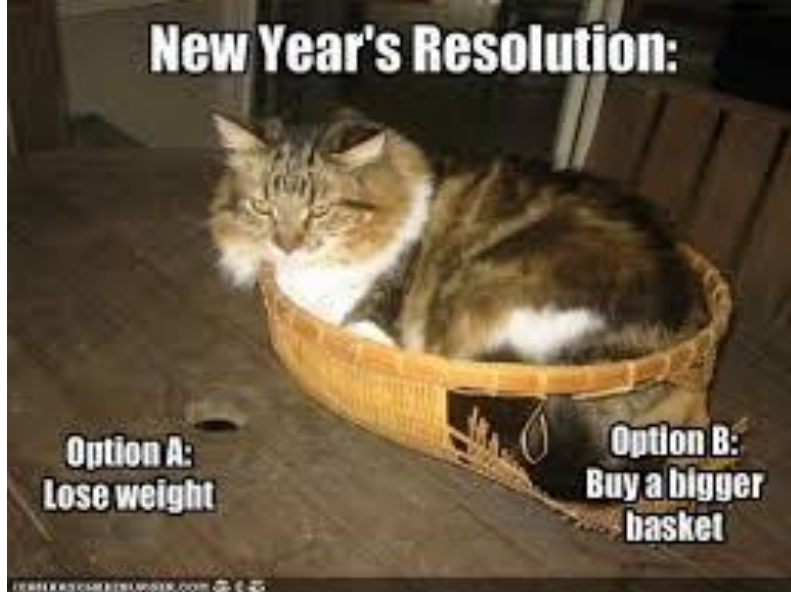




Speaking of pictures.....



...here are 2 special books put together by our Historian/Librarian-Ann Danko. They are a pictorial journey of our last 2 years of Bingo. Check them out next time you are at Guild. They are awesome!!!!



Tip for teaching beginning weavers. For the rim row use colored reed, if the basket is mostly natural reed. This helps new weavers visualize what they should be lashing under. The reed will be covered by the rims, so no worries about what color you use!

If you have a basket weaving tip you would like to share send it to me at jill.scarpari@gmail.com

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 2015. The \$25.00 due is one of the best bargains in town!!!

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 _____

_____ Zip _____

Telephone A _____ Telephone B _____

E-Mail Address _____

Treasurer's Report

The Guild currently has a bit over \$11,300 in the bank, and we have just received our bill from the Textile Center for the next year. We pay April-April, which is their fiscal year. Our bill with them is \$1645 and includes an organizational membership in the TC for the Guild, our room rentals, library privileges for our Guild members with the TC library, our mailbox at the TC, and our storage spaces. This is about what it costs each year, although we ballpark \$1800 in our planning because we don't know whether prices may go up...

Our budget for the year is based on 45 members, and we have 39 now—renewals and new members. If you haven't renewed, I encourage you to do so.

Random Acts of Kindness has a bit over \$600 in it—this is included in our total bank balance, but tracked separately.

We may be looking at filing for formal Federal non-profit status since we may have to file an income tax form annually—this is new information we are exploring with a tax person, who is helping us out with answers to our questions for now. We'd qualify for non-profit status, but there is a filing fee and it is a ton of work getting the forms done and in to the Feds, so we haven't done so before. Filing doesn't mean we'd have to pay taxes, but since we make money, we may need to start reporting it... Stay tuned for updates in the newsletter and at meetings.

Bonnie Buzza, Treasurer

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. And I do make mistakes that need correcting- I had the year of the newsletter wrong, I totally skipped year 19 and went right to 20 last issue, I have corrected it in this issue. Also Don Ericson, our webmaster caught the error I made about the board being from year 2013, when this is actually 2015. It was wrong all last year, rats, sorry-it is correct now.

Respectfully written/edited by Jill A Scarpari