



Spokes & Weavers

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Newsletter

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Message from the President

Well folks, here you have it. My last President's letter. No more mindless ramblings of an aging basket weaver. Before I begin the rambling I would like to say THANK YOU to every member of the guild. Without each and every one of you, there is no MBWG. Without MBWG I would have no where to go on the fourth Saturday of the month and I would look kind of pathetic wandering around the University area. Clearly I would not be mistaken for a student. Would the people start to think I was a vagrant and call the police? Would I end up in jail and begin writing prison music and wearing only black? See how you all have a positive impact on just one life! (Okay so it did not take long to get to the rambling)

This newsletter includes information on several things that have happened or will be happening. Please read the information and congratulate yourself for the participation in BINGO in whatever way you helped out. Baskets, lugging stuff, washing tables, or good thoughts. To those who were not able to be there, you were missed. Hopefully we will see you there next year. Thank you especially to Jo Guttormson and Jill Scarpari for being committee chairs for the last several years and as far as I know, they will be doing it again in 2010.

The next thing on the calendar is the Christmas party on the 12th of December. This is a casual good time of laughter, smiles and friendship. There will be a basket exchange if you want to participate.

Also for this year we are going to try a white elephant gift exchange. White elephant means different things to different people so just be prepared to receive back a wide variety of possibilities. For me, white elephant is likely to make as much sense as these darn letters of mine. Be prepared, I have been to rummage sales!!!!!! White elephant might simply be something you just no longer want. I am supposed to figure out a process of exchanging the gifts - not done yet and likely to be decided on December 11th. But it will be done!

The Christmas party is a potluck. We start at 9:00 and are done about noon or a bit before. If you can only attend for a short period of time, come for whatever time you have available. The food is on pretty much the entire time.

The next thing you know it will be January. Sign up for classes. What could be better than weaving with friends on a cold January day in Minnesota? Okay, weaving with friends in sunny Arizona or being on a cruise. But for most of us, Minnesota is what we get in January. Baskets and laughs always help.

Linda Wilcox will be the new President for 2010. There is a need for someone to step into her role of President Elect for 2010 and then President in 2011. Not to blow my cover (I know y'all think I have been slaving away for two years), but really it is not a lot of work. Just kind of keep everything moving along. Many of the big jobs are handled by standing committees. Board meetings are once a month and then the guild meetings.

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Message From The President (cont.)

Remember too that we do not meet June, July and August. Jo and Jill handle October with BINGO. Leaves only 8 months. If you cannot be at every meeting, it is not a big deal. The rest of the board is always there to help and support.

We also need someone to take registrations. After many years of service in this capacity, Lynn Breault has asked that we find someone to fill this role. Basically the job requires you to receive the class registrations each month and then see that the checks and enrollment information get to each meeting. The class numbers also need to be communicated to the teachers. Lynn has done an excellent job in sending e-mail reminders out as well. We thank her for all her work on our behalf.

Well, that about takes care of it for me. It is with all sincerity that I say thank you for allowing me to be the President of your guild these last two years.

God's Blessing To All - Jean



Holiday Shopping?

Two Options to Benefit the Textile Center

1) Help earn money for the Textile Center library just by shopping online! Linking to Amazon.com **through Textile Center's library section** will earn a donation with every purchase you make. Go to: www.textilecentermn.org/library.asp click on the amazon.com link and have fun shopping for a great cause!

2) Shop the Textile Center Holiday Show and Sale, through December 30th. Shop hours are: M-Th 10-7 and F-S 10-5. Closed Sundays. Exceptions: the shop will close at 4 pm on November 25th, be closed on November 26th and close at 3 pm on December 24th.

Coming Up



December 2008

December 12th, 2009 - Holiday Potluck and Basket Exchange
Food and fellowship a basket exchange and the newly added White Elephant ornament exchange. (See President's letter). Join us and participate in one, two or all three!

January 9th & 10th - Cabin Fever Weavin'
Classes with Marlys Sowers and Jill Choate in Owatonna, MN
For more information: <http://www.ferggiesbasketcase.com/>

April 16th - 18th, 2010 - Headwaters Basketmakers Guild Annual Workshop

April 30th - May 2nd, 2010 - Lake Country Basket Fest
To be held at the Washington County Fair Park in West Bend, WI. Join us for a fun weekend of weaving with nationally known instructors. Also featuring an instructor's marketplace, vendor's basket boutique and a silent auction. Additional information and registration procedures can be found at www.lakecountrybasketguild.com as it becomes available or by contacting Maureen Bartz (414-282-4229) at maureenbartz@prodigy.net.

June 25th - 27th, 2010 - Weavin In Winona

July 30th -31st & August 1st, 2010 - MBWG Special Event with Karen Trembruell

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Special Event 2010

The Special Event is in the works and we wanted to share with you what is planned so far. The dates are July 30, 31 and Aug 1. Our teacher for this year's event is Karen Tembruell from Michigan. Karen brings us naturals which she gathers herself. Project details with pictures will be in the Feb Newsletter, so stay tuned!

Diane Ericson and Susan Burkhalter
Special Event Committee

Basket Bingo 2009 - The Report

Bingo! Bingo! Bingo! Bingo! We talk, we plan, we weave, we solicit. The day arrives and then it's over in a flash!

Once again the 4th Saturday of October transformed the MN Textile Center into BINGO CENTRAL. The 9 am set-up went like clockwork. The old adage "many hands make the work light" was certainly true. Even before 11 am, there were guests arriving to claim their lucky spots. They cruised the hall admiring the many prize baskets (picking out the special one they wanted to win), checking out the 2 raffle tables or getting coffee or a snack. We introduced the "bucket raffle" this year - an opportunity to place all of your chances into the bucket for the item you most want to win. It was a success - \$369 -and will be a part of bingo again next year.

Again, the job list was long and was shared by many. Securing the permit, weaving and donating the baskets, buying the bingo supplies, food and beverages, printing the programs and raffle tickets, updating the website and bingo flyer, baking the bars and cookies, making table decorations, bringing coolers full of ice, preparing the door prizes, picking up the change, and, of course, cleaning and setting up, working during the event and cleaning up afterwards. We even put Jo's Mother and Cousin Mary to work stapling bingo packets. The day went smoothly - thank you! thank you! thank you!

Financially, this year was our best ever. Bingo took in \$1341, the 2 raffles \$1141, and food \$301. Our expenses were \$224. The Grand Total (at last count) was \$2558! This money is used to defray the rental costs for our meetings at the TC, pay for printing and mailing the newsletter, sponsor special events and help with other guild expenses incurred throughout the year. Between 15 and 20 members worked at Bingo. Many others came with guests. Many, many donated baskets (as you could see by looking at the array on the prize tables) and treats for the day. This event is for the benefit of the guild. Jo and Jill would like to thank everyone who helped make it such a success. It's a team effort and we have a great team!!

p.s. We are now accepting baskets for Bingo 2010!! :->) (we have 3, so far)

Fuddruckers Fundraiser

Food, fun, friends and funds! What combo could be better? Mark your calendar for one (or even both!) of the dates. Just take a copy of the coupon below and enjoy yourself while you make some funds for our Guild.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
FUNDRAISER AT OUR
Roseville and St. Louis Park
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ORGANIZATION: MN Basket Weavers Guild

Date: February 20th and March 20th

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On the Web

Freebies For Basketmakers -

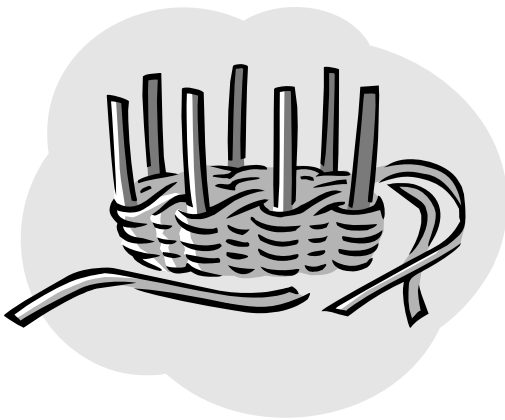
<http://basketmakers.com/topics/freebies/freebiesmenu.htm>

Basket Weaving How To's

<http://basketmakers.com/topics/ht/howto-index.htm>

North House Folk School in Grand Marais, MN offers a variety of basketmaking classes.

<http://www.northhouse.org/>



Scandinavian Almond Cake

Beat well:

1 ¼ cups sugar

1 egg

1 ½ tsp almond extract

2/3 cup milk

Add and mix well:

1 ¼ cups flour

½ tsp baking powder

1 stick melted margarine

This cake is typically cooked in a shallow fluted pan. If using a regular loaf pan, make sure the top is done. Spray pan with cooking spray.

Bake 350 degrees for 40-50 minutes. Edges must be golden brown. Cool in pan before removing. Cake will break if removed too soon. Sprinkle with confectioners sugar.

About Our Organization...

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild

Textile Center
3000 University Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

www.mbwg.org

When: The Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild typically meets the 4th Saturday of each month, with a few exceptions on holiday weekends. Go to the website (listed to left) to confirm specific meeting dates.

8:00 – 8:30 am

Meet & Greet

8:30 – 9:00 am

Informal Business Meeting

9:00 – 3:00 pm

Classes & Open weave (class duration varies)

Where: Textile Center

3000 University Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Membership: Single \$25 per year

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