

**MINNESOTA BASKET
WEAVERS GUILD**

Spokes and Weavers

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Newsletter



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Message from the President

Hi Everyone,

After finally getting our hot, humid summer by late August, the cool fall weather is a welcome relief. As the leaves turn colors of red, yellow and gold let's keep in mind the next fun celebration, Basket Bingo! Saturday, October 26th from 12-3 pm. Please bring your family, friends and long forgotten enemies. We have terrific prizes of lovely hand-woven baskets by our Guild members.

You can sign up to bring Cookies and Bars by calling Louanne Hipp at 952-292-1193. By the way the Bingo committee is in need of more members. Let Louanne know if you are interested in helping next year.

The State Fair was well represented by our Guild including winners, Louanne Hipp, Katherine Buenger and Nancy Hovanes. " Congrats" to our Guild winners. How about joining the group of winners next year by entering one of your favorite baskets? Information for next year can be found at www.mnstatefair.org.

Jean Ellingson ran a wonderful and successful Summer Event featuring Eric Taylor. He spent three days teaching ash baskets. All the weavers were busy weaving special little baskets. Such graceful and delicate ash baskets! Thank you, Jean for all your hard work.

We are in need of a Vice President/President/Elect. We now have a Program Director for 2014-Julie Pleski. We have these vacancies because Louanne Hipp is transitioning to President in 2014 and Carolyn Miller recently resigned her position as Program Director when she moved to Illinois. We hope Carolyn finds a Basket Weaving Guild to join and to share her talents. Please offer to fill a position. We would love to have fresh faces and new ideas.

Our November classes are " Blessing Basket" by Jill and Paul Scarpari and Classic Double Wall by Ellie Lida. Please sign up as soon as possible. Contact Margaret Fiedler at 651-483-2270

December 14, 8:30-12:00 is our potluck and Basket Exchange. Members are encouraged to bring your favorite dish to share and a basket to exchange. Jo Guttormson will be leading a class in making baskets for a Women's Shelter. We will weave and fill the baskets with hygiene products . Jo will deliver them later that weekend. Bring some colorful reed to add to your creation.

Happy Weaving.

Alice

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BASKET BINGO!!!!

It's October –gardens have been harvested, the kids are back to school, leaves are falling, Halloween and BASKET BINGO are right around the corner! Thanks to everyone that brought baskets to the September Guild meeting! WOW! The basket-sorting volunteers were very; very busy categorizing all the wonderfully woven basket donations. Thank you all so much! BUT, guess what - More is better and more basket donations are needed to ensure we'll have enough baskets for all the Bingo games and raffles. Basket donations will be welcome on BINGO day, October 26th. The Textile Center back door will be open @ 8:00 am. Even your older, dusted/spiffed up baskets make a great donation! Old can be gold! Please let me know what baskets you plan on bringing on BINGO DAY, Oct. 26th by calling (952 292 1193) or emailing (Louanne.hipp@mac.com). If you won't be able to come on Bingo Day, arrangements can be made to get your baskets. Thank you ALL and keep on weaving!

Louanne Hipp, Bingo Committee Chair

Wanted Guild Officer!

Think you might want to be a Board Member?

We need a Vice
President/President–Elect

To volunteer and learn more about this opportunity and other ways to help keep the Guild vibrant.....

**Please contact
Alice Ford at 952-935-4762.**

We Need You!!!!

Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild Awards at the State Fair 2013



1st place

1st place-both by Katherine Buenger



2nd place

2nd place

1st place-All by Louanne Hipp

The results from the State Fair 2013, as you can see our members did well. Thanks to Louanne and Katherine for the pictures on this page.

Lot 568 Basketry, plaited

Weaving, knotting, felting, & caning

01 Katherine Buenger

02 Louanne Hipp

03 Mark Boyce

Lot 570 Basketry, ribbed

Weaving, knotting, felting, & caning

01 Louanne Hipp

04 Mark Boyce

Lot 571 Basketry, coiled

Weaving, knotting, felting, & caning

01 Katherine Buenger

02 Kristin Nelson

03 Jane Friedmann

Lot 572 Basketry, other technique

Weaving, knotting, felting, & caning

01 Nancy Hovanes

02 Louanne Hipp

03 Erin Paul

04 Katherine Buenger

MBWG members: Katherine, Louanne, Nancy ! Nice showing

July Special Event with Eric Taylor-July 19, 20 and 21, 2013

Thank you to all who participated in the Summer Special Event with Eric Taylor. As they say, a good time was had by all. Beautiful baskets were made, some good laugh had and we all caught up on the various events that have been going on with life since last we met. There were door prizes, good MBWG potluck goodies and good weather for the baseball game Eric and his wife Lynn enjoyed. The good news is the Twins won that night! Not something I have witnessed very often this year.

There were approximately 25 weavers, weaving approximately 35 baskets. The approximate number is due to my not having the paperwork by my computer as I write this little summary.

It seems I should have more to write but that is about it for this time around. My thanks too to all those who helped getting things set up, cleaned up, and donations of door prizes. Jean Ellingson



Weaving with my daughter and Eric Taylor

The last couple of years my daughter and I have been going to the Special Events at the Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild. Last year we made felted vessels and pouches, it was a ton of fun!

This year we decided we would weave the Business Card basket with Eric Taylor. Lee (my daughter) told me that this would be her first basket. How could that be!? I've been weaving all of her life and have dragged her to many weaving meetings and events. She has helped with "Bingo" for many years and one year even spoke at our guild meeting. BUT, she informed me in no uncertain terms that this would be the first basket she has woven all by herself. I am glad that her first basket was such a beauty (we really didn't need another napkin or market basket). She enjoyed the class and thought Eric was a good teacher, I told her not to get too attached to weaving with ash and cherry! Her basket turned out great and she was very pleased. So again the Special Event was a total winner, Eric Taylor a wonderful craftsman and teacher and the "potluck" idea from Jean Ellingson was inspired and delicious. Good Friends, Good Food and a Great basket who could ask for more. Very special thanks to Jean and all who helped to make this another successful guild event. Keep weaving Susan Burkhalter

PS How did Sandi Quint do the Fibonacci sequence on that miniature basket????? Amazing, great work Sandi.



Missouri Conference By Alice Ford

Last Spring, Roxanne Miller and I decided to attend the Missouri Conference held August 1-4th. It was another opportunity to join another Basket Guild. Cost \$25.00. The information to join as well as the Conference agenda is on-line at www.unionpoint.net/mbg.

This year the Conference was held in the Kansas City Area at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO., a very fine hotel with lots of space for the event.

Over one hundred excited, talented and extremely skillful weavers gathered to weave through the four-day event. It was amazing to see so many talented and creative teachers. One of my teachers was Bonnie Gale, a well known willow teacher from England and the East Coast who makes beautiful willow baskets and sculptures. She shared her English version of willow weaving. She was informative, giving the history of willow growing and weaving techniques. While learning new techniques for weaving willow, I made a muffin basket.

On Friday, I took a class from Annetta Kraayveld. The basket was called "Montana". The class was intense. The results were terrific. Annetta has fabulous basket patterns with many new twists and turns on each basket. If you have the chance, take a class from Annetta.

The Conference had several vendors selling supplies. One evening, all the teachers and Guild members had a couple hours to sell their baskets, patterns and supplies. I found a lady, Barb McNally from Missouri who designed socks with a basket theme. Each year she creates a new design and has them woven by a local company. The socks are sold only at the Conference. Naturally, I purchased a pair. I wonder what she will come up with next year! Seems my suitcase needs to be bigger if I continue to attend these events.

Both Roxanne and I won drawings for cash for the Conference next year that will be held in St Louis, MO, July 31-August 3rd 2014. With such a wide variety of teachers to choose from, this is an excellent Conference to attend. Most everything is reasonably priced. St Louis is about a ten hour drive, shorter of course, if you fly. I'm planning to take classes from the teachers I discovered at this year's Conference. The Birch Bark Bowl, Reed on Gourd or the Alaskan Yellow Cedar Bracelet. Don't they sound interesting?

See you there! Alice

(See the next 2 pages for an opportunity to display and sell your work.)

CALL FOR ARTISTS:

Crossings is organizing a Jewelry and Textile Exhibit for December 2013

Fabrications Ten Deadline: Saturday, November 9, 2013

Textile, fiber and jewelry artists are invited to submit work for the annual juried December exhibit "Fabrications" at Crossings. Consider this an opportunity to explore your medium, stretch it to new lengths, twist and turn it into new forms, spin in new technologies or ancient methods, string on a bit of fantasy and let viewers feel what you've felt. Entries can include artwork such as contemporary gallery pieces, wall hangings, 3-dimensional fiber sculpture, wearable art of all types, handcrafted jewelry, and holiday ornaments. Jurors will focus particularly on innovative designs and craftsmanship.

This exhibit is open to all fiber and jewelry artists interested in displaying and selling their work. Fiber arts may include batik, surface design, felting, quilting, rug hooking, spinning, weaving, knitting, fiber sculpture, handcrafted paper and note cards, and needlework. Jewelry arts may include fiber, beading, stone, metal, paper and multimedia.

Guidelines: All entries must be original. No imports, commercial or manufactured items, or items created from kits or copied from published patterns will be accepted.

Submit 3-5 original pieces **MAXIMUM**, with an entry form (below) and \$15 entry fee per person (not per piece) by Saturday, November 9, 2013 to: Crossings, 320 East Avenue, Zumbrota, MN 55992. All entries must be delivered in a box or container clearly labeled with the artist's name, contact information and itemization of contents. Crossings cannot be responsible for unlabeled, untagged or loose entries.

All submissions will be juried. Those invited to be part of the exhibition may be asked to bring additional pieces for the show, which will be displayed in the gallery December 1-31, 2013. Additional pieces must arrive at Crossings by Tuesday, November 26, 2013. Please do not bring additional pieces unless they are requested.

Each item must be individually tagged with your name, title, and selling price, including a 35% Crossings commission. All artwork must be display-ready with appropriate display materials (black background) or hanging devices. Crossings reserves the right to reject any entries not legibly tagged.

INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES: Due to shipping costs, different currencies and customs fees, Crossings are unable to accept entries from outside the United States.

INSURANCE: All artwork will be insured while at Crossings for the duration of the show. The artist is responsible for insuring the artwork in transit.

SALES: All work must be for sale. Crossings retains a 35% commission.

SHIPPING: Artists are responsible for all shipping fees. Crossings will return unsold work when self-addressed, postage-paid packaging materials are provided. Otherwise a \$20 handling fee will be charged in addition to postage.

ARTISTS RECEPTION: A public reception will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2-4 pm. Everyone is invited!

Crossings
320 East Ave.
Zumbrota, MN 55992
507/732-7616
crossings@crossingsatcarnegie.com

Entry Form 2013 Exhibit
“Fabrications Ten”

DEADLINE: Saturday, November 9, 2013, 4 pm

Name _____
Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Entry Titles/Description. Please tag every entry item with your name and price.	Price (include 35% commission)

Please provide a brief description of your artwork and medium(s). Please note any oversized dimensions.

SHIPPING POLICY: Artists are responsible for all shipping fees. Crossings will return unsold work when self addressed, postage paid packaging materials are provided. Otherwise, a \$20 handling fee will be charged in addition to postage.

I have read and agree to comply with Crossings’ shipping policy (please initial) _____

The “Fabrications” reception date is Saturday, December 7, 2-4 pm. Mark your calendars!

How did you hear about this exhibit? _____

Mail or deliver entry form to: Crossings, 320 East Ave., Zumbrota, MN 55992.

Don’t forget to enclose a check made out to Crossings (\$15 per person)

Questions? crossings@crossingsatcarnegie.com 507/732-7616 www.crossingsatcarnegie.com

Christmas is coming. The geese are getting fat. Please do put a penny in the old man's hat. If you if you haven't got a penny then a ha'penny will do. If you haven't got a ha'penny Then God bless you.

Or so goes the old Christmas song. Well, Christmas **is** coming and so is the guild Christmas party. We meet for potluck, visiting and an optional basket exchange among members. Last year we began a new sharing tradition. We made and filled baskets and donated them to a local women's shelter. They were greatly appreciated so we plan to do it again this year. Jean Ellingson has volunteered to make bases in advance. Jo Guttormson has misc. small toiletries to partially fill them. We have donated reed for weaving the sides and rimming. All you need is a few tools and your weaving skills. If you would like to bring items to put in the basket or additional color or ribbons, feel free to do so. Jo will deliver them to the shelter before Christmas to brighten the days for women in need. Hope to have many of you there to help celebrate the season and weave for others. Jo

**Don't forget about these upcoming events and classes
in 2013:**

- **Oct. 26, 2013 BASKET BINGO!**

Help set up from 9 to noon.

Bingo from 12-3 pm

- **Nov. 23, 2013 Classes start at 9 am**

Paul Scarpari-“Blessing Basket”

Ellie Lida-“Classic Double Wall”

See the MBWG website for details.

- **Dec. 14, 2013 Annual Christmas Party 8:30-12:00**

Basket exchange, potluck and service project-make baskets for a women's shelter (with toiletries added when done).

Jan 2014

Ply-split Braiding with Katherine Buenger \$30



Mainly Seagrass with Jo Guttormson \$48



Feb 22, 2014

Fabulous Felted Slippers with Leslie Granbeck \$80



Pitcher and Saucer with Jill Scarpari \$25



See the Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild website for more info on these classes and other upcoming classes in 2014.

September 28, 2013

Class with Louanne Hipp



Open weave table



Baskets for Basket Bingo!

The deadline for articles and information for inclusion in the next issue of *Spokes and Weavers*, will be December 31, 2013. Newsletter will be sent as soon as the New Year's Eve Party is over. Jill