



Message from the President

Hello all weavers! Spring SPRANG! WOW! About time! This winter is now just a historical cold, snowy white dazzle memory! Well..... there could be some more white stuff, but the brunt of it is over! Time for the annual change-of-season's wardrobe, putting away winter heavy coats, mittens and bringing out spring colors and clothes: capris, clogs, and galoshes! Looking forward to enjoying outside activities, walking, biking, and digging in the gardening, hey – having a patio will be nice again too! We can all update our weaver colors and dye outside! ☺

MBWG has great basket classes and events planned for this year. Karen Tembreull's Summer Event baskets are amazing! Thank you, Julie Pleski for creating the brochure! The upcoming local conventions in Bemidji, Winona and Wisconsin feature great baskets and are always loads of creative fun! The Textile Center Annual Garage sale is April 12th and no doubt, there will be interesting items for sale! Our **17th anniversary** will be celebrated at the **April 26th meeting**; there will be a **potluck lunch at the May 17th meeting**.

Do look at the **upcoming MBWG classes** and send your checks to Margaret Fiedler (Thank you, Margaret for agreeing to handle class Registration once again! ☺)

Please consider signing up to teach a class or two, the **class proposal** is on the MBWG website and in this issue of the newsletter. Julie Pleski is looking forward to sorting through ALL the great teaching proposals that will be coming in! 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 those class proposals! The **proposal due date is July 31**. Don Ericson, our Webmaster has updated the webpage AGAIN! Thanks Don! ☺

The **National Basketry Organization** (NBO) is planning to have their national meeting in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area in July 2015. WOW! More details to follow. Their website nationalbasketry.org is very interesting and will provide updates on location! I'm looking forward to the Board meetings and discussions. Do remember that 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. 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!**

Louanne Hipp

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The guild received a great thank you letter from the Alexandra House in Blaine, MN., for the beautiful baskets that we made, filled and donated to them from our Dec. 2013 meeting. Alexandra House works to end domestic and sexual violence.



Meet the President-Louanne Hipp!

I'm a western suburb gal. We moved from St. Paul to Hopkins in 1956 when my dad took on the Western suburbs and Minneapolis Fuller Brush districts – and he was able to support our 9 member Catholic family! We drove to St. Paul for family visits sans the freeway, down Lake Street to St. Paul. We played in the sandy construction site of 494/Excesior Ave and rode our neighbors' horses to Shady Oak beach, tying them up on the jungle gym. Times have changed!

My mom was a seamstress, heck all my aunts were too! They made their own wedding dresses, did family sewing –PJs, holiday clothes, church outfits, made curtains and even upholstered chairs. My sister, Lin (and the girls are in order - Lin, Louanne, Lorayne and Lisa) introduced me to basket weaving with (guess what?) – a ribbed basket! We took a couple classes at the now defunct Creative Fibers; bought our weavers and hoops at Franks. Heard about MBWG via a chat room in 1996. I think I attended maybe the third meeting and have been participating ever since! It was so exciting to meet other weavers!

An exciting class was when Catheryn Peters www.wickerwoman.com brought in wooden foot stools and we learned chair seat weaving with cane. She also taught a great antler basket!

I've enjoyed learning ALL about plaited, twill, and wood base basketry techniques at MBWG classes. I'm constantly amazed at all the incredible baskets MBWG members make. Love the colors and combinations of basketry. Enjoyed learning all about felting and making slippers at Leslie Granbeck's MBWG February class.

Don't know what really prompted me to enter baskets at Minnesota State Fair, but I entered two in 2006 and won ribbons! So I've been entering ever since and finally ! ☺ 2 first place ribbons! And free membership to MBWG! So MBWG has given me a lot! Membership and an awesome creative support network of people and events!

Molly Stahlke asked me if I'd take over teaching Baskets at Hopkins Community Education; so I did for about 5 years. It was a challenge to find 4-hour baskets to start/finish in one class!

I'm now a Caribou part-timer (with health insurance!) so I am excited to have more time to create basketry and be involved with the board and MBWG!

\$\$\$\$\$\$ HOW MUCH MONEY??? \$\$\$\$\$\$

Basket Bingo continues to be the big money maker for the guild. Last year's event garnered **\$2,343**. The breakdown- \$238 from food, \$325 from the bucket raffle, \$586 from the regular raffle, \$1,194 from the sale of bingo cards. So start making those baskets!!! Bring them to guild and give them to Louanne. It's never too soon to collect baskets.

BINGO 2014 is underway!

Jill Scarpari and Susan Burkhalter have volunteered to be co-chairs of the Table Decorations Committee and will have patterns of the Cornucopias and Ears of Corn table decoration baskets available at Guild meetings! Alice Ford has volunteered to be the Door Prize Coordinator.

Small and large tie-on Basket Bingo MBWG 15th Annual Fundraiser October 25, 2014 cards will be available for all our lovely woven creations at ALL guild meetings.

After many discussions, the MBWG Board decided to make the FIRST ever Cost of Living price increase. Bingo 2014 price will be **15 game cards (30 games) for \$15.00 – that price will include a NEW Ticket Raffle** - and as in past years, both the Table Decorations Raffle and EXTRA Bingo baskets Raffle. Ticket holders will also receive a door prize.

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 will donate. Volunteer Sign-up sheets will go out in July.

There will be a *Super Spring Supply Sale on downsizing donated weaving supplies for purchase at April and May MBWG meetings. Your Bingo weaving can be done with SALE priced supplies! YEAH!

Can't wait to see all the delightful Bingo baskets that you all will be creating! ☺! AND have fun shopping at our Super Spring Supply Sale!

SUPER Spring Supply Sale

- Donated downsizing Basket weaving supplies were available at the MARCH guild meeting! Supplies will also be available for purchase at APRIL and possibly MAY Guild meetings!
- Various round, flat & oval reeds, lots of 6"x8" oval drilled bases, cording, handles, hoops- Ds, round, oval, Williamsburg, wine, etc. There are also books and patterns to be purchased –ALL at thrift store prices.
- The proceeds will be added to the Random Acts of Kindness Fund.
- THANK YOU Tillie Bobbie and Charlie & Joan Skalbeck.
- Proceeds will be added to the Random Acts of Kindness Fund and Tille has requested that some proceeds be given to the Humane Society in memory of her cat. Willow.

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 _____

_____ Zip _____

Telephone A _____ Telephone B _____

E-Mail Address _____

Treasurer's Report

Our "balance on hand" will drop significantly this month as we pay our big annual bill, from the Textile Center. We have had some \$9,000 each month to carry forward, but this month will pay a bit over \$1,700 for our rent through early next year. We'll still owe them rent for the summer event—having paid only the deposit so far—and will pay them the balance of \$360 due when pre-registration is over and we know all the classes will make. So, we have a working balance of about \$7,000 until Basket Bingo in the fall.... This is our usual pattern.

I am a bit concerned about membership renewals, however. After a big "reminder push" last year, we ended up with a paid membership of 54 people. This year I've sent out 2 reminders, plus the newsletter carries reminders, and we have a paid membership of only 34..... Our projected annual budget is based on 48 members.... So, if you haven't yet renewed for this year, it's time to do so!!!! I'll be sending out a couple more e-mail reminders as the year goes on, but please put this on the top of your list to do if you have it in your mind to renew and just haven't done so... I know a few folks are just forgetting, as they are attending meetings...or are officers!!! So, You'll hear from me again :-)

Renewing members and a good Basket Bingo will keep us on track for the overall budget. And we are doing well in the Random Acts of Kindness portion of our budget (it is included in the same account with our regular funds, but tracked separately...) We had about \$375 set aside through the March meeting, when we took in about \$225 for RAK from sales of materials.

We'll continue with those materials sales at the April and May meetings—so get your supplies from us and help RAK!!!!

Bonnie Buzza

Workshops, classes, etc.

Hey everyone (from Jeanenne Wilcox),

I am sending you this information about Jackie Abrams being at the Textile Center the end of May 2014. I contacted Becka and she said more details will be on the Textile Center's website after the first of the year.

Paint and Plait: Bias Plaited Baskets

The Textile Center

May 30 – 31 and June 1

May 29 – slide lecture

Minneapolis, MN

Contact Becka Rahn to enroll brahn@textilecentermn.org

Please visit and 'like' my business Facebook

page: www.facebook.com/JackieAbramsBaskets

From Bev McKenna, President of the Missouri Basketweavers Guild:

**Join us for the Missouri Basketweavers Guild (MBG) upcoming
“Fantastic Baskets” convention on July 31-August 3, 2014, at the
Marriott St. Louis West Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. For more
information, please go to**

<http://unionpoint.net/mbg/2014convention.html>

Weavin' Up North 2014

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

Contact Nancy Baer for a brochure, at the following email address: baerbaskets@hotmail.com

Basket Patch will be vending again this year!!

From Deb Mather:

We are still taking registrations for the
2014 Weavin' in Winona Basket Workshop
held at the Tau Center of Winona State University,
Winona MN on

June 20, 21, 22.

Please check out the web site

www.weavinwinona.com

for complete information and to print a pdf file of the brochure if you would like. If you have any questions, contact Deb Mather at weavinwinona@gmail.com or [507-451-8571](tel:507-451-8571).

How did this guild get started? Have you ever wondered that? I did, so I decided to find out....This is the story of the guild by J.Scarpari

As we enter the 18th year of existence for the Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild, it is a good time to reflect back on why and where it started. I have contacted some of the people who were instrumental in getting it all started. I also gleaned a lot of information from the first newsletters which Layce Parkinson had in her possession.

I wanted to find out why and how everything came about and share the story with all of you, the current guild members. I talked with Fred Kogler, Betty Swanson and Molly Stahlke and then read the early newsletters and came up with this account.

Fred Kogler was the key to getting the ball rolling. He and his family vacationed up north quite a bit at their cabin and a friend-Helen Gustaveson-in Northern Itasca County, made napkin baskets from birch bark. She also made handles from black ash and this started his interest in basketry. She gave him a basket book from Lynn Siler which he read through as soon as he received it. He also met Hans Evenson and Sid Rommel, who were both black ash basket makers up north and admired their work. However Fred and his family didn't live up north and when they returned to the cities, he wanted to locate others interested in the art and craft of basketry. He found Betty Swanson on line at a site called Baskets, etc. They met and talked about if there was a need and enough interest in the area to form a guild. They decided there was.

Then Fred placed an ad for people to contact him if they were interested in starting a basket weaver's guild. Molly Stahlke replied to him and he introduced her to Betty Swanson. Molly knew Diane Ericson from taking classes from her through community ed in the north suburbs. They all knew other weavers and spread the word about a guild starting in the Twin Cities. It wasn't long before the guild was up and running.

The first class was taught by Diane Ericson, a hearth basket. Betty Swanson was the first newsletter editor and contact person for people interested in joining the guild.

The initial board consisted of Fred Kogler-President, Diane Ericson-Recording Secretary, Loretta Kalevig-Treasurer, Molly Stahlke-Program Manager and Betty Swanson-Membership Coordinator. The first Guild meeting was held at Emmanuel Lutheran School in West St. Paul. Membership dues were \$12 per year. The meetings were the third Saturday of the month. There were 51 dues paying members when it started. Irene Lambrecht was the first member.

The name was originally Basket Weavers Guild-Midwest. Different names were suggested and members voted on changing the name in 1998. The name we still have was the winner.

When I think about how it all began, it reminds me of how I started basket weaving. My friend, Sue Poppler, gave me a brochure for the Southern MN Basketry Workshop in Faribault in 1991. I decided to take a class. The next year I went back for 2 classes and bought stuff to make more on my own. I went back to the workshop every year until its end in 2001. It was at that workshop during lunch, in 1998 that I heard Diane announce the start of the guild and I joined in the fall.

Where are the 4 key people today?

- Fred Kogler was a full time minister when he started the guild and still is. He lives in West St. Paul. He has started the hobby of wood turning and is thinking about making basket bases.
- Diane Ericson, as many of you know, was an active participant in the guild until her passing in 2010. Her husband, Don, still maintains our website.
- Molly Stahlke lives in Maple Grove with her husband and on occasion makes baskets but does more beadwork now-she says it takes up less space.
- Betty Swanson moved to Arizona and in the past has taught an occasional class there.

An article from the first newsletter by Fred Kogler:

Getting started

Anyone who has set about to ‘make a basket’ knows how important it is to properly get started. Pattern in mind, materials on hand, and the desire to bring together the various elements available one begins. The goal is to craft something that will serve a long time, while being beautifully functional. To bring the creation to completion is still another part of the whole scheme.

That’s what The BASKET WEAVERS GUILD–MIDWEST is all about. The vision to bring together the various elements that make up a guild, to establish something that is lasting and functional, and to cultivate and continue the friendships that emerge, to stimulate growth in knowledge and skills, and to contribute to the overall well being of many through the practice of basket weaving is our goal. We hope to begin with some old friends and to gain many new ones. Though weaving may seem to be solitary as an activity, it may certainly also be the basis for many friendships and fond memories.

In addition to the common interest in an ancient craft, there is always the thrill of learning, growing and developing through the shared knowledge of others who practice the same art. To learn anew the importance of careful precision, to redevelop one’s discipline of patience and tenacity, and to observe the creativity of others and find it awakens an untapped notion or individual nuance is a part of the goodness of working with another weaver. So we welcome you and hope that we will find a common ground and mutual benefit from this joint venture.

Fred A Kogler

Doesn’t that article remind you of who we are today with the same goals and aspirations for the guild? Last issue I asked why people are thankful for the guild and I forgot to include Bonnie Buzza’s reply, but it fits perfectly here with why she became a member.

I enjoy making baskets-but I especially enjoy the people in this Guild. I was taking another class at The Textile Center and heard the laughter coming from the Basket Makers Guild... I peeked in the door and Layce welcomed me and showed me around...oh, also, there was a potluck that day. Yum. Everybody was so welcoming and helpful...and when I joined they continued to be helpful-finding and purchasing tools, sharing water when I didn't know to bring a pan, showing me how to pack tightly...This is just a fun group of people-and to get to make baskets on top of that? I'm hooked!

Past Presidents of the Guild

We now know that Fred Kogler was the first president and here are the ones who came after him. The length of service has varied from 1 to 2 years.

Fred Kogler
Diane Ericson
Jill Scarpari
Sandi Quint
Janet Prow
Mary Konobeck
Juli Fick
Jean Ellingson
Linda Wilcox
Bonnie Buzza
Alice Ford

And Now Louanne Hipp

Do you know any of these people? Some are still hanging around....

We have had 4 secretaries in that time (I think-correct me if I am wrong): **Diane Ericson** was the first, then **Terry Cook**, **Jean Ellingson** and finally **Layce Parkinson**. Layce has been doing it since Sandi Quint was president. She says so she won't have to be President-that excuse will not work forever, Layce.

We are in our 3rd meeting place. The first was the **Emmanuel Lutheran School** mentioned above. The board at the school decided we were going to ruin their gymnasium floor so we had to leave that location. Imagine that! Do you worry about your kitchen floor or spare bedroom floor or whatever floor you use when you weave at home? We then went to **The Barn** at The Preserve in Eden Prairie, which Susan Dickman found for us. Now we are in our 3rd location, **The Textile Center**.

Pictures from the January meeting:





Upcoming guild classes:

- **April 26: All Around Tote, teacher Cindy Ericksmoen**
- **May 17: 2/2 Twill w/Braided Handle, teacher Louanne Hipp**
Cross-Stitched Cabin Basket, teacher Jeanie Wilcox

Find more details on the MBWG website.

Summer Event

This Summer the Guild has chosen Karen Tembreull to teach the Summer Event classes.

The event will be held at the Textile Center on Friday, July 25th Saturday, July 26th and Sunday, July 27th. We are offering a Friday afternoon, 12-4 and an evening class, 5-9. Saturday is 9-5 and Sunday 9-3.

Karen is offering the Popular Bullnose, The Pine Pocket, The Patchwork Sewing Kit , and Bias Woven Bark Basket.

Prices range from \$68.00 to \$112.00

Karen is a very sought after teacher and we feel honored to have her teach for our Guild. Please register as soon as possible for the classes you wish to take. The registration form and a complete description of the classes can be found on our website as well as attached to this newsletter. Deadline for registration is June 15th. You can save \$10.00 by registering early.

I look forward to seeing you at the Summer Event.

Alice Ford

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 July 1st. Hopefully all the snow will be melted by then.

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

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

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