



# *WVBA Reeder*

## *President's Message*

Hi Weavers,

We have had a very busy spring and now I think summer is here! As I sit writing this, the sun is shining, the birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, and I have been weaving....how about you?

Plans for this years convention are taking shape. Paula, Sharon, and Susie are all working hard to see that you all will have a fun time this fall. I can tell you that we will be hosting 4 teachers Susie Billingsley, Venie Hinson, Karen Griffith, Joni Dee Ross. If you don't know their work, take a few minutes to research them. Each teacher was chosen for the different types of baskets that they create and the fact that they are all wonderful "teaching" teachers. I can't wait to see what they have to offer us.

We will be choosing baskets on June 2nd and convention booklet will follow in a few months. I am really excited to sit down and weave with you all again.

Speaking of weaving with you again...I will be teaching "make and takes" at Cedar Lakes over the 4th of July weekend. Mountain State Arts and Craft Show will sponsor several artists like basketry, stained glass, quilting, broom making, etc. All is free to the public...you just have to sign up. If you are in the area please stop by and say hello.

Also the Homespun Guild will be having their August weave-in at Cedar Lakes. Contact Linda Philyaw for more information.

Karen Buskirk, Nancy Sealey, and myself joined Mid Ohio Guild at their day weave. Dee Johnson taught two beautiful baskets. The guild is a wonderful host. We had a yummy lunch and a fun time was had by all.

If you haven't sent in your membership for this year, please take a few minutes right now and do it.

Hope you all have a great summer!

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## ***Convention Coordinators' Report***

Basketweavers, we are excited about the upcoming Convention. Here is some of what is planned for you.

The 2012 WVBA Convention will be held the second weekend of November. The dates are from Friday the 9th thru Sunday the 11th. We will be having the convention at the Harrison County Parks and Recreation Facility, near Clarksburg.

Since we will not be near restaurants, Sharon Flanagan and Nancy Sealey will be working together planning meals for us. Some we will bring ourselves and others will be catered. There is a great kitchen area we will be able to use.

There are two Motels at Bridgeport Hill that we can stay in, which are not a far driving distance from the Harrison County Parks and Recreation Facility.

There will be four teachers; Joni Dee Ross, Venie Henson, Susie Billingsly, and Karen Griffith.

More information will be coming in July.

Hope to see you all at the convention.

Your convention co-coordinators,  
Susan Hammock, Paula Huber, and Sharon Sutton

### ***Editor's Note***

There is an error throughout the WVBA website that says the 2012 convention will be at Tamarack. This was simply an updating error. As I'm sure you noticed in the Convention Coordinators' Report the convention will be held at the Harrison County Parks and Recreation Facility in Clarksburg, WV.

### **Convention Committees**

Jury	Western Weavers
Brochure	Sharon Sutton
Class/On-Site Registration	Mid Ohio Valley
Raffle/Door Prizes	Moundweavers
Teacher Liason/Gifts	Gail Hutchinson
Welcome Gifts	Homespun

## Weaver of the Quarter Susan Hammock



Susan lives in Charleston, WV. She has two daughters, two wonderful son-in-laws and a precious grandson. She works for the Division of Highways as the Secretary for the Maintenance Engineer.

Susan had been looking for someone to take basket weaving classes from. In 1996, she met Eleanor Bennett. Eleanor introduced her to Redith Beegle and Shirene Matheny. After just one class she was hooked. She looked forward to the basket weaving classes and learned so much from these wonderful ladies.

In 2001, Susan was juried into Tamarack and the Mountain State Art and Craft Fair. Traveling as far away as Florida, she participated in 10 craft shows and three demonstrations every year.

Susan has taught basket weaving at the University of Charleston for the Interior Design Department, Kanawha County Board of Education, Adult Education, and at various other locations for individuals.

Susan views her basket weaving as "therapy" and says it "soothes her soul".

## ***Homespun Basketweavers***

Greeting from Homespun Basketweavers!

We have so much going on right now! We continue to work on our August 25th One Day Weave at Cedar Lakes. We're planning a great day of weaving. The Welcome Gift is a must have.

Elaine Sinclair, a wonderful teacher, taught broom making at our March meeting.

For our February meeting, Verla Shaffer taught a small basket to be held in the hands a primitive doll, very cute.

Several of our members attended the May weave in Parkersburg. Dee, thanks for teaching us your beautiful baskets.

Shireene Matheny and Diana Easter will be at Cedar Lakes Art and Craft Fair in Ripley, WV July 5th, 6th and 7th. Drop by and visit with them.

We still meet every third Monday of the month at the Harris Building in Ripley at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for our meetings. We ask you call ahead so we can have extra kits on hand for our guests. (Diane Easter 304 532-0997 or Linda Philyaw 304 273-2373)

Keep weaving,  
Diane Easter  
Member at Large



## ***Mid Ohio Valley Guild***

The Mid-Ohio Valley Guild met Sat., May 5, at the First Presbyterian Church. Our guest teacher was Dee Johnson who taught two beautiful baskets. We had weavers from 3 other guilds joining us. Sharon Flanagan and her crew prepared some delicious food for our lunch. Everyone had a great time.

We will not be meeting in June, July or August. September and October will be devoted to our project for the Convention Raffle. We leave August open so we are able to attend the Homespun Weave in Ripley.

Our regular meetings are generally held the 2nd Saturday of the month at Sharon Sutton's home at 9:30. Feel free to contact one of us if you are interested in joining us.

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## ***Mound Weavers Guild, CEOS***

Our guild keeps growing, currently we have 15 members. We are still meeting at the Marshall County Extension Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30. Over the last couple months the members have woven a Floor Plant Stand and a round casserole with tall handle.

The Marshall County Arts Guild is hosting Art in the Park and have asked us to demonstrate basket weaving on May 19 and 20 at Grand Vue Park. There will be open air painting, wood work, sculpture and quilting groups. The members will be weaving various baskets taught by Selena Straughn. We will donate a basket for the Auction to raise money for the park.

Susan Drake and Selena Straughn were able to attend the class held in Parkersburg on May 5, with instructor Dee Johnson. Thanks goes out to the ladies of the Mid Ohio Valley Guild for all the work they did in putting together the class. We had a great time, made beautiful baskets, ate good food, and had great company. Can't wait until next time.

Again Tricia Wilson is the webmaster for our site [moundweavers.webs.com](http://moundweavers.webs.com) and our email address is [moundweaversguild@gmail.com](mailto:moundweaversguild@gmail.com). Please feel to contact us with upcoming events we will be glad to post them on our site for you. Any ideas or suggestions would also be appreciated. Tricia will be updating pictures and basket classes to be held.

Upcoming classes are scheduled for the 2 Pie Carrier that was taught by Karen Griffith at last year's convention and a "Recycle" plastic bag holder created by Selena Straughn.

Selena Straughn  
Member at Large



## ***Western Weavers***

I am writing this month's report for Ken...he has broken his arm! Hope you are feeling better soon Ken.

At guild last month we had an open weave. Everyone brought something that they were working on. We chatted...of course we ate...and we even got a few rows of weaving finished.

We will be putting the final touches on the jury this month along with an open weave.

We are finishing up our year...we take the month of July off.

The Western Weavers meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at Highlawn Church of Christ. The address is 27th Street and Latulle Avenue, Huntington WV. Contact Ken Ambrose if you are in the area and would like to join us. [304-736-0545](tel:304-736-0545)

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## *Recipes*

### **Mock Olive Garden Zuppa Toscana**

Serves 8.                      Prep time: 15 minutes                      Cook time: 30 minutes Total time: 45 minutes

1 pound Italian sausage  
 2 large russet baking potatoes sliced in half and then in 1/4 inch slices  
 1 large chopped onion  
 1/2 can. Oscar Meyer Real Bacon Bits (these are less fatty than real bacon)  
 2 cloves garlic, minced  
 2 cups chopped kale or Swiss chard  
 2 14.5 ounce cans chicken broth  
 1 quart water  
 1 cup heavy whipping cream ( I use 1/2 & 1/2)

Cook sausage in a 300-degree oven for approximately 1/2 hour; drain on paper towels and cut into slices. Place onions, potatoes, chicken broth, water, and garlic in a pot and cook on medium heat until potatoes are done. Add sausage, bacon, salt, and pepper to taste and simmer for another 10 minutes. Turn to low heat; add kale and cream. Heat thoroughly and serve.

Submitted by Peggy Squires

### **Grandma's Harvard Beets (AllRecipes.Com)**

3/4 Cup White Sugar	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/3 Cup White Vinegar	1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/3 Cup Water	3 tablespoons butter
5 teaspoons corn starch	2 (14 oz.) cans sliced beets drained

In a saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch, vinegar and water. Bring to a boil, and cook for 5 minutes. Add the beets to the liquid, and simmer for 30 minutes over low heat. Stir in butter, salt and pepper and remove from the heat. Serve warm or chilled.

Submitted by Sharon Flanagan

### **Mountain Dew Apple Dumplings**

2 (8-count) cans crescent rolls	1 1/2 Cups Sugar
4 tart apples, peeled and sliced into 16 wedges	1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup butter, melted	1 12 oz can Mountain Dew soda

Spray 13×9-inch dish with cooking spray. Separate dough into 16 triangles. Place apple quarter on shortest side of each triangle. Roll up each, starting at shortest side, and rolling to opposite point. Place point side down in prepared pan.

In small bowl, stir together melted butter, sugar and cinnamon; spoon evenly over crescent-wrapped apples. Pour Mountain Dew over all.

Bake at 350°F. for 35 to 45 minutes or until apples are tender. Serve warm with sauce. Top with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream if desired. Makes 16 dumplings.

Submitted by Linda Elschlager

## From the Editor:

Thank you Gayle Roush for the Membership Roster. Thank you Nancy Sealey for printing the booklet. Job well done.

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