



WVBA Reeder

President's Message

Hi Weavers,

We are well into 2012. I hope you all have been weaving wonderful and fun baskets. The West Virginia Basket Association Board has had our first meeting and I'm proud to inform you that Susan Hammock, Paula Huber, and Sharon Sutton will be coordinating this year's convention. I am already looking forward to it!! Please volunteer. There are many jobs that need to be filled. We have welcomed Gayle Roush as Membership, Nancy Sealey as Secretary and Peggy Squires as Treasure to the board and put them to work immediately. Thanks ladies! I'd like to thank Wilma Harrison for all the time and love that she has given the newsletter. Sharon Flanagan has agreed to be our new newsletter editor. Thanks Sharon...we look forward to your work. I hope everyone has a safe and productive year. I'm looking forward to seeing you all sometime this year...

Happy Weaving,
Gail

WVBA Website: <http://wvbasketmakers.net/index.html>

Facebook page:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/WV-Basketmakers-Association/119531598152667>

The next scheduled WVBA board meeting will be March 24 at 2:00 p.m. at Panera Bread in Charleston, WV. As customary, this is an open board meeting.

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Convention Coordinators' Report

The WVBA convention coordinators have been working on a venue for our 2012 convention. We have found a great place in Harrison County, WV, near Clarksburg. It is the Harrison County Parks and Recreation Facility. You may remember it from a few years ago when Delores Stutler was in charge of the jurying. She introduced us to the building, and at the time, many of us said we thought it would be a great place to have our convention.

Gail Hutchinson is in charge of finding teachers for us. We plan to invite four basket teachers to teach our classes.

The date for the convention will be the usual second weekend in November 2012 , (November 9,10,11).

Convention Coordinators
Susan Hammock, Paula Huber, and Sharon Sutton

Editor's Note

There was an error on the WVBA website on the main page that said the 2012 convention would be at Tamarack. This was simply an updating error. The correct information was on the convention information page. 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.

Secretary's Minutes of the Previous Meeting

SECRETARY'S REPORT WEST VIRGINIA BASKETMAKERS ASSOCIATION JANUARY 28, 2012

The Board Members and members-at-large met on January 28, 2012 at Panera Bread in Charleston, WV at 1:30 PM for a board meeting.

Those attending were: Gail Hutchinson, Karen Buskirk, Nancy Sealey, Gayle Roush, Sharon Sutton, Sharon Flanagan, Peggy Squires, Ken Ambrose, Diane Easter and Susan Hammock.

Minutes from the previous meeting (general meeting from convention) were read. Sharon Sutton made a motion to accept the minutes as read and seconded by Sharon Flanagan. Motion carried.

Peggy Squires, Treasurer, reported a beginning balance of \$6261.40. Deposits of \$1388.60 and Disbursements of \$1796.26 and an ending balance of \$5853.74.

Peggy Squires, Diane Easter, Wilma Harrison will do an audit of the books. Gail Hutchinson will contact Carol Edge and Paula Huber for documentation needed to complete the audit.

Gayle Roush, reported that the membership booklet should be mailed by March 30, 2012. She will do a mass email to past members who have not paid dues for 2012.

Sharon Flanagan, will be taking over as Newsletter Editor and reported that she needed material submitted for the March newsletter. The newsletter will be published in March, June, September and December and material to be submitted must be received 2 weeks prior to first of month.

OLD BUSINESS

2011 WVBA Convention was a great success. Those in attendance had a great time. There was lots of positive feedback.

MEMBER AT LARGE REPORTS

HOMESPUN GUILD

Diane Easter reported that they met in January and made Snowmen. Continue to meet regularly.

MID OHIO VALLEY

Sharon Flanagan reported that their guild met for a Christmas party and Paula Huber taught a small basket, The guild has been busy making baskets for Habitat to distribute.

MOUNDWEAVERS

Unable to attend.

WESTERN WEAVERS

Ken Ambrose reported that their members met for a Christmas party and gift exchange. They meet on the last Tuesday of the month and are working on a basket which they started at the meeting. Members will continue through the New Year with UFOs. They are also hoping to have guest teacher in the near future for weekend retreat. More details later.

NEW BUSINESS

Convention Committee met immediately following our board meeting. The Convention Coordinators for 2012 Convention will be Susan Hammock (basketsbysuzie@gmail.com), Sharon Sutton (sasutton@suddenlink.net) and Paula Huber(woodnweave@suddenlink.net). The convention will be November 9, 10 and 11, 2012. They are exploring the possibility of having the convention at the Harrison County Park and Recreation Facility at Bridgeport, WV. This will be confirmed.

Committees for 2012 convention are:

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| 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 |

Please submit any ideas for a theme to a chairperson as soon as possible.

Gail will advise of next meeting date and time.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Secretary
Nancy Sealey

***Member of the Quarter
Linda Philyaw***



Linda and her husband John live in Ravenswood, W. Va. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. She is an administrative assistant with Mountaineer State Operations in Sandyville, W. Va. where she has been employed for 23 years. She is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and serves as clerk and secretary.

In August 1997 a co-worker brought a basket to work that she had made the night before. Linda was fascinated and went to her first basket class the next week. That class was taught by Redith Beegle and Shirene Matheny. Linda was hooked and has been weaving every since.

Linda has taught basket weaving for several years and also sells baskets at craft shows, school fairs, bingo events, and arts markets. You can see some of Linda's baskets in The Corners of the Attic shop in Ravenswood.

She is currently serving her second year as president of the Homespun Basketweavers Guild and enjoys the challenges it brings.

Linda likes to attend as many one-day weaves and conventions in WV and KY as time will allow. She enjoys learning new techniques and skills from a variety of teachers.

She says, "The art of basketweaving has really added an unexpected joy to my life. There are so many baskets to weave and so little time."

Homespun Basketweavers

Greetings from Homespun Basketweavers,

The calendar states we are in the dead of winter, however the birds and the landscape are saying spring...birds singing and the landscape turning green. I am waiting to see what spring has in store for us.

Well, let us get back to the business at hand. We are very busy working on and putting together our many projects for this year. We have many projects planned. I will keep everyone updated, as I know what is next on our to do list. We have met one time so far this year and made a very cute snowman. We are in the planning stage for our one day August weave....stay tuned this is going to be good. We also are working on our calendar of events for the year with guest teachers.

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

Hello Fellow Weavers,

I am the new Member at Large for our for the Mid Ohio Valley Guild and our new President is Sharon Flanagan. Our December meeting was at Sharon Flanagan's home and she and Debbie Wharton prepared a wonderful lunch for us and I taught a small round basket that we could hang on our Christmas tree. In January we met at Sharon Sutton's home and wove baskets that we donate to the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity to give to the new home owners. This is our second year doing this and we hope it helps welcome the families to their new home.

We are still in the planning stages of who we are going to invite as our guest teacher this summer. We will keep you updated.

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.

Paula Huber
Member at Large

Mound Weavers Guild, CEOS

Well the new year is behind us and we are ready to get back to weaving. Selena was unable to hold basket class in January due to her surgery but has recovered well. Class in February is one that was purchased from Karen Griffith at the convention last fall, the tealight holder, woven on wooden base attached to a jelly jar, with continuous weave of colored reed and seagrass. Plans are to make Easter baskets in March and Plant Stands in April. The guild was invited to participate in an Open Air Arts Program to be held in May at GrandVue Park in Moundville. Members will demonstrate weaving various baskets during the two day event. The weavers have also been asked to make a basket for the Relay for Life Fundraiser. The "ENJOY Coupon Book" fundraiser has been completed and the group was able to make a small profit to purchase supplies for upcoming baskets they will be donating.

We are happy to say that we have 13 members of the Mound Weavers Guild now.

Remember check out our website at moundweavers.webs.com or send us an email at moundweaversguild@gmail.com. We would love to know of upcoming events and would be glad to post them for your group.

Thanks,
Selena Straughn
Member at Large



Western Weavers



Western Weavers continue to meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Members teach a new basket each month. Nancy Sealy taught the class in January. UFO's continue to help members finish those baskets that need a little more work and love. One member had a Nantucket lamp that the wooden top was lost. Another member had a friend who cut him another. He took it to Lowe's to get stain to match it with the base. The clerk at the checkout counter looking at the lamp with the top off, said "Did you make it?" When told it was a Nantucket and waiting for her to be impressed with all the time and work involved, she stated, "Oh, is it a toilet brush holder?" So one Western Weaver member has a lot of work to do.

Ken Ambrose
Member at Large