



WVBA Reeder

President's Message

A "warm" hello to all. We are in for a lot of new beginnings as we began this year. Please let us all keep the government officials in our prayers.

I'm happy to say plans for the 2009 convention are well underway and the plans for the 2010 are beginning also. Please mark your calendars for November 13, 14, & 15 for a weekend of fun and weaving.

Also don't forget the 1 day weave at Lost Creek, April 4, 2009, put on by the North Central Guild.

As always I welcome your advice and input on how to make WVBA a success.

Happy Weaving!

*Elaine Sinclair,
President*



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Election Nominations

Per our by-laws "the election of Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairperson to take place in odd numbered years". Nominations are now open for these offices. Nominations will close Sept 14, 2009.

Eligibility requirements from our by-laws, Article VI, Section C follow:

1. Nominees shall be members of the Association and have maintained current membership status.
2. Nominees must be in good standing, which reflects compli-

ance with Article II-A.

3. Nominees must have indicated a willingness to serve if elected.

All nominees must attend the annual business meeting at which the election will be held. Nominations are now open.

Respectfully,

Sharon Flanagan
Chairman, Election
Nomination Committee
brigel@verizon.net

Secretary's Report

WEST VIRGINIA BASKETMAKERS ASSOCIATION

January 4, 2009

Those attending were: Elaine Sinclair, Shireene Matheny, Diana Easter, Sharon Flanagan, Carol Edge, Paula Huber, Wilma Harrison, Vivian Shomo, Nancy Sealy and guest Bobbie Galyon. Elaine Sinclair, President, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Shireene Matheny, Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. Sharon Sutton corrected the membership number to read 107. The minutes were approved as read. Paula Huber, Treasurer, gave the treasurers report. The December bank balance was \$6,292.49. The report was approved as read. Sharon Sutton, Membership Chairman, gave the membership report as 107 members currently. Wilma Harrison, Newsletter Editor, gave the newsletter report. She reported that the next issue would be mailed in March. She also reminded everyone that she needed newsletter items by February 1. She will check with Flora, our website person, regarding some items that need to be updated on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Members reviewed class evaluations from the 2008 Convention.

Members-at-Large Reports:

Diana Easter reported for Homespun Basketweavers Guild.

Elaine Sinclair reported in the absence of Delores Stutler for the North Central WV Guild. The Spring Weave will be April 4 at the Lost Creek Ladies Auxiliary Building. Their membership stands at about 25. Their monthly meeting is the last Saturday of the month – weather permitting.

Sharon Flanagan reported for the Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter.

Carol Edge reported for the Mountain Heritage Guild. Their guild will be participating in basket weaving on March 13 and 14 at the Barbour County Fairgrounds.

Nancy Sealy reported in the absence of Judy Clark for the Western Weavers Guild. They are at 11 members strong.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharon Flanagan agreed to be the election chairperson. Offices open for election this year are treasurer and secretary.

Convention Committees :

Elaine Sinclair will serve as Convention Coordinator. Discussion was held regarding this year's theme. It was agreed to ask for ideas in the newsletter. The winner of the winning theme will receive ½ off of their registration cost.

Secretary's Report (continued)

The North Central Guild will receive baskets, chair the jurying, etc. This will take place at the 4-H Barn on Rt. 19.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Guild will be in charge of facilities and on site registration.

Fyrn Frame and Wilma Harrison will do class registrations and name tags.

Members-at-Large will be responsible for soliciting their guilds for raffle donations.

The Western Weavers Guild will do the calling of raffle numbers.

Homespun Basketweavers Guild will coordinate door prize collections.

Homespun Basketweavers Guild will distribute door prizes.

Western Weavers Guild will coordinate teacher's gifts.

The basket swap will not be held this year, due to lack of interest.

Publicity will be coordinated by Paula Huber. Members-at-large need to let her know of newspapers in their area.

Speaker - Coordinator will contact Cynthia Taylor and Aaron Jakim for availability.

The convention time line was worked on by those in attendance. Elaine Sinclair, President, closed the meeting at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shireene Matheny, Secretary

Homespun Basketmakers Guild

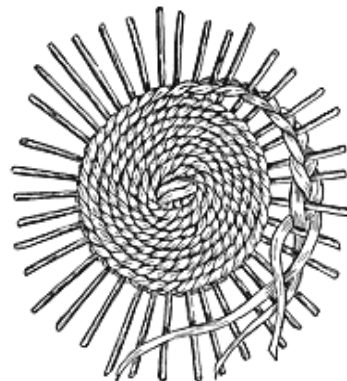
Greetings from Homespun Basketmakers. We have changed our meeting date and time. We now meet on the third Saturday of each the month at 11 a.m. at The County Place, 111 S. Court Street, Ripley, WV. We would like to invite you to visit with us during our day meeting.

We will not have snacks at the meeting, if we decide to spend the afternoon working on a basket, we will order out. Our next meeting will be on Feb 21 at 11 a.m. to your there. We plan to weave a Easter basket at this meeting, each member is to bring their reed, handle and color of choice.

Many of our members are planning to attend the one day weave at Lost

Creek. I, for one, am looking forward to this weave. I have a new e-mail address sunset@directv.net and if you would like to call me my number is (304) 532-0997. Happy Weaving!

Diana Easter
Member at Large



Mountain Heritage Guild

Regardless whether or not the groundhog saw his shadow earlier this month, we are all ready for warmer weather in this area. The snows have been beautiful this winter. The kind that makes you want to snuggle closer to any heat source. Some of us have had some unexpected time on our hands since it was safer to stay indoors than to travel out on snow covered roads. I hope you used that bonus time to weave a new basket.

Our next scheduled weave will be the Winter Fair. We have invited four instructors to our two day event held at the Barbour County Fair grounds on Rt. 250 north of Belington WV. Brochures have been sent to each of last year's participants and WVBA members. Contact Teresa Paugh, robnteresapaugh@aol.com, if yours has not arrived as yet. Deadline for registration is early March. Lodging is available locally, directions are easy to follow and some lovely baskets are going to be offered. The CEOS groups also offer various crafts and homemade/home-baked goodies for purchase. The local Extension agent will have a class on tree pruning, the ole' mill

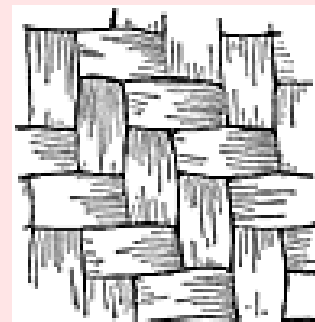
will be grinding fresh cornmeal and there is much more to enjoy.

Other classes are planned for the year. Stay tuned for more.

I hope you told those who fill your life with love and appreciation how much they mean to you on Valentine's Day. If you didn't have that chance, it is never too late to let them know they are loved in return.

So who ever you are, whatever the season, whenever you feel like it, where ever it is doable, why not pass on the gift of love that has been given you by our Lord , however often it feels practical.

Carol J. Edge,
Member at Large



Mid Ohio Valley Guild

Hello Weavers,

At our December meeting we had the choice of making a bell, a candle basket, or a basket with a mini nativity – a fun choice. After weaving we adjourned to Bob Evans for lunch and fellowship.

Between snow storms we managed to have our January meeting. Paula Huber taught a wall basket with a snowman theme. Paula taught us a different technique for starting a flat backed basket. Fun and informative.

This morning I noticed tips of bright green pushing through the mulch. Spring flowers cannot be far behind. At our February meeting we'll make a basket embellished with flow-

ers.

The Mid Ohio Valley Guild meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of the month at Sharon Sutton's home at 9:30 am. Contact one of the following if you have questions.

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sasutton@suddenlink.net

Paula Huber 304-834-1435
woodnweave@suddenlink.net

Sharon Flanagan 304-482-0033
brigel@verizon.net
Happy Spring!

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Flanagan
Member At Large

North Central WV Guild

We are finalizing the work on the 1 day weave, April 4th. There are now 20 members.

We meet mostly on the last Saturday of the month and usually make a basket. For February's meeting we will work on the raffle prize for weave day. I promise it will be fantastic again. Stay warm and happy weaving.

Elaine Sinclair



*Beauty, truth, friendship,
love, creation – these
are the great values of
life. We can't prove
them, or explain them,
yet they are the most
stable things in our lives.
-- Jesse Herman Holmes*

Western Weaver's Guild

After recuperating a bit from the holidays, our Guild met on January 13th and made hand painted paper that we cut into strips. (Hang on to those pasta machines girls! They have multiple uses.) What fun! We were like a bunch of preschoolers finger painting. Next month we will weave our paper into baskets. I can't wait to see what we come up with.

Our President, Gail Hutchinson, is on the road for a few weeks with Venie Henson teaching in Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri. Several of our members are looking forward to the North Carolina Basket Convention and also the Spring Weave-In at Lost Creek.

The Western Weaver's Guild meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Highlawn Church of Christ at 27th Street and Latulle Avenue, Huntington, WV. If you

would like to join us, please call Judy Clark at (304) 523-5547 or Nancy Sealey at (800) 334-5226. We are staying busy and weaving away here in the snow and anxiously awaiting spring.

Judy Clark
Member at Large



**WVBA Membership
July 1 - June 30
2009- 2010**



Please print.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip+4** _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Basketry Business Name _____

(A business that sells basket supplies, basketry related items, or baskets)

_____ I have joined as a business member or teacher member and I would like my basketry business listed in the annual membership booklet.

Basketry Business Phone # _____

Basketry Business Web Site _____

Were you a member for 2008-2009? _____ **YES** _____ **NO**

Are you a basketry teacher? _____ **YES** _____ **NO**

Are you a vendor? _____ **YES** _____ **NO**

Membership is for: (Please check those that apply.)

_____ **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$20.00** Entitles you to Newsletter, and receive Convention booklet.

_____ (Individuals under 18 on July 1, and 80 or over membership **\$10.00**)

_____ **BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP \$25.00** Entitles you to the same as an individual membership plus mandatory in order to vend at Convention.

_____ **TEACHER MEMBERSHIP \$25.00** Entitles you to the same as individual membership, plus is mandatory to teach classes, vend, or participate in the Market Place at Convention.

Paying by _____ **Cash** _____ **Check #** _____

Please make checks payable to: WVBA (No pro-rated checks.)

Please send check and application to:

Sharon Sutton

#160 Scenic Hills

Parkersburg, WV 26104-8085

304-422-0068

e-mail sasutton@suddenlink.net

Dues not paid by July 31, 2009 will be subject to a \$5.00 late fee.

West Virginia Basketmakers Association Convention 2009

Dear Prospective Teacher:

The 2009 WVBA Convention will take place at Grand Pointe Conference Center at Vienna, WV, November 13-15, 2009. The 2009 Teacher Proposal form is on the reverse side of this letter. You need only put your address and e-mail information on the first form but please put your name on each form.

Please note on the proposal form if you cannot teach a certain day or time period. Please note on the proposal form the minimum or maximum number of classes or number of hours you are willing to teach per day or for the entire convention.

All teachers are responsible for any equipment needed to teach the class (i.e., slide projectors).

All teachers **MUST** be a member of the WVBA at the time their baskets are accepted/contracts signed for the 2009 Convention. Class size will be limited to a maximum of twelve (12) and a minimum of six (6) students. *If your minimum number of students is more than six (6) please note the minimum on the proposal form.* Instructors are **required** to give students printed instructions or a materials list, lengths to cut, and any other information they would need when attempting the basket at a later time.

With the exception of classes where material preparation is part of the learning experience, (i.e., splitting oak, shaving ribs, etc.) kits should be prepared for the students by the instructor, with as much precutting done as possible, to allow more time for instruction in class and insuring the students **COMPLETE** their projects. The cost of the basket class should reflect the cost of materials and kit preparation. **The WVBA pays an honorarium of \$10.00 per teaching hour for classes.**

You may submit as many proposals as you would like by making copies of the proposal form and completing one form for each basket or seminar proposed. Also, please remember if your submission is not **YOUR** original creation to give credit where it is due or get permission of the author.

We are soliciting proposals for four (4) hour classes, an equal number of six (6) hour classes, a limited number of eight (8) hour and ten (10) hour or longer classes.

Teachers may register for classes but please be aware that regular convention registration fees will apply.

A check for \$4.00 **PER SUBMITTED BASKET** (plus cost of additional insurance if necessary), a stamped self-addressed envelope, a typed or printed return address label and your completed release and proposal form(s) must accompany your baskets. Please make checks payable to WVBA. Label each basket with your name and the name of your basket on a **removable tag**. Please make sure there are no identifiable marks on your submitted basket(s). Please **do not** ship your baskets in a box bigger than- length (of longest side) + girth (measurement around thickest part of box) = 130".

Baskets must be received by **May 9, 2009**. Please do not mail baskets before May 1.

The WVBA cannot be responsible for submitted baskets. All reasonable care will be given to each basket. Pack your basket sensibly when shipping. Ideas for packing are: crumpled paper bags, pillows made of plastic bags filled with plastic peanuts (NO LOOSE PEANUTS PLEASE), old sheets or other material. Protect handles or other free standing parts with extra padding. A "map" of how baskets were packed taped on an inside flat is very helpful when trying to repack baskets.

For questions contact: Delores Stutler at 304-622-7992 or e-mail at jodeweaver@aol.com or Elaine Sinclair, Convention Coordinator at 304-783-5316 or e-mail weavemae@aol.com.

West Virginia Basketmakers Association Convention 2009

November 13-15, 2009

Teacher Proposal Form

Please type or print.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Name of Basket or Seminar Topic: _____

Weaving Level: Circle appropriate Beginner Intermediate Advanced All Levels

Length of Class: Circle one 4 6 8 10 12

Cost: \$ _____

Dimensions of Basket: _____ Width _____ Length _____ Height (with or without handle) Circle one

For Round Baskets: _____ Circumference at widest point _____ Diameter across the top

_____ Height (with or without handle) circle one

Minimum number of classes or hours _____ Maximum number of classes or hours per day _____
I would prefer not to teach on

(Day) or at (time): _____

Description of the basket or seminar proposed: _____

List any special tools needed in class, specific techniques that may not be immediately apparent from looking at the sample, and any different materials used (i.e., willow, oak, waxed linen, etc.).

Please send a form for each basket submitted, \$4.00 per basket (plus additional insurance if necessary), return address label, a self-addressed stamped envelope and your sample basket(s) to:

Delores Stutler
Rt. 1 Box 484
Clarksburg, WV 26301-9764

RELEASE

The undersigned does hereby release and discharge the West Virginia Basketmakers Association from any and all claims, causes of action, and liability arising from damage, injury, or destruction to baskets owned by the undersigned which are stored for judging and photographed for brochure and/or poster only, while in possession of the West Virginia Basketmakers Association, which will have possession of the baskets belonging to the undersigned which are the subject of this release as follows:

From the 10th day of May, 2009 to the 6th day of June, 2009

The consideration for this release, waiver and discharge the handling and storage and display and other utilization of such baskets belonging to the undersigned by the West Virginia Basketmakers Association, to the undersigned for any damage, injury or destruction to the property of the undersigned.

Signed: _____

IF NOT SIGNED THE BASKET WILL BE RETURNED!!!

Value of your basket: \$ _____

Upcoming Events

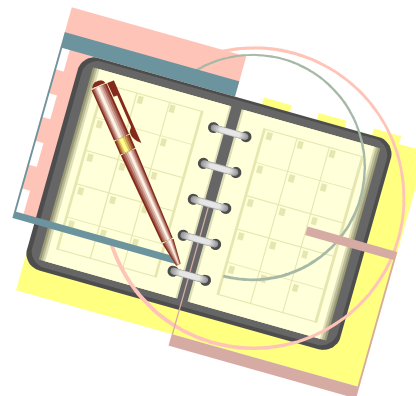
2009 Winter Fair (*Basket Classes sponsored by Mountain Heritage Basketweavers Guild*) March 20-21, Philippi, WV. For more information contact Teresa Paugh (304) 457-3383

North Central WV Basketmakers Guild Weave Day—April 4, 2009, Lost Creek, WV. For info contact Elaine Sinclair at (304) 672-4085.

One Day Workshops at Woven Designs—April 24-25, Lebanon, OH. Julie Kleinrath of Woven Designs is sponsoring two one-day workshops by *Jill Choate* of Trapper Creek, Alaska. Jill, a master weaver, will be teaching unique and one of a kind antler baskets. For information contact Julie Kleinrath at (513) 932-3975.

Homespun Basketweavers Guild Weave Day—August 15th, Ripley, WV. For information contact Wilma Harrison at (304) 532-0117.

WVBA 2009 Convention —November 13-15, Grande Pointe Conference Center, Vienna, WV. For information contact Elaine Sinclair at (304) 783-316.



*Don't limit yourself.
Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve.
-- Mary Kay Ash*

Newsletter Submissions

Publication dates for the WVBA Reeder are **December, March, June** and **September** each year. The Reeder is distributed electronically to members with a valid email address and hard copies are mailed to those without email or upon request.

Guild reports, member news, upcoming events, tips, etc. for the newsletter should be emailed or mailed to the newsletter editor by the 10th of the month **prior** to publication!

Happy Weaving!

Wilma

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