



WVBA REEDER

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Hello to all fellow basket weavers.

Time is getting closer for the convention and a buzz is in the air. I have heard how beautiful the booklet is and the wonderful baskets that are being offered. It promises to be a good time for all so get your membership paid and plan on coming to convention to meet up with old friends and perhaps make new ones. Basket weavers are the best you know.

I'd like to personally thank our speaker, Laura Lee Zanger for agreeing to share with us her expertise in basket weaving and as a novelist. I spent time with her in Kentucky collecting geodes and found her to be quite interesting and a lovely lady. (I don't want to forget her husband Steve, who is very attentive and very knowledgeable). They are "good people"! I have read her book "Spirit Voice" and can hardly wait to get to the next one. I place myself as the "old woman" who, as a young girl (girl of four summers) couldn't wait to be taught basket making by her aunt.

I promise her presentation will be one you won't want to miss. Happy weaving and remember the sick in our prayers.

Elaine Sinclair, President

FYI—my new email is esinclair123@frontier.com



C O N V E N T I O N R E G I S T R A T I O N I N F O

ATTENTION! I sent out several class confirmation letters out early in error! If you received one and have not already mailed your checks to me, please hold off until you hear from me after the September 27th Board meeting.

After that date we will know if all classes are going to have enough registrants to hold, etc. If you have already mailed

your checks I will hold them. Confirmations will be mailed to everyone at that time.

I apologize for any confusion or inconvenience.

Wilma

S E C R E T A R Y ' S R E P O R T

WVBA
July 19, 2009
Sharon Sutton's House

Those attending were: Pat Spangler, Shireene Matheny, Diana Easter, Fyrn Frame, Sharon Flanagan, Delores Stutler, Paula Huber, Pat Gray, Sharon Sutton and Teresa Paugh.

Pat Spangler, Vice President, called the meeting to order in the absence of President, Elaine Sinclair.

Secretary's Report: Approved as written in the last newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Huber reported the bank balance as \$6,697.42.

Membership Report: Sharon Sutton reported that membership now stands at 75 members. She stated that she had sent out 61 postcards to former members. She was also concerned that some members did not seem to be getting their newsletters. It was suggested that members-at-large contact their WVBA members to see if they are having any trouble receiving their newsletters and send the info to Wilma Harrison, newsletter editor.

Sharon also reported that Susan Whitecotton, past president, had sent a check for her dues. Her check will be returned since past presidents are exempt from paying membership dues.

Guild Reports: Sharon Flanagan reported for the Mid-Ohio Valley Guild. Teresa Paugh reported for the Mountain Heritage Guild. Delores Stutler reported for the North Central Guild. Diana Easter reported for the Home-spun Basketweavers Guild. There was no one to report for the Huntington

Guild.

New Business: Discussion was held regarding attendee gifts. The theme for this years convention will be "Weaving is Sublime in 2009". The menu for dinner on Saturday night was discussed.

Paula Huber gave a report on the jackets that several members had expressed an interest in purchasing. An order form will be included in the convention packet.

Old Business: The convention brochure was reviewed and corrections made as needed. Registration for non-members will be \$10 per day. This does not include dinner on Saturday night. They will be able to register only after members have been given their class choices.

Brochures will go out on August 15 and the brochure and other information will be available on the website on August 29.

Delores Stutler motioned to adjourn the meeting and Diana Easter seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Shireene Matheny
Secretary

ELECTION NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominations for Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairman close Sept 14, 2009. Eligibility forms should be mailed to:

Sharon Flanagan
14 Laurel Lane
Washington, WV 26181

Teresa Paugh
Rt. 1 Box 192B
Philippi, WV 26416

Terri Stepp
130 Wildwood Acres Drive
Charleston, WV 25312

HOMESPUN BASKETMAKERS GUILD

Sultry greetings from Homespun Basket Guild.

We have changed our meeting date, time and location to the Harrison Building, 119 South Church Street in Ripley (former B&K building, next to the old City Building and Municipal parking lot) and will be meeting every third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. If any one would like to attend any of our meetings call Wilma Harrison or me for directions.

Shireene Matheny and I were at the Arts & Craft Fair at Cedar Lakes over the July 4th week and we were also at the Rib Fest in Huntington in August. We had an wonderful time at both events and hope to repeat these events in the future.

We worked very hard on our one day weave and I believe everyone had a great time.

We are planning on having a weaving project for each meeting until Christmas which will be our Christmas party (no weaving just food and fun).

Keep Weaving,

Diana Easter
Member at Large



Every day take time to do what you know helps to quiet your mind and open your heart. Walk in the mountains, meditate, take time alone, dance and pray.

~ Jack Kornfield, Ph.D.
Co-Founder & Teacher

MID OHIO VALLEY GUILD

Hello Weavers,

Sharon Sutton taught a small market basket in June. We welcomed Carol Wanner to our guild. In July Paula Huber taught Kathy's Bubble Gum Basket, a small oblong basket which can sit on a desk or hang on a wall.

August found us in Ripley attending the Homespun Basket Weavers one day weave-in. It was fun to see friends from other guilds. The weaving was great, the food delicious, and a stop at the Mill Creek Trading Post on the way home made the day quite enjoyable.

Convention time is getting near. The baskets/stools this year are exceptional. What a wonderful dilemma trying to choose classes to take.

You are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings. 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. Sharon Sutton (304) 422-0068 sasutton@suddenlink.net Paula Huber 304-834-1435; woodnweave@suddenlink.net; Sharon Flanagan 304-482-0033, brigel@verizon.net. Looking forward to seeing everyone at convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Flanagan
Member At Large

CONVENTION DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLE ITEMS

We are preparing for the WVBA 2009 Convention and hoping you will be able to participate by donating a raffle and/or door prize item. Everyone attending the Convention enjoys getting a door prize or trying to win a raffle item and this is a wonderful way to spread the word about you and/or your business.

We will print the names of everyone who donates something for the raffle in the December newsletter. This way you are getting even more publicity. Thank you in advance. We appreciate everything donated to help make this year's Convention a success. You may bring items with you or if you are not attending the Convention, items may be sent by November 2nd to any WVBA member at large or to:

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Pleasant Valley Rd.
Given, WV 25245
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MOUNTAIN HERITAGE GUILD

Does any one know how to slow down the progression of summer?

It must be my age, or something, but I fell like the past few months have literally flown by and I am not getting everything I had planned for the summer completed. I heard the katydids chattering this past week and my wise mother-in-law says there is only 6 weeks left before frost. How can that be? I still have basket kits on hand and basket ideas that were to be done out on my back porch on lazy afternoons. Oh well. Look at it this way. November is not that far away at this rate!

Our Guild has had a few busy weave nights. Dee Johnson did a market basket in a twill weave. Lara Lawrence had us weaving a lovely purple basket with a pansy embellishment. Many of us attended the Homespun weave in Ripley.

Classes are set for September 10th – Jennifer McDonald will do a Halloween basket of orange/black, October 8th will have us weaving in the basement of the Philippi City building, November 5th – Teresa Paugh will do a Nativity basket and December 10th we will hold our annual Christmas gathering of food, fun and baskets. Plans are being made for our Winter Fair which is a two day/

all day weave at the Barbour County Fair grounds in March 2010.

We welcome all weavers to our meetings and are always looking for guest instructors.

Speaking of November. You have your Convention booklet in hand by now. *Who* can not say that they stopped *whatever* they were doing *when* the booklet arrived? Excited now? So *why* not tell your friends, family and co-workers *where* you will be November 13th – 15th. Then tell me *how* you narrowed down your choices to fit the schedule. 'Cause I know it wasn't easy.

Carol Edge
Member at large



“Be kind to everyone. You’d be surprised how much people appreciate & remember even small thoughtful actions, and how it gets repaid to you”

~ HEIDI KLUM
MODEL & ENTREPRENEUR

NORTH CENTRAL WV GUILD

WOW! We managed to get the Convention Booklet out on time. I hope you have had time to browse through it and are eagerly awaiting WVBA Convention 2009. Make your reservations now for November 13-15, 2009. All the information you need is contained in the booklet.

This year the WVBA Board chose to allow the public (non-members) to attend the Convention so be sure to encourage other weavers to come and join in the fun. Information and registration forms for non-members can be found on our web site wvbasketmakers.com. WVBA Members will be given first choice on classes. Don't forget, the deadline for choosing classes is Sept.12.

Now for the guild news: In June we had a class on the thimble basket. We had planned a Christmas in July party but had to reschedule it for August. Several members of our guild attended Homespun Basketweavers Guild's Weave-in. I was only there for a short time but I saw some beautiful baskets being made and some great teachers there.

On August 29, we celebrated Christmas with gifts and a yummy dinner with all the trimmings and Louise Crossman taught weaving on a gourd class. On September 19, Vicki Worrell will be visiting and teaching a large tote. If you would like to join us for this class call Elaine @ 304-783-5316.

NCWV Guild member Helen Hickman is one of our charter members and at age 90 is still encouraging basket makers and contributes

much to our guild. Thank you, Helen.

Our Guild meets on the last Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and a basket class is usually taught by one of our members. Everyone is welcome at any of our meetings, so drop in for a fun time, but call first to make sure that we are meeting on the regular date and time.

Delores Stutler,
Member-at-Large



North Central WV Basket Guild Members following their August 29, 2009 Holiday Dinner and gourd weaving project

WESTERN WEAVER'S GUILD

The Western Weavers have been resting and running around a bit this summer. Several attended the Convention at Jabez, Kentucky and a few went to Ripley in August for the Home-spun Beasketweavers Guild Weave Day. All brought home beautiful baskets and great stories of good times, good food and lots of ideas and basket kits. Those of us who had to stay home and work were really envious and kept saying "we will go to the next one."

In early October Gail Hutchinson will again be traveling and teaching with Venie Hinson in the Midwest and Texas for a month.

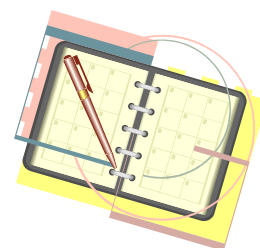
The Guild members met on August 25th to get started for the new year and make plans. We will again be encouraging everyone to bring their "UFO's" (unfinished objects) every month and continue to work on donations for the WVBA door prize.

I just received the WVBA Convention brochure and everyone is anxiously waiting to mail their registration on August 29th and looking forward to a weekend of seeing old and new friends in November.

Until then, come and join us if you are in our area on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Highlawn Church of Christ in Huntington at 6 p.m.

Happy Weaving,

Nancy Sealey
Vice President



UPCOMING EVENT...

Gail Hutchinson will be teaching a class titled "The Weekender" on September 12th, 2009, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Starcher Baptist Church 2624 6th Ave., Charleston, WV 25541 Special Price \$112.00 Limited Seating Contact : Gail Hutchinson weaveme02@aol.com 304-743-5424

The Weekender is the first of a series of travel baskets. {The overnighter and tote will follow.} Learn three rod-wale with a step-up, overlays, and a German braid. Shaping will be stressed. Beautiful leather handles finish this basket. Liners will be offered. 18" X 15 1/4" X 10 1/2" tall.

The Western Weavers Guild will be providing lunch (hot dogs) as a fund raiser or you may bring your lunch.



Perspective....

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "It was great, Dad". "Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked. "Oh yeah", said the son. "So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered:

"I saw that we have one dog and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have. Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends! Life is too short and friends are too few.

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. Copies of the WVBA Reeder are also posted on: www.wvbasketmakers.com

If you regularly experience difficulty receiving or opening the electronic copy of the WVBA Reeder, or simply prefer to receive a hardcopy by mail, please contact me at wlharrison25245@yahoo.com or at Rt. 1, Box 182B, Pleasant Valley Rd., Given, WV 25245.

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

WVBA BOARD MEETING

The next WVBA Board meeting is planned for the 27th of September at 2:00 p.m. at Ryan's restaurant on top of Bridgeport Hill at the Eastgate Shopping Center (Bridgeport). The restaurant is just off rout 50 & 79.

The Board will be finalizing details for the convention at that time.



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West Virginia Basketmakers Association

Eligibility Form for 2009

Candidates Nominated for Election to the Board

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Office for which you are running: _____

Are you currently a member of WVBA in good standing? _____

Comments:

Signature

Date

Please Mail a copy to each of the following:

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Eligibility form must be received by September 14, 2009.

NOTE: All nominees must attend the annual business meeting November 14, 2009.