



WVBA Reeder

President's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all fellow basket weavers.

Thank you to all who attended the convention. Thanks for all the time the workers put in making it memorable. The vendors were wonderful and Laura Lee Zanger's speech was superb.

Teresa Paugh really out did herself with getting the goodie bags together. Thanks for the hard work Teresa!

That's what makes a good convention, everyone coming together and doing their best.

Coordinator, Dee Johnson reports the 2010 Convention will be held November, 12, 13 14, at Alderson-Broaddus College, Philippi, WV. There will be lots of weaving space and good food. Teacher proposals will go out with the March 2010 newsletter and will also be posted on our website.

Don't forget to think about running for the President and Vice President office next year (elections will be held at the 2010 Convention). Please join me in welcoming Nancy Sealey as new Secretary to our Board.

The membership voted to amend the bylaws at the convention. We hope to be able to include the revised Bylaws with the March newsletter and will also post them on the website.

As always, happy weaving and don't forget to pray for the sick.

Elaine Sinclair
President



Secretary's Report

No Report Submitted.

2009 WBA Convention Photos

All photographs courtesy of Bob Grandusky. Visit www.wvbasketmakers.com to see additional convention photos.



*Carry a Heart that never hates.
Carry a Smile that never fades.
Carry a Torch that never hurts.
Carry a Friendship that never fails.*

Election Report

Paula Huber and Sharon Sutton ran unopposed for Treasurer and Membership Chairperson, respectively. Nancy Sealy was elected Secretary. Thank you Shireene Matheny or all your hard work as past Secretary.



Homespun Basketmakers Guild

Season Greetings from Homespun Basketmakers

Well the holiday season is upon us; with families and friends getting together for large meals, story telling and shopping.

We had our holiday dinner party at Fratello's Restaurant at Fairplan on December 7th. We played some simple games and had a gift exchange. There was lots of good food, friends and conversation.

I am sad to report that one of our members has went home to be with Jesus. Please keep Gail Ballard's family in your thoughts and prayers at this time. Gail was the daughter of Judy Ballard and the niece of Verla Shaffer.

We had an wonderful weekend in Parkersburg at our annual Convention. So many baskets, so little time. I would like to say thank you to the venders and teachers that traveled to be with us. I hope to see them at our next Convention.

We are meeting on the 3rd Monday evening at 6:30 at the Harrison Building in downtown Ripley. For anyone who would like to visit with us call myself or one of our members for details of projects for the month.

Happy Holidays & Keep Weaving
Diana Easter, Member at Large

Mid Ohio Valley Guild

Hello Weavers,

It's been a busy fall. In September Sharon Sutton taught a wall basket with a fancy braided handle. Paula Huber expanded on the Susan Reed-Fanfoni ball knob basket figures and developed a turkey for the October meeting. Below is a picture of three of the creations. Those turkeys will grace our members' tables for many years to come.

Again, another great convention! The teachers and baskets taught were exceptional. We learned many new techniques and enjoyed three days visiting with our weaving friends.

Our Christmas gathering this year will be December 1. We'll be meeting for dinner and then weaving a small basket. If you're in the area, give Sharon or Paula a call for the details and come join the fun. The regular 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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Happy Holidays,

Sharon Flanagan
Member At Large



WVBA Jackets Still Available

Great news! You can still order a WVBA jacket! Those of you who attended the Convention probably saw many members wearing these navy coaches style jackets with the WVBA logo on them.

To order, contact Paula at (304) 834-1435 or at woodnweave@suddenlink.net or mailed to Paula Huber, 4100 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna, WV 26105. Orders must be received by Paula by January 15th!

Jackets will be given to the respective members at large at the next Board meeting and they will make arrangements for them to be picked up at the local Guilds.

Mountain Heritage Guild



As Christmas rapidly approaches, I find myself wishing I had started preparations sooner. There is still so much to do and not much time to get it done.

That can't be said about this year's Convention. Many, many thanks to all teachers, vendors, committees, Guilds and anyone who spent countless hours in preparation for "Weaving Sublime in 2009"

The baskets/stools selections were new, challenging and wonderful when completed. The proficiency of the teachers was good reasons for taking each class. I over heard one person say "that tip was worth the price of the class alone"!

What can be said about the facilities, other than *First Class All the Way*. The rooms were great, bountiful continental breakfast each morning. The Conference Center was lovely, there was ample parking, places to shop when time allowed, and even the bathroom in the Conference Center made me feel like I had used outhouses all my life.

I thoroughly enjoyed Laura Lee Zanger on Saturday evening. Her knowledge and passion for twill weaving was very evident in her presentation.

The Raffle offered so many grand treasures and door prizes also. The vendors had so many fantastic supplies for purchase, it was hard to decide and not easy to stop. Wasn't the Gift Bag outstanding? Thanks to all the Guilds, Teachers, private contributors and Teresa Paugh for pulling it all together. Lovely! Delightful!

I came home with more enthusiasm for weaving, more kits to complete, and helpful tips from my instructors, renewed acquaintances and new weaving friends. And I'm not alone feeling that way. Mountain Heritage had ten members attend this year. Bob Grandusky was a newbie. I can assure you he had a great time. We all did.

At home, Mountain Heritage had our Christmas weave. Thanks to Jenny and Vivian for bell ornaments, everyone for tasty treats and the gift exchange, last and not least, Teresa for her leadership. Looking ahead, the Guild will be weaving a Snowman tray with Rachel Weber in January. We are planning our Winter Fair, two-day weave in March at the Barbour County Fair Grounds.

I wish you: A very Merry *Christmas*. Remember the reason for the season, please.
 A Happy, Healthy New Year. Filled with 365 days of the important things in life.
 And remember to pray for those who are less fortunate than we.

Carol J Edge
 Member at Large

May you always have
 Love to Share,
 Health to Spare,
 And Friends that Care.

North Central WV Guild

I hope you all enjoyed the 2009 WVBA Convention as much as I did. Everyone worked hard to make it the great success that it was. The gift bags were fantastic, the teachers were wonderful, the baskets were beautiful, the vendors had everything we could wish for, the students were friendly and fun as always, and the door prizes and raffle gift were plentiful. A big thank you to one and all. And a special thank you to Laura Lee Zanger for the insightful and inspiring talk on Saturday evening.

North Central WV Basketmakers Guild is delighted to announce that Helen Hickman, a charter member of NCWVB Guild has been accepted as the first Life Time Member of WVBA. Helen is 90 years young and resides at Jackson Mill, WV. She is always there to offer a helping hand and enjoys basket making and the fellowship of basket weavers. She also makes great food for our meetings. Congratulations Helen, we love you! After receiving her certificate and the card signed by those attending convention she was overjoyed, and thanks everyone. We are so proud of her!

Our one day weave will be April 10, 2010. Guest teachers this year will include Vicki Worrell and Becki Newsome. Please mark your calendars.

Due to the increase in our membership (26), starting in February 2010 we have voted to hold our meetings at the Marshville Community Building this which is approximately 3 miles north of US Route 50 south of Clarksburg, WV. We meet on the last Saturday of the month at 10:00

am and weave a basket (usually taught by one of our members) and serve a lunch.

Elaine Sinclair taught a cute "Snowman Basket" in October to 17 members, just to get us ready for winter. Because we had a "Christmas in August" party there will be no meeting in December or January.

Plans are under way for the Guild to participate in weekend events at Fort New Salem. Weaving on the porch of the basket cabin and maybe getting a white oak teacher.

This will be my last report as we have chosen Fyrn Frame as our new Member-at-Large and I know she will serve us well.

I sincerely wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year.

Delores Stutler, Member-at-Large
2009



Western Weavers' Guild

The members of the Western Weavers who were able to attend the WVBA Convention would like to congratulate all those who helped in any way in preparing for this year's convention. It was great! The location, teachers and classes were wonderful and we could not have asked for a nicer weekend in November. We had a great time helping with the raffle and teacher's gifts. We are already looking forward to next year!

We will be meeting on December 8th at the home of Nancy Sealey for our annual Christmas get together. Everyone is bringing finger foods (we love to eat) and a gift for exchanging. Those of us who are participating in the UFO project will be bringing the last basket for this session and we will draw the winner of our pot. This is a project where we attempt to complete unfinished projects ("UFO's" unfinished objects). If you sign up to participate, for every basket you complete that is on your list you pay \$1 to the pot and if you don't finish one that month it will cost you \$3. We try to do two sessions per year (January through May and August through December). Lots of fun and a great way to clean up some of the things we have started and just never seem to get around to finishing.

After the holiday fun, we will start weaving again in January. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at Highlawn Church of Christ in Huntington. If you are in our area, give us a call for directions and come weave with us.

Happy Holidays,
Nancy Sealey



Upcoming Events...

April 10, 2009
Moss Creek, WV

Vicki Worrell and Becki Newsome will be teaching at the North Central WV Guild one day weave! For further information contact Elaine Sinclair at (304) 783-5316 or email esinclair123@frontier.com.

2010 WVBA Convention—November 12—14, 2010
Alderson Broadus College, Philippi, WV

2009 CONVENTION RAFFLE

A special THANK YOU all those who donated items. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ITEM	DONATED BY	WINNER
MARY KAY GIFT TIN	WILMA HARRISON	LINDA PHILYAW
HOLIDAY TRADITION KIT	NC BASKET WORKS	KEN AMBROSE
VICTORIAN HEARTH BASKET W/FLORAL ARRANGEMENT	HOMESPUN GUILD	SHARON FLANAGAN
ROLL SEAGRASS	FYRN FRAME	WILMA HARRISON
6" WOOD BASES	FYRN FRAME	ANITA OAKES
3/16 FLAT OVAL & #4 SMOKED OVAL	FYRN FRAME	JEAN RUBLE
FALL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT	DIANA EASTER	PEGGY SQUIRES
CUP & WARMER	DELORES STUTLER	ELAINE SINCLAIR
SMALL NATIVITY KIT	TERESA PAUGH	WILMA HARRISON
SMALL MARKET KIT	TERESA PAUGH	LOUISE PACK
2 RECT BASES & TIE ON	ELAINE SINCLAIR	DIANA EASTER
2 HANDLES & TIE ON	ELAINE SINCLAIR	LINDA PHILYAW
SET OF ANTLERS	ELAINE SINCLAIR	BOB GRANDUSKY
METAL SLEIGH BASE	SHARON SUTTON	DIANA EASTER
WOVEN BREAD BASKET W/LINER & BREAD MIX	LARA LAWRENCE & DEE JOHNSON	VICKI ASHLEY
WREATH	XYZ BASKET WORKS	COLEEN SMITH
BASKET PAINTED	MOUNTAIN HERITAGE GUILD	PEGGY SQUIRES
STERLING SILVER BREAD BASKET CHARM	CAROLINA BASKETRY	VICKI ASHLEY
RED CARRY ALL BAG	SHARON FLANAGAN	NANCY SEALEY
LAURA LEE'S LITTLE BITTY BOOKS	LAURA LEE ZANGER	STELLA SHREVES
LIGHTED CHRISTMAS TREE	WESTERN WEAVERS GUILD	PEGGY SQUIRES
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BASKET PICTURE PLAQUE	DIANE RANDOLPH	GAIL HUTCHINSON
SMALL WOODEN CHAIR	THOMAS HOLT CAMP	VICKI ASHLEY
SMALL SEAGRASS CHAIR	THOMAS HOLT CAMP	KIM KANADY
WOOD SIGNS	GAIL HUTCHINSON	TERESA PAUGH
LOU'S SNACK KIT	LOUISE PACK	LARA LAWRENCE
PATTERNS	DARBY STEVENS	JANE SOUTHALL, LARA LAWRENCE DELORES STUTLER, KIM KANADY
FLYING ARROWS KIT		LINDA PHILYAW
CANISTER SET	KAREN GRIFFITH	NANCY SEALEY
BASKET THROW/BASKET	MID OHIO VALLEY GUILD	SHARON FLANAGAN
BASKET OF SCENTS		DIANE EASTER
CHRISTMAS TREE OF BASKETS	NORTH CENTRAL GUILD	KATHY HALTER
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