



WVBA Reeder

President's Message

Welcome Spring as I am sure most of us are over the winter weather. I want to first thank everyone for having the belief in me to serve as your President, I am honored. I know I have some big shoes to fill after Gail Hutchinson, but I hope to bring some good ideas to the group as well. I want to say that we have already have a good start as teachers have been selected for the upcoming convention. We are asking for everyone's support in promoting our convention. Over the last few years I have seen so many positive changes and that encourages us to continue to grow and share the passion of basket weaving. A fellow weaver posted a poem to Facebook the other day (hope she doesn't mind that I share) as it is perfect for my first "article" as your President.

Basket of Friendship
by Margaret Helms

The weaving of a basket tells the story of friendship
Each reed once stood alone--unbound to any other.
In time one reed crossed the path of another and
became intertwined.
Though each reed remained visibly separate, they
supported each other.
So it is with friendship, we go about living our
separate lives
Slowing a friendship takes form.
though we remain separate personalities we are
supported and strengthened by the bonds of friendship
woven between us.

With that said I hope everyone has a great spring and remembers to enjoy weaving and let's share our knowledge and passion with others. We all have our own lives going on but we have a common bond--WEAVING--so lets support each other and enjoy the company of one another. Until we meet again, be happy and smile.

Selena Straughn

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Convention News



“Look Who’s Teaching”

Anne Bowers

Char Ciammiacella

Debbie Hurd

Candace Katz

Gina Kieft

Sharon Klussman

Barb McNally

Save the Dates November 6, 7, 8, 2015

Clarksburg, WV

Cost of Registration: \$45.00 for members - \$60.00 non-members

Cost includes: 4 meals, snacks, and beverages

Also included is a welcome gift

Booklets will be mailed to members

Over 50 different baskets, 5 different readings

Vendors, Teachers Market Place, and Love Language Program

Keep your eyes on: <http://wvbasketweaversassoc.com/>

Board Suggests By-Laws Changes

The WVBA Board meet Feb 28. The following changes to the by-laws were approved by the Board to be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting on November 7, 2015 at our convention in Clarksburg, WV.

Article 2, B3 - remove statement on 501c3

Article 11 - remove 501c3

Dissolution of the Association - Remove "...from federal income tax under Section 501c3 of the international code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any such future law)."

Background for this proposed change: We are not a 501c3 corporation and our treasurer Peggy Squires has faithfully filed our income tax report.

Also:

The nominating committee will announce the slate of candidates during the convention and accept any nominations from the floor.

Article 6: "D" remove "election should be by ballot". A simple majority shall constitute an election. In the event of a single slate of candidates, a motion of acclimation will be called for by the Nominating Committee chairman at the annual meeting.

WVBA Board meetings are open to all WVBA members. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on March 28, 2015 at Sharon Flanagan's house. If you plan to attend, please call Sharon no later than March 27, 2015 so we can have enough seating. (304 863-6892)

Guild Reports

Homespun Basketweavers

Greetings from Homespun Basket Makers

Well, folks, I'm back as member at large once, again.

As many may know Bud & Bea Gilman's have passed away. Mr. Mike Critchfield is in control of their estate and he has signed a contract for the contents of their home/shop to be auctioned. It is to be auctioned on May 2 & 16 at the old skating ring in Ripley.

We missed our last meeting due to snow - brrr.

We have some very nice baskets scheduled for our beginner students. On April 25, a square to round basket \$20 is offered. Then on May 16, a market basket \$30 is scheduled. For further info email me at sunset@directv.net

We still meet every third Monday of the month at 6pm at The Harrison Building. We do not meet if school has been cancelled due to dangerous weather condition.

Any questions about up-coming meetings call Karen Burdette 304-988-2770, or Diana Easter 304-532-0997

Keep Weaving
Diana Easter
Member-at-Large

North Central

North Central held our first meeting of the year on February 18. We met at My Mother's Daughter gift shop and lunch counter located in down town Clarksburg. We plan to hold our regular meetings there as well as our Spring Weave.

We made a great basket, welcomed several new members and discussed plans for our Spring Weave.

The Spring Weave will be held on May 2, 2015, and will offer classes taught by Elaine Sinclair as well as other guild members. For more information about this please call Elaine [304-783-5316](tel:304-783-5316) or Pat [304-842-4586](tel:304-842-4586). You can also email me and I'll send you our flyer. pgray1246@aol.com

Pat Gray
Member at Large



Mound Weavers CEOS Guild

This cold snowy winter hasn't kept the Mound Weavers from doing their favorite thing, WEAVING. Attendance has been up all winter.

Plans are being made for a Friday night weave and to begin weaving 250 WV baskets for the National CEOS Conference to be held in July. A basket donation will be given to the Women in Agriculture in May and a basket donation will be given to the Marshall County CEOS in May, during CEOS Week, to benefit the Marshall Co. Scholarship Fund.

Sandra and Terri are working on the WVBA Convention and would like to encourage members to attend. The Convention will be held in November and there will be teachers who are well known throughout the east and west. Members will be receiving a flyer soon so mark your calendars.

Terri McGuire
Member at Large

Western Weavers

The members of the Western Weavers met in early December for our annual Christmas party. We had lots of good food and a great time with our mystery gift exchange. Everyone had a good time.

Since then things have been really downhill. Either weather or sickness kept us from meeting in January and February. We did meet in early March and are starting a new basket as a group with some challenging techniques in it. A few of us will be attending North Carolina and Stateline conventions and are looking forward to those.

Now that the weather is looking like spring, maybe we can weave on.

TILL NEXT TIME...HAPPY WEAVING.

Nancy Sealey
Member At Large

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

Mound Weavers: <http://moundweavers.webs.com/>

WVBA Membership
January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Please print.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

_____ I am a member of a West Virginia guild. (Name of guild)

_____ I am NOT a member of a West Virginia guild.

Basketry Business Name _____

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

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

Basketry Business Phone # _____

Basketry Business Web Site _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Are you a basketry teacher? _____ YES _____ NO

Are you a vendor? _____ YES _____ NO

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

_____ **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$15.00** Entitles you to Newsletter, and receive Convention booklet.

_____ (Individuals under 18 on Jan. 1, or 80+ years membership **\$10.00**)

_____ **TEACHER / BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP \$20.00** 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:

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