



WVBA Reeder

President's Message

Hi everyone!

Haven't we had some crazy weather? I hope you are all safe and sound. Also I hope you have produced some rainy day baskets. I sure have and can't wait to teach them next year.

I can't believe the kids are back in school and Fall is just around the corner! You know what that means? Yes...it's time for our convention!! Have you filled out your convention favorites and marked a spot for our 15 year celebration? "Weave Got A Reason To Celebrate" is just around the corner and Selena and Tricia have been working on some new things for convention. Let us not forget the wonderful food that Nancy and Sharon are preparing for us too. We are planning a fun time. Come relax and weave your favorite baskets. I hope you are all planning to attend this year. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Gail

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Convention Coordinators' Report

Come help us celebrate 15 years!!!

WVBA CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 8-10, 2013

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http://pages.suddenlink.net/wvbasketmakersassoc/convention_information/Convention_2013_booklet.pdf

Weaver of the Quarter

Kitty Frick



I've been weaving for almost twenty years. I first took classes in 1995 through Charles County (MD) Parks and Rec from Dee Johnson - a member of WVBA - who then lived in Southern Maryland. I was hooked. Dee recognized my interest and suggested that I join NCBA and go to their conventions. I attended my first NCBA convention in 1998, traveling with Dee, and then branched out, attending conventions in Delaware, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and, of course, West Virginia, as well as our local guild, High Country Basketry Guild. I have enjoyed making the many different styles of baskets taught at these occasions as well as getting to know so many others who are interested in basketweaving.

After I retired from teaching high school mathematics in 2002, I increased my weaving and joined my husband, who works in stained glass, in selling my work at local craft shows. I also began taking pottery classes at our local community college where I have made many basket bases and embellishments. We still participate in several local craft shows annually; however, I have greatly cut back on my travel and will be attending only one weaving retreat this year.

As you can imagine, our house is filled with baskets and I enjoy being able to give my handcrafted baskets to my friends

Homespun Basketweavers

Greeting from Homespun Basketweavers!

In June Karen Burdette taught a cross-stitch basket. In addition to weaving a basket we did some prep work for the Aug 24th Weave. Our July meeting found us finishing preparations for our weave-in. We worked on the welcome gift, name tags, finalizing plans for lunch and snacks, and preparing the raffle items.

Thirty-two weavers attended the weave. Thirty-nine were registered but 7 were unable to attend. The attendees enjoyed classes taught by Elaine Sinclair, Sharon Klusmann and Jan Hensley. B K Enterprises was there vending lots of reed, bases, handles, tools, etc.

We want to thank everyone who attended or supported our one day weave in any way – you are very much appreciated and we couldn't do it without you. Hope everyone had an enjoyable day. The finished baskets all looked great making a day well spent in good fellowship and fun with our brother and sister weavers. We supplied some great raffle items and the Mounds Weavers took home a lot of them.

Keep Diana Easter in your prayers. She is recovering from her fourth surgery.

We 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. (Lou Pack 304-372-3002 or Linda Philyaw 304 273-2373). On September 16, Sharon Flanagan will be teaching beaded bells. Our October 21 meeting will be a “Thirty One” Party.

Linda Philyaw

Mound Weavers Guild, CEOS

Members of the Mound Weavers are preparing for the upcoming events. Four members attended the Home Spun Basket Weave in Ripley on the 24th of August.

Our group is excited about having guest teacher Elaine Sinclair in Moundsville on September 7. She will be teaching two classes - an Antler Bowl Basket and Plaid Tote. We hope to have a good turnout. Members are still meeting monthly and weaving baskets. St. Judes donated burlap chair back covers to the guild so I created a double wine tote with purple and burlap for July. The ladies wove one and it will be donated back to St. Judes for their next fundraiser. For August we did a Flag Basket for the door and one was woven and donated to American Legion.

Don't forget to get your registrations turned in for this year's convention, we are celebrating 15 years. Hope to see you all soon, until then happy weaving.

Selena Straughn
Member at Large



NORTH CENTRAL

We were very pleased to make several baskets to be given to patients in oncology unit of the VA hospital. They will be used to hold the things given to them to take home.

Our "Christmas in July" was rescheduled for October because several members were not able to make the July meeting.

August finds us adjusting our schedule again. We will be making a pouch on the 17th for our regular meeting and several members will be going to Ripley on the 24th to weave with Homespun.

Our September meeting will be on our regular last Saturday of the month date and we will bring friends to weave with us. November will be our last meeting of the year.

For information contact Elaine Sinclair at (304) 783-5316 or esinclair123@frontier.com.

Pat Gray
Member at Large

Western Weavers

The Western Weavers took a break for a few months during the summer but met in late August to make plans for the upcoming year. Several Western Weavers have already registered for Convention and several went to the Ripley weave on Aug 24.

We are anxiously looking forward to this year and have some new ideas and plans to get us started.

Happy Weaving
Nancy Sealey

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy to Dee Johnson and her family in the loss of her beloved husband Howard "Bud" Johnson. He passed away on July 11, 2013 at the age of 70, suddenly at home, with blood clots in his lungs. He really enjoyed setting up for basket classes, traveling to craft shows and meeting people. Bud drove Lara and Dee to many events. Bud enjoyed hosting weavers in the couple's home when they came for classes.

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