



Notes to Weave By November 2007

Weavers - Here's our upcoming schedule for the next couple of months.

November 17 - Planning Meeting (open to entire Guild)
November - Happy Thanksgiving (no program scheduled)
December 9 - Holiday Gathering/Annual Meeting

Sadly, we were unable to have our September class on paper napkin baskets by Debby Sterner due to her untimely death. We are all deeply saddened and will miss her. She offered so much to our classes, sometimes very quiet and studious, other times full of stories, jokes, and tales about her travels. Gale & Bonnie attended the gathering that was held by her friends and learned so much about a Debby that had not yet been revealed to us before—scuba diving instructor, sailor, chef.... She was well thought of and loved by so many people, and was an artist just coming into her own. Debby is survived by her sister, many relatives, and her beloved cats, Squeek & Waffle. Squeek and Waffle have a new home with Bonnie & Jerry Lindell, Trooper, and Tealah Lindell.

PAST PROGRAM REPORT

Manzanita Root Wall Hanging was taught by Guild member, Karen Hobbs in August. She was so patient with us. We learned how to add ribs and conduct "fill" as we wove around "corners" to complete a round shape. Each root had its own unique shape and had small rocks embedded in it because the root grew around them. Sorry—we forgot to take pictures.

Then, in October we had the **Squashy/Denty - An adventure in Shaping** by nationally-known weaver Judith Olney, from the Boston area. Judith and her husband and pets are planning to move to Natchez MS where she is converting a 200-year old house into a studio. Maybe we could plan to travel there one of these years just to do something different! Anyway, this was a great workshop and we had quite a few attendees. We couldn't get the Learning Center so we plopped down at Gale's home in League City for two days! Husband, dogs, and cats were very grateful to return to their normal lives after everyone left!

Judith got an unexpected treat—a ride on the Brom's motorcycle trike.



Chuck Brom & Judith Olney



Gale Brom, Mary Brown, Isabel Proske
Judith Olney & Mary Cunningham

We didn't think to take pictures when everyone was at the workshop==will do better next time.

CHRISTMAS PARTY/ANNUAL MEETING

December 9 (Sunday), 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Becky Kitzmiller's home

Location: 2505 Hollybrook Drive
Seabrook TX 77586

RSVP: 281-291-0747 Becky
281-557-7572 Gale

Directions:

I-45 South to NASA Parkway Exit 25

Go over the I-45 bridge (going East)

Stay on NASA Parkway for miles to 146

Turn left on Hwy 146

Turn right on N. Meyer Road

(CVS on the corner)

Go 1 mile, turn right on Ripplingbrook Drive

Turn left on Hollybrook Drive

Bring a "gift-wrapped" (brown bag) gift to exchange; value up to \$15 or something you've made. We will also vote on a number of things. Also bring a covered dish as Basket Weavers do tend to get hungry and we don't want to eat and drink Becky out of house and home!

CLBWG BUSINESS

Special Meeting - November 17 1:00pm at Bonnie Lindell's home.

Location: 16002 Craighurst Drive
Houston TX 77059
281-286-4176

Directions:

I-45 South to Clear Lake City Blvd Exit 29

Go over the I-45 bridge (going East)

Stay on CLCB for miles until you reach El Dorado Blvd. (stop sign)

Turn right on El Dorado

Turn left on Brookforest Drive (traffic light past Catholic church)

Turn left on Running Springs

Turn right on Craighurst - 6th house on the right

This meeting is primarily to determine what direction we want the Guild to go—do we want to grow? How? What to do? How can we increase the number of workshop

attendees? What does the membership want in the way of workshops and teachers? Discuss many issues. It would be helpful for those who are on the Leadership Team to attend and it is open to all Guild members.

Still Calling for Program Committee Volunteers.

We still need one more person—Gale is doing overtime! Duties and time commitments include a couple of meetings with the committee as a group, contacting and scheduling instructors for the coming year, and assisting visiting instructors as necessary. We already have a few dates tentatively set for next year. Some follow-up will be required throughout the coming year; however, committee members are flexible and help one another out when there is a conflict. We're pretty easy going. Outgoing member still is Gale Brom; the other two members are Mary Brown (1 year left) and Bonnie Lindell (3 years). Hopefully, each program committee member can serve 3 years (as described in the By-Laws), but things happen. We have 3 members, with at least 2 veterans on the committee so there is continuity when the third person joins. Please let Gale Brom ladybrom@aol.com , Mary Brown, maryb156@juno.com ; or Bonnie Lindell, bsktcse@earthlink.net know if you are interested in helping to maintain our excellent programs in the coming years.

2008 Membership Dues

Dues (\$15.00) can be paid at the Christmas Party or checks can be made payable to the treasurer, Marsha Allen, and mailed to her at 16623 David Glen, Friendswood TX 77546 (281-482-1304). A 2008 membership roster will be made based on paid-up members so, if you suddenly realize you aren't receiving any Guild information, you may not have submitted your dues and should call Marsha.

WEAVING REPORT

Houston Center For Contemporary Craft

Thank you to those of you who submitted your baskets to the craft show. Thank you to Mary Brown, Rebecca Kitzmiller, Stewart McGown, and all the other wonderful persons for sharing your time, love of basketry, and demonstrating their work to patrons at the Center.



Becky Kitzmiller & Mary Brown



Bonnie Lindell





Stewart McGowan



NEW MEMBER

No new members at this time; FYI - our Guild has 23 members.

IMPORTANT DATES WE KNOW OF!

JANUARY 25-27, 2008 11th ANNUAL WEAVING RETREAT

Sponsored by Monica Impellizzeri, Baskets 'n the Works, Spring TX www.intheworks.net

Columbia Lakes & Resorts, West Columbia TX

Instructors will be Monica, Karen Hobbs, Jill Robinson, Mary Brown, Venie Hinson, Laura Lee Zanger, and Lyn Siler.

MARCH 13-16, 2008 NCBA CONVENTION, Durham NC

MY BASKETS AND ME

If you wish to attend next year's convention, you must be an NCBA member; dues (\$25.00) must be paid by July 1. However, you can check their website for further information: www.ncbasketmakers.com.

There is always a group of us going—this is the largest basket convention in the US.

AUGUST 7-10, 2008 MISSOURI CONVENTION

WEAVE ME IN ST. LOUIS

Holiday Inn Southwest, Viking Conference Center

Membership in MBG is just \$20 per year, which includes quarterly newsletters, membership directory and convention packet, and eligibility to attend the convention. You will find out all about them at www.mbg.unionpoint.net

A couple of us are considering going (specifically, Gale & Bonnie).

If you have information for any upcoming events that you wish to share with the Guild, please let Gale or Bonnie know so they can be included in the January newsletter.

SUGGESTION BOX

If you have any suggestions or information you would like to see included in the newsletter, contact either Gale (ladybrom@aol.com) or Bonnie (bsktcse@earthlink.net).

2007 LEADERSHIP TEAM

James Carthel, Ginny Brooks, Marsha Allen, Robyn Gardner, Mary Brown, Bonnie Lindell, Gale Brom

AFTERTHOUGHTS!

Remember, we have a web page set up by our very own member, James Carthel.

<http://www.clbwg.org/>

Once the 2008 calendar is established, it will be added to the web page. James welcomes suggestions and plans to add links to great sites; let him know the ones you like so he can add to our web page.

The purpose of the Clear Lake Basket Weavers Guild (CLBWG) is to encourage and perpetuate the art and skills of basket weaving.