



GEORGIA BASKETRY ASSOCIATION
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**The purpose of the Georgia Basketry Association
shall be to perpetuate the art of basketry,
stimulate interest and knowledge in all phases of basketry,
and preserve the importance of basketry as a heritage craft.
Membership is open to anyone of similar purpose.**

News from Editor

WELCOME to new members who have joined us and some old friends who have returned. We are planning a great summer event that will probably occur in June. We hope that all of you can participate in the Summer 2011 BasketWeaving event. Share any ideas that you have that will make this event better than ever.

News from the President

Here we are in 2011 and convention is literally just around the corner. Making new friends, renewing past friendships, learning new weaving techniques, working with new materials – seems that ‘new’ is used quite often. Don’t mistake an under-thought of getting rid of the ‘old’ but, think of the ‘new’ as adding to your already limitless possibilities.

Our lives are constantly changing as is our world – we continually strive to enrich our lives in hope that by doing so, each one of us will contribute something to better the world in which we live. Think of yourself as a grain of sand on the ‘world beach’ – even one grain of sand will make a difference. Even though that beach is enormous – you are still a part of it!

Winter is probably the busiest weaving time for me and maybe you as well. The holidays are behind us, the kids are back in school; sometimes it’s too chilly for outside activities so it’s a grand time to give yourself the go-ahead to just WEAVE! Find a pattern that you’ve not done before, a kit that has been in hiding, or maybe even a basket you started days or months ago and get back in the weaving mode. If you are attending convention in February, it will get you in the weaving mood and build your anticipation for all the wonderful classes you’ve chosen. Even if you are not attending convention – your creativity in weaving will still put you in good spirits.

I’ll see you at the GBA convention.

Andi

News you need to know

Did you realize that GBA convention is only a few days away? Are you also aware that at convention we will nominate and elect a Vice President and Treasurer? I am asking you to consider these positions. If you would be

interested in having your name placed in nomination, please send me an email (gaszanti@gmail.com) or phone (770-682-7863) requesting such action.

At this time, I'll outline the duties and responsibilities of each position according to our bylaws.

Vice President: The Vice President shall assist the President and preside when the President is absent. The Vice President is in charge of our GBA biennial summer workshop held in June. This will be held in June, 2011

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive all revenues and pay all authorized bills, keeping an accurate itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and shall present a written and oral report at the annual meeting. The Treasurer will also keep an accurate record of current members.

Also at this time, I would like our members to consider taking a more active role in planning and executing our convention therefore, please consider becoming the chair or co-chair of the 2012 GBA Convention. We would very much like to have our chair or co-chairs in place prior to the 2011 convention. If you are interested in this position, please contact me: email: gaszanti@gmail.com or phone: 770-682-7863

Andi

Georgia Basketry Association Officers

Andi Szanti	President	szanti@bellsouth.net
Pattie Bagley	Past President	AuntPattie@aol.com
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OPERATION BASKET DROP A HUGE SUCCESS!

The distribution of the Operation Basket Drop totes that many of you made, filled and sent to the female troops of the First Armored Division, Special Troops Battalion currently stationed at Camp Liberty in Baghdad took place on a most appropriate of days, July 4th. For those of you that haven't seen it, there is a wonderful video of the event on You Tube (under Operation Basket Drop). Please take a minute to watch this moving video and to see how happy we made these young women. On behalf of my brother, Lt. Col. Lane Turner and myself, I cannot thank each of you that participated in this worthwhile effort.

In love and baskets,

Tracey Reidy

GBA Membership Form

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ E-mail_____

New Membership_____ or Renew Membership _____

Dues are \$15.00, per member-per year. You must be a paid member to attend the Yearly Convention or the Summer Workshops (held every other year).

All dues must be renewed by March 1 of each year.

Checks should be made out to GBA
mail to the following:
GBA, c/o Sybil Sweat
1785 Azalea Springs Trail
Roswell, GA 30075

You can change any information at any time by emailing it to the Webmaster or to Sybil Sweat (sweatsybilts@aol.com).

At your next meeting and/or through your next newsletter, please ask/remind your guild members to join/rejoin GBA and to pay their dues as soon as possible. Remind them that in order to be considered for convention registration, they need to be paid members by the time of convention registration.

The 2011 GBA convention - GA Basket Fest will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Roswell (Feb 4-6, 2011)

You will be able to pay your March 2011 – Feb 2012 dues at convention by dropping off a check for \$15 payable to GBA in the Dues Box on the Registration table.

NEWS FROM OUR GUILDS

GREATER ATLANTA BASKET GUILD OFFICERS

President, Jean Nash
Vice-President/Program Coordinator, Kathie Smith
Treasurer, Sandy Quackenbush
Refreshment Coordinator, Pat Moscovoy
Raffle Coordinator, Laurine Haynes
Space Coordinator, Amy Hunkler
Secretary/Newsletter Editor, Judi Purvis

Greater Atlanta Basket Guild (Marietta)

Meets: 3rd Wednesday 6-8:30pm
Main Cobb Co. Library, Roswell St., Marietta, GA

The Gwinnett Basket Weavers Guild meets the second Wednesday of the month (except July and August) from 6:30 to 9:30 at Berkmar High School on Pleasant Hill Road, Lawrenceville, Ga.. New members are always welcome! –

President: Donna Black 770-757-9146
Gwinnett Basket Weavers Guild elections were held
Vice President of programs - Pat Christman
Treasurer - Haidee Mechtly

Basketweaver's Guild of GA (Roswell) - Patsy Jabaley
Meets: 2nd Thursday 10am-1pm
Bulloch Hall in Roswell

River Country Basket Guild (Augusta) - Suzanne Simoneau
Meets: every Tuesday 7-9pm in Augusta

Kolomoki Weavers (Arlington) - Joyce Causey
Meets: 2nd Tuesday
100 Park Ave., Arlington, GA

Shooting Creek Basket Guild (Shooting Creek, NC) - Joan Stoneham
Meets: 2nd Wednesday 9:30-2:30

Flint River Basket Weavers (Albany) - Dot Dowling
This guild is taking an extended break.

Dixie Weavers Basketry Guild (Anniston) Meets: 2nd Saturday - Beverly Shelley

Cane Creek Community Gardens Center at the former Ft McClellan complex in
Anniston, AL

Have you checked out the updated GBA Website?

The GBA website has been updated and I encourage all of you to take a minute or two and go to www.georgiabasketry.com. The website is for everyone to use and receive updates. There have been many positive comments about the website. Let Pat know if you have something that needs to be added to site.

GBA Christmas Tree
Pattie Patterson

I know we are all looking forward to our Convention. We plan to continue the tradition we started with having a Charity Raffle of our wonderful Christmas Tree. This has always been such a great project with everyone in GBA having opportunity to contribute to a worthy cause. This year the proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. All of us are touched in some way, either ourselves, family members or friends with cancer and this would be a great way to show our support of fighting this disease. I hope that everyone will make an ornament for our tree. Every year the tree is more beautiful and this year someone at the convention will have the opportunity to take it home. A reminder from Patti Patterson regarding mini/small ornaments for the GBA Christmas tree that will be raffled at convention. Patti has asked that all members who are attending convention please bring a woven ornament with them so that our tree will be full. If you've already given one to Patti - she'll welcome another one from you as well! Remember that you may be the person who holds the winning ticket for that tree!

Pattie Patterson
2121 Weatherstone Circle
Conyers, GA 30094



GEORGIA BASKETRY CONVENTION
GEORGIA BASKET FESTIVAL
FEB. 4-6 2011

Georgia Basket Fest

- We are encouraging new members to attend by having a drawing for next year's convention fee to any new attendee and the person who referred them. Who can you invite to the convention?
- We are having a "black and gold" theme basket display. Anyone bringing a basket for display in black, gold, or black and gold will be entered in a drawing for a complimentary GBA membership fee. Get your creative juices flowing!
- As in the past, we will be having a wonderful raffle and have secured one week tuition for the John C. Campbell Folk School. Will you be the lucky winner in 2011? Bring address labels to avoid writing your name on your tickets.
Kathleen Fosha and Jean Nash, Convention Co-Chairs

Basket Fest Convention Reminders:

Black and Gold Basket Display

We are looking forward to seeing the many creative ways you've incorporated our theme Black and Gold colors into baskets. Drop off the baskets at the table opposite Registration so you can be registered into a raffle to win next years GBA dues paid.

Raffle Items

Please remember to bring your address labels to apply to raffle tickets to avoid writing your name on each one. We hope you plan on adding to the fun by bringing along one or more items to be raffled.

Door Prizes

Add to the fun and enjoyment of receiving a door prize by bringing one along yourself!

Name Tags

Remember to bring your name tag holder. If you did not attend the 2009 or 2010 convention you will receive a name tag holder at no charge. Additional name tag holders will be available for \$3.

Refreshments

The hotel will provide water stations in the lobby. Feel free to bring your own bottled water or soft drinks.

We look forward to weaving away the weekend with you

2011 Convention Committees

2011 GBA President: Andi Szanti szanti@bellsouth.net 770-682-7863

Convention Co-Chairs

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We have set Sunday, May 16th, as the tentative date to jury our baskets for the upcoming 2011 Convention

Teacher Liaison/Marketplace – Patti

Patterson - basketpatti55@yahoo.com
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Vendors – Hannah Sommer

Hannahsommer007@yahoo.com
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Class Assignment – Sandy Quackenbush

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Name Tags, Table Signs – Kathie Smith

halosmi@aol.com 770-843-6186

Friday Night Food – Amy Rice

ABCDERice@comcast.net 912-658-5998

Registration, Volunteers – Cindy

Lampman cindy@lampman.com
770-926-7142

T-Shirts – Judi Purvis

smyrnaweaver@aol.com 770-434-3430

Logistician – Jean Nash

DancinJean@aol.com 770-437-1728

Goody Bags (teacher & student) –

Door Prizes – Joyce Causey

evaluator27@yahoo.com 229-725-5776

We have been busy obtaining door prize materials. If you or your guild wants to donate, contact Joyce Causey. All donations will be greatly appreciated

Raffle – Suzanne Simoneau

dwsnose@aol.com 706-733-3733

Raffle Donations

Guild members are invited to submit a basket or basket related item that they are willing to donate to the raffle at GBA in 2011. Submissions should be made to Suzanne Simoneau. This is a great opportunity to highlight your Guild and individual weavers' work.



Easy recipes to try.

Great Chili Recipe

Joyce Causey

- 1 large onion chopped
- 1 green bell pepper chopped
- 1 cup celery chopped
- 2/3 stick butter
- 2 pounds ground round steak (you can use leftover ham ,beef roast or turkey – just chop your meat in a food chopper so that it will be small chunks)
- 2 - 8 ounce cans tomato sauce
- 1 cup water
- 2-10 ounce cans tomatoes crushed
- salt, pepper and oregano to taste
- 3 gloves garlic chopped
- 3 TBSP chili powder
- 1 tsp hot pepper sauce

Sauté the onions, pepper, celery and garlic in the butter. When vegetables become clear, add the hamburger and brown the hamburger. Add all other ingredients to the pot. Simmer the mixture for 1 ½ hours. Add 2 (15 ounce) cans of kidney beans. Simmer for another hour. Taste and adjust seasonings to fit what you like.

Shrimp Creole

Joyce Causey

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| 4 links Italian sausage cut into bite size pieces | 1 bay leaf |
| 1 red bell pepper chopped | 1 teaspoon dried basil |
| 1 green bell pepper chopped | 2 pounds shrimp shelled |
| 1 large onion chopped | salt to taste |
| 3 gloves garlic chopped | pepper to taste |
| 1 28 ounce can tomatoes including juice | |

Sauté sausage. Add red and green peppers, onions and garlic. Cook until tender. Chop tomatoes and add to mixture, along with juice, bay leaf and basil. Cover and simmer 1 ½ hours, stirring occasionally.

Just before serving, add shrimp and cook until shrimp are pink, approximately 3-5 minutes. Season mixture with salt and pepper. Serve over rice.

This recipe is well worth the time to prepare. Do not try omitting the juice from the tomatoes. It creates a wonderful, spicy broth. This is one of my favorite recipes.



HARVEST BOWL WITH FLOWERS

To make a winter centerpiece that includes all the symbols of fall, you will need the following:

- a small glass tumbler
- one very small pumpkin or gourd that has had the top cut off and the insides scooped out
- a few dried leaves (preferably in various colors)
- a dozen or more fall flowers such as mums
- shallow glass bowl

After you have gathered your supplies, place the tumbler inside the pumpkin and fill it halfway with water.

Arrange the flowers in the tumbler and place the pumpkin or gourd on a cutting board or large glass plate on the table. Arrange the leaves in a random fashion around the pumpkin. Add a few small candles if you wish. You will have a beautiful centerpiece in just a few minutes of your time.

Basket Weaving & Cruising

Our Next Adventure Begins
February 11, 2012
Leaving from
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Basket Weaving Cruise 2012

The web site is complete with class descriptions and teacher bios. We are offering classes on the 4 days that we are at sea. Each day a wide variety of classes. Make sure that you scroll down to the bottom of each class day page to see all the wonderful baskets that will be taught on the seas of the Caribbean. Please join us for an adventure of cruising and weaving.

E-mail us with any questions you might have :
basketcruiseinfo@me.com



Calendar of Events

February 4-6, 2011

Georgia Basketry Association Convention 2011

Location: Roswell GA

Saturday, Feb. 5: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Upper SC Basketmakers Members Only Workshop

Program: Weaving on Gourds

Wild Vine Baskets @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Instructor: Mary Doornbos

Explore the Appalachian structure of ribbed basketry using prepared grapevine as the armature, along with dyed or stained

February 25-27, 2011 (Weekend)

Coiling & Twining

Instructor: Judy K. Wilson @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Discover how to make beautiful, colorful baskets as you explore the art of coiling and twining with waxed threads, plus add...

February 27-March 5, 2011

Folk School Baskets

Instructor: Pattie Bagley @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Learn to weave the Folk School's signature baskets, some designed by the instructor. The Dining Hall Bread Basket, the...

March 6-12, 2011

NCBA Convention in Durham, NC

March 17th-20th , 2011

Wooden-base Baskets

Instructor: Jan Stansell @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Learn how to make strong, attractive baskets using slotted wooden bases and reed. A variety of sizes, styles, and shapes...

March 18-20, 2011 (Weekend)

Scandinavian Birch Bark Weaving

Instructor: Phyllis Knutson @ John C. Campbell Folk School

If you know the wonder of working with flexible, leather-like white birch bark, you'll relish the opportunity to create...

March 20-26, 2011 (Scandinavian Week)

Charleston Sweetgrass Baskets

Instructor: Sarah Hammond @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Explore the art of weaving (sewing) a Charleston sweetgrass basket, one of the oldest art forms of African origin in the...

March 27-April 2, 2011

Traditional Black Ash Basketry: From Tree to Basket

Instructors: JoAnn Kelly Catsos, Steve Catsos @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Weave a beautiful, functional basket with fine-quality splints from a Black Ash log. Experience the magic of pounding the...

April 3-8, 2011

Baskets of the Forest

Instructor: Joan Stoneham @ John C. Campbell Folk School

This inventive basket class consists of rib construction around forest treasures. Twigs, branches, and wood slabs will be...

April 17-23, 2011 (Earth Week)

The Versatile Hen Basket

Instructor: Fonda Haddad @ John C. Campbell Folk School

The rounded and ribbed shape of the hen basket can be as small as a dainty purse or as large and strong as a log holder. We...

April 29-May 1, 2011 (Weekend)

Baskets for Home and Travel

Instructor: Cindy Lampman @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Create baskets for use in your home, in your car, at the market, or to tote belongings place to place. Using baskets instead...

May 1-7, 2011

Nantucket Lightship Baskets: Weaving a Collectible

Instructor: Don Ferris @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Nantuckets are beautiful and fun to weave. Here, beginners learn basic techniques and intermediate students hone their...

May 8-14, 2011

Bark Basketry

Instructors: Mary Ann Smith, Bill Smith @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Begin by hand-peeling hickory bark for lacing, handles and rims, then hand-peel and shape poplar bark from freshly-cut trees...

May 20-22, 2011 (Weekend)

Pine Needle Basketry

Instructor: Ike Stovall @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Explore the creative possibilities of this ancient art form as you design and complete your own pine needle baskets. Learn...

May 22-28, 2011

"Friends Afoot" and "Ceremonial Petroglyphs"

Instructor: Nancy Jones @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Create stunning twill baskets reminiscent of those from ancient Peru. The interlacing method in their construction allows...

May 29-June 4, 2011

Traditional Rivercane Basketry

Instructors: Emma Jackson Garrett, Peggy Patrick @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Study rivercane basketry with one of the few remaining Cherokee practicing this ancestral art form. Start with...

June 5-11, 2011

Demystifying the Cat-head Basket

Instructor: Susan Taylor @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Cat-head baskets appear delicate, balanced on four tiny feet, but in reality this Shaker-inspired design is very sturdy....

June 12-18, 2011

Beginning Twill Basketry

Instructor: Carlson Tuttle @ John C. Campbell Folk School

Create beautiful baskets to use and to enjoy as you study the basics of twill weave basketry. Begin by making "cat-head"...

June 26-July 2, 2011

Dear Friends,

We would like to announce that registration is now officially open for our **2011 Biennial Conference** to be held at Stonehill College just outside Boston, MA. Take advantage of your membership and early registration **discount by signing up before the February 15, 2011** deadline. The conference will be August 2-7, 2011

This also gives you first choice on the class you would like to take. There will be so many extraordinary workshops, educational seminars, renowned speakers and stellar exhibitions to attend that you will not want to miss the conference!

In addition to our excitement about the conference, we are also pleased to announce that for the third-straight year, the **Windgate Foundation** has awarded the **National Basketry Organization** a challenge grant. This year we are challenged to match a \$60,000 grant - a larger grant than ever before! Our members have helped us meet the challenge in prior years, and we hope that those who are able will send not only their membership dues, but a generous additional contribution. Your contributions help NBO to meet the new challenge, grow the organization through extended community outreach, help complete programs in the pipeline - exhibitions, catalogs, and other events, and most importantly, help to insure the future of the NBO. Please give generously! Thanks for your membership and continued support!

We look forward to hearing from you -

Michael Davis, President and Co-Founder NBO

Editor's Twine

Twining Disease—a terrible affliction

It started innocently enough in the car on the way back to California from Oregon, where I had taken a workshop with twining queen Judy K. Wilson, making a Sequatchie basket with waxed linen and waxed cotton in many different colors and beads. Nancy B was at the wheel and did an occasional Dukes of Hazzard maneuver of straightening the curves, which kept my beads from finding places to hide in the back seat. I-5 is long, with impressive Mt. Shasta and his lovely Shastina eventually dominating the landscape, and as I had already admired the scenery on the way up, I just kept twining and placing beads in a spiral pattern and almost had finished the Many Arrows basket by the time we pulled into Nancy's driveway in Pleasanton. That should have been enough twining for one day; but no, as soon as I got home, I continued twining. I had bought way too many of Judy's basket kits. Yes, kits!—let the one who resisted hurl the first derision! Besides, I needed to practice the techniques she had shown us, as well as relax a little to come down from the high-energy, seven-day event. So, I continued twining—beds remained unmade (they get messed up again anyway), the dogs barely got a walk (they need to sleep about 20 hours a day), dinner was go- or take-out, bills were not paid (why give away money), good thing it rained for the plants, and many chores just waited as life stood still. I had caught the twining disease and could not stop. I needed help. I was seriously considering putting Critter Ridder on my baskets to give myself a good nose burn and sneezing bouts to stay away—it works for dogs, squirrels, and raccoons. Why not give it a try? In the end, I resorted to sheer willpower, which is not fun but also works—sometimes. Relief is in sight.

I am now at the rim on the last basket.

—**Jutta Frankie** Bay Area Basket Makers Newsletter
website: <http://babmbaskets.tripod.com>