

**GBA Newsletter – President's Note
September 2019**

Hi Fellow Weavers!!

Hope this finds you all well.... busy weaving exciting projects.

I would like to take a moment to thank Karen Gramenz and her team for a wonderful summer weave event. The day started with a beautiful drive thru the North Georgia Mountains to a spacious hall filled with teachers ready and waiting for us. The projects were varied, challenging and so much fun! It was a great day. Thanks so much Karen!

I know you were just as excited as I when you received the 2020 Brochure and had a chance to look through all the amazing projects being offered!! We are thrilled to have a few new teachers joining us and look forward to welcoming back many others – who all join us for the celebration of the 20th Annual GBA Convention.

The Honorary Advisory Committee along with the Convention Chairs have been busy making plans to ensure this an exciting and memorable event. You won't want to miss this one!

It's not too soon to start weaving a mini basket for the convention tree, and to search for a special something to donate to raffle. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Convention Committee. And don't forget to check out the website (www.GeorgiaBasketry.com) and follow us on Facebook for all the latest information and reminders!

We are always looking for fresh ideas and extra hands to continue the growth and evolution of GBA. I look forward to hearing from you.

See you in January!!

Cheers,
Kathie Smith
President, GBA



Treasurers Report

Balance as of 9/30/19 \$26,235.86

As convention financial chair, I may be contacting individual members should any issues regarding convention registration arise. In order to not delay your registration or class placement, please respond to these inquiries as soon as possible.

All dues and financial correspondence should be sent to: GBA, 3482 Keith Bridge Rd. #213, Cumming, GA 30041.

Reminder that dues are good for one programming year, which runs from March 1-Feb. 28. All dues expire after our yearly convention and membership must be renewed to attend the next GBA convention or event regardless of what month dues were paid the previous year.

If you ever have any questions, email me directly at rooseannette@gmail.com or call 678-455-5967. You can also contact me through the website at www.georgiabasketry.com.

Annette Roose
GBA Treasurer

Important Dates to Remember

- 11/15 - Class Assignment notification completed/mailed
- 12/1 - Logo item order deadline (T-shirts and aprons)
- 12/20 - Class payments deadline
- 12/30 - Hotel Reservation Deadline
- 1/31 - The Basket Odyssey Continues!!
Let's Weave!!



2020 Honorary Advisory Committee Chair Note – September 2019

Looking back as we celebrate our 20th Annual Convention...

While considering an organization of basket makers for the state of Georgia, a group of us, members of the three Atlanta guilds, Marietta, Roswell, and Gwinnett County, had agreed that there were more basket makers in Georgia than we knew of. So, at a Marietta meeting one month we planned to hold a mini-convention and call it "Basket Date in '98". I chaired the convention, convinced 6 local teachers to teach and we invited everyone we knew to attend. We had 45 attendees, whom we convinced to spread the word, and they obviously did - look at us now!

It took a couple of years to decide on a name for our new organization and all that goes with that name.

So... in Y2K (2000) the Georgia Basketry Association held its first convention!

I look forward to seeing you at the 20th Annual Convention in January!

Proud member of GBA,

Darlene Hyry

Upcoming TBA 2020 Convention

Mark your calendar now and start talking to your friends about coming to the 2020 TBA Convention. The convention will be held at the newly renovated Airport Hilton in Alcoa, TN July 15-18, 2020. Ann Fairhurst and Pam Parman are chairing this convention and plans are already taking place. Please volunteer if you would like to help.

Letters and applications have been sent to teachers and vendors and the first-round basket selections will take place during the month of October. Current TBA members will have the opportunity to vote for their top ten choices, so make sure you check your email in October so that you don't miss your chance to vote.

June 27, 2020 has been earmarked for the world of basket makers to reach out and teach young men and women to make baskets. We don't want it to end there so TBA is again offering a special one-day class for any interested young weaver. Please encourage your children, grandkids, and young friends to come. We welcome them.

Our theme for the convention is Weaving with love and friends and we want to spread a lot of that around at our convention. So, treat yourself to a holiday present and an Easter basket of savings for next year's convention. You don't want to miss it!



Guild News

News from Shooting Creek Basket Weavers Guild

Shooting Creek Basket Weavers Guild (SCBWG) has enjoyed a busy, productive and stimulating summer with several fun projects and the launch of our new website. In May, we launched our new website shootingcreekbaskets.com. We look forward to increasing our visibility and providing our members a forum to interact, learn about new programs and stay up to date on all things relating to basketry. SCBWG has also been pleased to have several fun and challenging projects for members over the summer.

Our president Bonnie Allen taught the guild how to make a shaker tape stool. The following month we tackled a wonderful napkin basket designed by Vicki Worrell. She was pleased to have our guild so excited about making her basket. The response was wonderful and 16 gals used a variety of colors to add their own personal touch. What a beauty! Although the class was taught by our own Kay Swanstrom and Pat Neubert, we really appreciate Vicki sharing her pattern. Our most recent project, a garlic basket taught by member Willow Love, was great fun. If your interested in sharing your talents and weaving with a great group of gals, come join us at Shooting Creek Community Center, every 2nd Wednesday and for directions and more information go to our website shootingcreekbaskets.com.

(note from the editor: Sorry I wasn't able to copy the pictures for the newsletter. But they looked great! Bring them to show at convention.)

Ebenezer Weavers Guild Brings Home Blue Ribbon

Congratulations to the members of the Ebenezer Weavers Guild on bring home the blue ribbon on their Effingham County Fair booth entry. Not only did they get a ribbon to show off, but also received a \$50 prize. EWG usually meets the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please follow us on our Facebook page.

Our next class is November 19th. We will be working on a Fish Mouth Basket. The December meeting will be on December 7. We will be making Christmas Bells.



Greater Atlanta Basket Guild

Over the past quarter the Greater Atlanta Basket Guild met monthly to work on several projects.

In September, Annette Roose led us in weaving "Carol's Basket". This basket has a decorative open bottom added a level of difficulty that was fun to learn. In October, Sandy Porte led us in weaving "Harvest Basket". This basket has beautiful fall colors and maple curls. Coming up in November we will be hosting a basket weaving demonstration at Mt. View Library where we meet as part of their adult continuing education program. We are all very excited about the upcoming convention in early 2020!



Carol's Basket



Harvest Basket

Connect With Your Local Guild

Basket Weaver's Guild of GA (Roswell)

Meets: 2nd Thursday 10am-1pm
Contact - Sybil Sweat

Ebenezer Weavers Guild (Rincon, GA)

Check our Facebook page, Ebenezer Weaver for meeting times and classes offered.
Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Rincon GA
Contact - Kathleen Wendelken

Greater Atlanta Basket Guild (Marietta)

Meets: 3rd Saturday at 11am
Mountain View Regional Library, Marietta, GA
Contact - Laurine Haynes

Gwinnett Basket Weaver's Guild (Gwinnett)

Meets: 2nd Saturday at 10am-2pm
Berkmar High School in Lilburn
Contact - Tracey Reidy

River Country Basket Guild (Augusta)

Meets: every Tuesday 6:30 -8:30pm
Augusta
Contact - Suzanne Simoneau

Shooting Creek Basket Guild (Shooting Creek, NC)

Meets: 2nd Wednesday 9:45am
Shooting Creek Community Center
Contact - Linda Vanderlaan

