

# Heritage Basketry Guild Meeting Minutes

## March 7, 2016

President Linda S. called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Linda S. welcomed our three visitors to the meeting. Jennie D. brought Pat K. as a guest. Gerri and Amanda D. came after finding information on our website.

Libby G. read the February meeting minutes. There were no corrections so they were approved by Linda S. as read.

### **Officer's Reports:**

**President:** Linda S. has received confirmation from the church that our meeting dates have been approved; however, the monthly rent amount has not yet been confirmed.

**Vice-President:** In Sue's absence, Linda S. announced that there are still months needing refreshment volunteers. The list of refreshment volunteers was on the sign-in table. There are 33 spots to fill and only 30 members, so even if everyone volunteers once, a few folks will need to volunteer more than once. Please check the list to see if you can help out. At this time, July has no volunteers, Pat S. is the only volunteer for August, and Judy M. & Libby G. need another volunteer for Oct.

**Treasurer:** Cindy H. reported on expenditures and the current balance in the treasury.

**Membership:** Cookie J.

- Cookie said we have 30 paid members for 2016. Four 2015 members have chosen not to rejoin.
- The membership directory has been emailed, or mailed, to all members. The new directory is in a spreadsheet format. Cookie asked that anyone who had problems with using the new format please see her.
- There is an added column in the directory which indicates whether or not the member uses text messaging.

**Teacher Liaison:** Dottie D.

- Dottie reported that we now have a full roster of teachers for 2016.
- She noted that the baskets being taught April (by Jennie D) and May (by Cookie J) were on the sign-in table. These baskets will be listed on website and at the end of the newsletter. There are color choices available for both.
- She reminded teachers that they need to: Bring the basket to the meeting at least one month before the basket will be taught. Dottie will bring the sign-up sheet.
- Dottie has a form that teachers must fill out which gives information about the basket they will be teaching. She also needs an electronic picture of the basket. If you do not have the form or a picture please let Dottie know. Teacher's need to get the form back to Dottie as

soon as possible so the information can be placed on the website. This will give the teachers a reasonable amount of time to prepare kits.

- Dottie is researching options for a "Weave in the Park." The guild members were interested in the possibility of Cookie or Beth teaching baskets they had for Show-n-Tell.

### **Standing Committee Reports:**

#### **Fall Weave:** Sandy S.

- Sandy reported that the baskets have been juried and chosen. There will be eight teachers at this year's weave. It is a smaller number than usual, but there is limited space in the new venue, and fewer teachers will mean fuller classes. There are plenty of available classes to accommodate 100 registrants.
- The brochure is done except for the teacher's biographies. Pam F. is gathering the biographies and will put them in the brochure. Once it is finalized it will be posted on the Guild website. Sandy had a draft brochure for the guild to review.
- Cooke J. asked if the guild wanted to make another quilt to be raffled at the Fall Weave. There was enough interest that Darlene C. volunteered to put the quilt blocks together and quilt it. Lorry F. asked if anyone would teach the blocks to members who did not quilt, there seemed to be others interested in learning, too. A workshop will be discussed once the quilt block has been chosen.
- Bridget B. is starting a basket which will be woven on by guild members and raffled at the Fall Weave.

### **Special Committee Reports:**

#### **By-laws committee:** Libby G

- Libby reported that she and two of the committee members met for four hours and reviewed the current By-Laws. The vast majority of the changes to the By-Laws will simply be for clarification, reformatting for ease of reading/removing redundancy, or adding procedures that the Guild is currently abiding by, but are not captured in the current By-Laws.
- The committee will bring a draft of the rewritten By-Laws to the Guild Board for review. The Guild membership will have an opportunity to review and discuss the draft before it is voted on for approval.
- Copies of the current By-Laws have been emailed (or mailed to members with no internet). Copies were also made available at the meeting.
- Cindy H. was asked to review and comment on the Treasurer portion of the By-Laws
- Sandy S. was told that she could wait to review the Fall Weave Chair portion since she's in the middle of planning the 2016 Fall Weave.

### **New Business:**

- **Upcoming weave opportunities.** The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Bluegrass Area Basketmakers Seminar (also known as Jabez) will be held 13-18 June 2016. Registration ends 1 May 2016. More information can be found at: <http://www.babasketmakers.org>

- **Vending opportunity:** Libby reported that the organizers of the Old West Festival near Cincinnati are looking for vendors. Please go to <http://oldwestfestival.com/> for more information.
- **Member News:**
  - **Show-n-Tell**
    - Beth S. showed baskets that she has woven recently.
    - Cookie showed several baskets that she wove at the Western Kentucky Basket Weavers Retreat.



Beth with her baskets



Cookie with her baskets

- **Congratulations:**
  - Jennie D. has been asked to display her weaving at "Springtime in Vandalia" on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9AM to 4PM. It will be held at the Vandalia United Methodist Church, 200 South Dixie Dr in Vandalia. Last year's write up advertised it as "a unique event showcasing local artists and craftsmen! It's time to get out of the house and think about new ideas for decorating and gifts. There will be locally made pottery, leather crafts, fiber arts and natural light photography, one of a kind jewelry, paintings, homemade dog treats, nature photography, and alpaca products."
  - Janet G. won first place at the Art Center Manatee Fine Craft Competition in Bradenton, FL for her hand painted paper basket. This is from the Lime Tree Baskets FB page:

"Here's a picture of the first place winner for the Art Center Manatee Fine Craft Competition. Janet Picciano Goldman & her hand painted paper basket are amazing. Janet is one of my "students. I use the parentheses because she has been weaving as long as I have & is a superb weaver. She comes to ACM because she likes being with other basket weavers. I wish you all could see this amazing piece of woven art in person.

Every award of this kind elevates the awareness of basketry as art. If you are in the Bradenton Sarasota area it & many other top quality fine crafts, photos & paintings will be on view for the next month.”



Janet G. with prize winning basket

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

Peggy W made a motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. Lorry F. seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

//End of official minutes//

### **Post Meeting:**

#### *Refreshments:*

- Thank you, Billie F, Jenny D, and Ginger L, for March’s refreshments.
- Refreshments for April will be brought by Pat S, Peggy W, and Sandy S.

*50/50 Raffle:* Mary R. sold tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Sandy S. won \$14.

*March Basket:* Lorry F. taught these adorable 9” woven bunnies.



April Basket: Jennie D. is teaching a basket with a 3" base, woven on a mold. It is 6" tall and 4" across the top. Techniques used are: Over 2/Under 2, Four rod wale, and a cane lashed rim. Different colors will be available

If you would like to buy a kit please call Jennie D. not later than Friday, 18 March. (Jennie's number can be found in the guild membership directory)

Patterns will be available for purchase at the March meeting.

Supplies include:

3/16" or 11/64" flat/flat

3/16" flat oval

3/8" flat/flat

3" slotted base

Cane



Respectfully submitted,  
Libby G.  
Secretary