

NEWSWEAVE

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LAKE COUNTRY BASKET GUILD

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BASKET FEST 2011

We are well underway to putting the **final touches on Basket Fest**. Remember, it's April 28, 29, and 30. That's right – **the end of THIS month**. Check your class assignments, pack those extra tools, and get your fingers ready to weave. We look forward to seeing every one there. Kim Leppin.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS WELCOMED

We are hoping to have **overflowing tables** for the silent auction this year. All monies raised go **back to the Guild** for future Basket Fests. So many of you are **multi-talented**. In addition to weaving, you quilt, bead, scrapbook, knit, smock, wood turn, and who knows what else. Often others in your family are just as creative. Would you **please consider** showcasing and sharing those talents by **donating an item or even two, to the silent auction?** What about a **kit for a basket** that you were sure you would weave "someday"? We all have **one or two** of those in our secret closets! Start that spring cleaning early and bring your **first-quality items** to Basket Fest at check-in.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Members:

"Really" looking forward to spring. With all the snow and cold, my husband and I went south'ish for a few days the beginning of March. Our destination? The Outer Banks of North Carolina. (OBX). Traveling south, we were greeted by the first signs of spring with little buds on the trees, green grass, and crocus everywhere. Closer to NC we saw blooming daffodils, cherry trees, and forsythia. With the temperatures in the 60's, it seemed like a heat wave.

The beaches of the OBX were full of washed shell pieces. Great for basket embellishments or I may need to make a basket to hold the shells! We were too early in the season to tour the magnificent light houses, but we could appreciate the view and take lots of pictures. We did get to see the wild ponies on OcreCoke Island. On the free ferry back to the mainland, we were wonderfully surprised to see adult and baby dolphins swimming near the ferry. The captain stopped so we could see the show. What a treat. Glenn and I couldn't resist taking lots of walks on the beach. I even bought a pair of flip-flops to celebrate the sun and sand.

In Kentucky and West Virginia, there is a State Arts and Crafts building with items for sale, handmade by craftspeople from that state. We stopped at one in West Virginia and I was fascinated with all the baskets for sale made of reed, pine needle, wood, and willow. I found one with "my name on it" made from a sea shell with pine needles around the edge. It will be a nice little treasure holder.

We are home now and looking forward to Basket Fest.

- See you there Janice Larson

P.S. Sally and I are embarking together on a travel adventure to Alaska this summer. Stay tuned.

POLLY ADAMS SUTTON AT KATIE GINGRASS GALLERY

One of our Basket Fest teachers, Polly Adams Sutton, will have her work featured at the **Katie Gingrass Gallery** in Milwaukee from **late April through early May**. When finalizing your plans for Basket Fest or just coming to Milwaukee, build some time into your schedule to see this exhibit. The **gallery is located** one block south of the **Milwaukee Public Market** in Milwaukee's prime shopping district at **241 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53212**. Hours are Monday – Saturday, 10am-6pm, and Sunday from 12-4pm. Telephone (414)289-0855; website: www.gingrassgallery.com.

COUNTY AND STATE FAIR MOOS

Mark your calendars with these **two very special events: Waukesha County Fair, July 20-24, and the Wisconsin State Fair, August 4-14**. Information for entering your baskets for judging in Wisconsin's oldest county fair is available online at www.waukeshacountyfair.com. There are **three categories**; functional, nonfunctional, and artist's choice. **Entry deadline is June 1, 2011**.

The Wisconsin State Fair celebrates its **160th year in 2011**. Won't you represent the art of basketry by submitting a piece or two? **Entry forms will be available online in May with the deadline for submitting being June 14, 2011**. Questions about entering work in the fair can be emailed to entryoffice@wisconsin.gov or by calling (414)266-7000.

Last summer there were guild members who **demonstrated weaving** at the county fair and had a wonderful time. If you'd like to **participate** this year, please contact Sally Turner at tsturner1@peoplepc.com or (262)544-5512. We will have a **sign up sheet** at guild meetings as well.

LCBG sponsors a **Best of Show ribbon at the State Fair** with a free one-year membership to the winner. That person could be YOU. **Please consider entering** your work to showcase the great art of basket weaving.

- **Sally Turner**

WEAVING OPPORTUNITIES

The **Midwest Basket Guild of Dubuque, IA**, still has room for you at their get-away weaving weekend, **Friday, May 20, through Sunday, May 22, 2011**. They are welcoming **Annetta Kraayeveld from Beloit, WI**. There are two class offerings each day, including Annetta's miniature black ash baskets, as well as Ichnolite, Voltage, Evening, and Journeys. Baskets are offered for all weaving levels. The weekend is at the home of Toni Klingler in Galena, IL. **Contact Toni to get more information and an e-mail brochure**. She can be reached at: klinglers@mchsi.com.

Deb Mather invites everyone to check out the website for **Weavin' in Winona, June 24, 25 and 26**. You can sign up **for 1, 2, or all 3 days** of weaving. Weave with warm and friendly folks and take **wonderful classes** from Marilyn Barron, Flo Hoppe, Annetta Kraayeveld, Marlene Meyer, Marlys Sowers, Eric Taylor, and Marilyn Wald. Just key in Weavin' in Winona and check out the on-line brochure. **Or, talk to Deb Mather when you see her at Basket Fest!**

IRELAND AND ITS BASKET WEAVING TRADITIONS

A Basket cruise to Ireland, hosted by Jo Campbell Amsler. Dates are this coming September 15-25, 2011. For more info contact Jo at jocamsler@hotmail.com.

WEAVING ON THE HIGH SEAS

The **Basket Weaving Cruise 2012** is accepting registrations for classes and bookings for cabins. The cruise sails **February 11, 2012 through February 19, 2012**, leaving from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on the Carnival Freedom. Stops include **Cozumel, Mexico, Limon, Costa Rica, and Colon, Panama**. Start your Google search with "basket weaving cruise 2012" and all the information you need can be found there. Love to have lots of Lake Country Basket Guilds folks join me.

SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

Do you have a favorite charity that would appreciate the efforts of our Guild? Every November, the guild weaves and fills baskets for a selected charity. We are looking for a member or members to **lead the service project for 2012**. Duties would include choosing the charity, picking or designing the basket we would weave, leading the weaving, and delivering the baskets. The Guild picks up the cost for the materials and patterns. **Those interested should contact Kim Leppin who has led this project for many years**. Kim will be handing over the reins for 2012. We thank Kim for her past leadership in this project.

A CALL FOR ARTISTS - HOLY HILL MARKET

I am excited to share news with you about our New Art Markets. Please check out our website at www.holyhillmarket.com. We are looking for quality basket artists to join us with their designs. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions!

kindest Regards, **Kristine Jacklin**,
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PROJECT LEADERS FOR 2011

One or two spots are all that's left for **project leaders for 2011**. If you want to lead a project, you can find a **Project Proposal Form** attached to this **Newsweave**, as well as at the guild meetings. Just fill out the form and give to any board member. **Don't be shy about proposing**. Not only do you get to bring a new project to the guild, you also get **free dues** for the next year. With enough interest, we could even have **two projects** on some months.

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to preserve the art of basketry by providing a place for adult weavers to share different techniques and experiences in basketry. The Lake Country Basket Guild (LCBG) values the diversity of all thoughts, and provides programs and services for the celebration and continued sharing of the art of basketry. We are committed to providing activities that are non-discriminatory and equitable for participants.

- Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at Galilee Lutheran Church in Pewaukee Wisconsin.
- This quarterly Newsweave is scheduled to be published in January, April, July, and October
- We sponsor an award ribbon for baskets displayed at the Wisconsin State Fair.

- The winner of the LCBG sponsored ribbon receives a certificate for a one-year membership to LCBG beginning February 1, of the year immediately following the State Fair.
- We hold an annual weaving convention called Basket Fest.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to people 18 years and older interested in the art of basketry.

- Individual annual dues are \$20.
- Annual dues for a business with advertising in the Newsweave are \$45 dollars.
- Dues cover the period from February 1 through January 31.
- Dues are collected from November 1 to January 31.
- Membership in LCBG is required to register for Basket Fest.
- A member of LCBG who leads a monthly project will receive a complimentary one-year membership for the following year. Up to two leaders per project.
- The Basket Fest Chair and board members will receive a complimentary membership each year they serve on the board.
- The guild board members will receive complimentary memberships during their terms in office.

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LAKE COUNTRY BASKET GUILD 2011 PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

The LCBG Board welcomes your Guild meeting project proposals for 2011. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. For each basket, please submit a written proposal along with a sample of the basket and a photograph or pattern picture. Final approval for the projects will be made by the co-presidents. The information in the written proposal will be used for posting on the web/blog sites. Kits must be offered for each project. The proposer must be in attendance at the meeting and lead the project during the meeting. If the basket is not your original design, patterns must be purchased for each weaver. As a Guild, we respect the talents of fellow weavers and copyrighting of patterns.

Name of Proposer:

E-mail:

Month you propose for this project:

Project Name:

Estimated Weaving Length of this Project:

Project description. Include all types of weaving materials and the weaving techniques used to be learned or reviewed.

Cost of the complete kit:

Materials included in the complete kit:

Cost of a partial kit:

Materials included in the partial kit:

Cost of the pattern only:

Detailed material list for weavers bringing their own supplies:

Special tools needed: