



Spokes and Weavers

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Newsletter

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Message from the President

Hello, Basket-Weaving Friends.

We are into a new year of baskets and other projects, and despite the snow outside (reminding me of our December snow-out) I'm excited about the year and the projects ahead. Already my January-made basket is one of my favorites!

First, thank you to retiring Board members Linda Wilcox, your 2010 President, and Juli Fick, who has arranged for so many interesting weaving projects for us. Their enthusiasm and ideas still enrich the Board and the Guild. Thank you to Jean Ellingson for assuming the Program Director responsibilities from Juli for 2012. A President-Elect has not yet been nominated, but we expect the nomination soon. And a reminder for you all—you are more than welcome at any Board meeting!! We generally gather over supper at a convenient café in Highland Village at about 6:00 the Tuesday before the Guild meetings. I generally make a reservation for us, so if it is handy for you to let me know in advance that you'll be joining us, please do so. But it's pretty informal at the café and the meetings, so if you decide at the last minute, that's just fine.

This year we plan to continue with the activities that have been so successful in the past—classes and an open weave table at our regular Saturday meetings, a challenging summer event, and the ever-popular Basket Bingo. Thank you to Susan Burkhalter for stepping into a bigger role in the planning for the Summer Event (see details elsewhere in this issue), and to Jill Scarpari and Jo Guttormson, our Basket Bingo's Dynamic Duo, for continuing their work on this important annual fundraiser. BTW—Jill is collecting donated baskets for October already, if your fingers are itching to weave!

We are also looking at a couple of new or not-recent activities...working with the Textile Center to schedule an exhibit of members' work in 2012 or 2013, reviewing and updating our By-Laws to reflect how we actually are operating, adding recipes back into the Newsletter (by popular demand....there seems to be something about baskets or basket weaving that makes us hungry)—so if you have a good one, please send it to Susan Hagberg!—and adding another potluck (speaking of weaving, cooking, and eating...) in May, to parallel our popular December (this year January) potluck brunch. I can smell those goodies already!!

We are also looking for ways to make others more aware of "The Joy of Basket Weaving..." You may have noticed the announcements of our meetings in the Textile Center newsletter each month, and you should soon see a sign on our meeting-Saturdays, inviting Textile Center visitors in to watch us weave for a few minutes. The planned exhibit (when we can get on to the Textile Center's exhibit schedule) is another part of our new efforts. If you have ideas for other things we can do, please let one of the Board members know.

Wheels are turning for ideas for 2012 classes—including a couple of new things we hope you will find interesting. But in the meantime, we hope you will enjoy the 2011 classes, and that you will come for the camaraderie if you prefer the open weave table. I've even noticed some knitting or embroidery taking place...for basket liners, I'm sure!

See you all soon! Bonnie Buzza, MBWG President 2011

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From The Board

Agenda and Minutes

January

Updating of the Guild by-laws is necessary
- Nancy Fulton, Layce Parkinson, Bonnie Buzza, and Sandi Quint are leading the project
- State Fair First Place winners in Basketry categories will be given complimentary one-year memberships to the Guild

February

Board confirmed 2 items from annual meeting:
- Approval of drawing for year's free membership from those who renew membership dues on time
- Continuation for another year of practice of reimbursing attendees at Bemidji Basket Weekend the amount of \$10.00 to help defray travel costs
- Will do Textile Center Library Gallery Exhibit in 2010 or 2013, depending on gallery schedule
- Textile Center Garage Sale is April 15-16, 2011

Future agenda items

- Discussion of possible bingo-card price increase (NOTE: We need your thoughts; please give your comments to Jo, Jill, or another Board member)
- Brainstorming about ideas for "ideal Textile Center" for Basket Guild to share with T.C.
- Consideration of need for, feasibility of additional Guild "visibility" &/or "outreach"

Member Contact Updates

Update your address, phone number or email address?? Let Sandi Quint know so that we can make sure you're getting our messages, as well as the newsletter.

New email for Jean Ellingson
JR_Ellingson@msn.com

email for Susan Hagberg
susanhagberg@me.com

I changed my email address to the above a long time ago, but I continue to get email at the old yahoo address, which I don't check very frequently. For newsletter items, please try to remember to put 'newsletter' in the subject so that I don't delete it!

Calendar - What's up?

Basket Fest - April 28 - 30, 2011

The Lake Country Basket Guild is pleased to announce our exciting slate of instructors for Basket Fest 2011. Scheduled to teach are Flo Hoppe, Candace Katz, Judith Olney, Polly Adams Sutton, Nathan Taylor, Karen Tembreull and Laura Lee Zanger. Basket Fest 2011 will be held at the Center for Excellence, N4 W22000 Bluemound Road, Waukesha Wisconsin. A color brochure of classes and registration information is available on our website: www.lakecountrybasketguild.com

Weavin' in Winona - June 24 - 26, 2011

The 18th Annual Weavin' in Winona Basket Workshop will be June 24th, 25th & 26th, 2011 at Tau Conference Center of Winona State University, Winona MN. You are invited to enjoy a wonderful experience of basketweaving with warm & friendly people in Winona MN. We have invited 7 teachers to instruct and share their talents: Marilyn Barron, Flo Hoppe, Annetta Kraayeveld, Marlene Meyer, Marlys Sowers, Eric Taylor, and Marilyn Wald. We will be in the Rotunda - a first floor large round room with plenty of windows. All workshop information including colored pictures of classes and a registration form which can be printed from pdf format, is available on the web site www.weavinwinona.com.

"Handcrafts Through Out the Ages" Festival - July 9-10, 2011

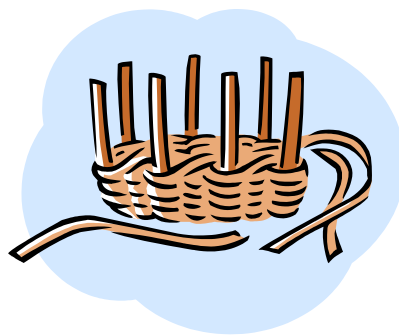
Amana Colonies - Villages of Middle, High, West, South and Homestead
319 622 3315 or www.amanacolony.com

"Willow Harvest Weekend". October 14-16, 2011

Amana Arts Guild in Village of High Amana
319 622 3315 or www.broomandbasket.com

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Special Event with Kay and Fred Kohler

August 4 - 7, 2011. See details later in this newsletter or on our website.



From the Editor

You'll realize as you read this newsletter that I've had some of the copy for quite a few weeks! My apologies to all for getting the it out so late. I've been very time challenged the last two months and not doing much of anything other than going to work, and then visiting and making arrangements for my father. It's a long story, but basically we finished moving him to assisted living and emptying his old apartment just yesterday (4/9).

We have decided to add a recipe corner back to the newsletter. I thought someone had given me another one to publish, but again two months of neglect to my email and I can't seem to find it. I do however have the recipe for "Pumpkin Cinnamon Streusel Buns". Jill Scarpari brought them to a guild meeting early this year and they got rave reviews and multiple requests for the recipe.

*A Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Special Event
August 4 through August 7, 2011
With Kay and Fred Kohler*

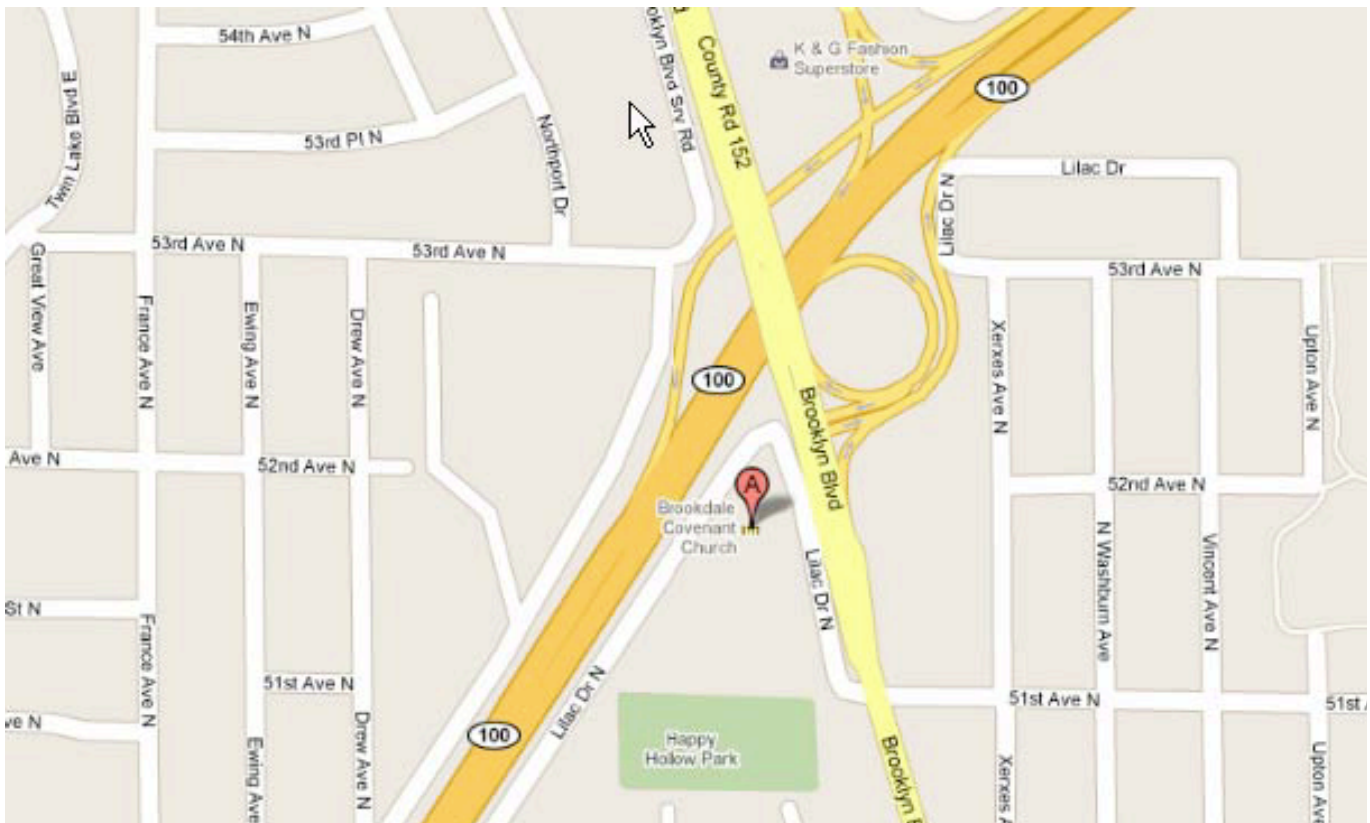
The "Special Event" committee is honored to welcome Fred and Kay Kohler back to the Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild. We have new and exciting Nantucket-style baskets with choices of cherry, walnut or oak bases and handles, and a "New to Nantucket" class is just part of this exciting weekend of weaving. This year's event will be held at: Brookdale Covenant Church, 5139 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429 (see the map below). This is an easy-to-reach location with a very accommodating work space for all.

The Particulars:

- Beginners (who have never woven a Nantucket before) will be able to set the spokes on Thursday evening and finish their basket on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. (Please list your finish day on the registration form)
- Non-beginners may also choose to set spokes on Thursday if the basket you choose to weave is longer than a 6 hour class.
- The rest is up to you! Pick your basket, wood choice, and the day you will weave. We will do our best to accommodate all times and choices.
- Getting your "custom" rim from Fred will also be streamlined to make a smooth flow of time. This will require everyone to tell us their start and finish day choices. (example: if you start a basket on Friday afternoon and plan to finish on Sunday, indicate on the registration Friday/Sunday)

Color pictures of the baskets offered are on the MBWG website

We look forward to seeing you at this summer's "Special Event". Jean and Susan



Confluence Scholarships

Textile Center is pleased to announce new scholarships for fiber artists to attend the Surface Design Association Confluence Conference in June 2011. Scholarship awards will include regular conference registration with an additional lodging stipend available for applicants outside the metro area.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Textile Center Confluence Scholarship

- you must be an artist committed to the field of fiber art
- you are not enrolled as either part- or full-time student in a degree granting institution
- you must be a resident of Minnesota
- you are not a member of the Surface Design Association

You may not already be registered for the Confluence Conference when you apply.

Awards

Scholarship award will be \$375 for full 2011 conference registration. (Full registration includes entrance into all conference events, gallery transportation, event receptions, Friday box lunch, Saturday transportation and ticket to the Fashion Show and shuttles to other events as needed.) Please see [www.surfacedesign.org](http://www surfacedesign.org) for complete event details.

Additional stipends for lodging are available to applicants living outside of the seven-county metro area (see www.metrocouncil.org/about/metromap.pdf for map).

A total of seven to ten scholarships will be awarded.

Jury

A panel of representatives from the Textile Center and Surface Design Association will review applications and award the scholarships. Applications will be reviewed and ranked based on completeness, answers to essay questions and applicant's match to eligibility criteria.

Application Instructions

Applications are only accepted online April 1 to May 2, 2011. Paper or email applications will not be accepted.

Recipe Corner

Pumpkin Cinnamon Streusel Buns - From Cooking Light

Ingredients

- Buns:
- 1 pkg dry yeast (about 2 1/4 teaspoons)
- 1/4 Cup warm water (100 to 110)
- 2 3/4 Cups all purpose flour, divided
- 1/2 Cup Pumpkin Puree
- 1/2 Cup 1 low fat milk
- 1/4 Cup butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp granulated sugar
- 1 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- Cooking spray
- 3 Tbsp granulated sugar
- 3 Tbsp brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp all purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 Tbsp chilled butter, cut into small pieces
- Glaze:
- 3/4 Cup sifted powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp hot water
- 1/4 tsp vanilla extract

Directions

1. To prepare the buns, dissolve yeast in warm water in a large bowl; let stand for 5 minutes. Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups, and level with a knife. Add 2 cups flour, pumpkin, and next 5 ingredients (pumpkin through nutmeg); beat with a mixer at medium speed until smooth. Turn dough out onto a floured surface. Knead until smooth and elastic (about 10 minutes); add enough of the remaining 3/4 cup flour, 1 tablespoon at a time, to prevent dough from sticking to hands (dough will feel tacky).
2. Place the dough in a large bowl coated with cooking spray, turning to coat top. Cover and let rise in a warm place (85 , free from drafts, for 45 minutes or until doubled in size. (Press two fingers into the dough. If an indentation remains, the dough has risen enough.)
3. Combine 3 tablespoons granulated sugar, brown sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, and cinnamon in a small bowl. Cut in butter with a pastry blender or 2 knives until mixture resembles coarse meal.
4. Punch dough down; cover and let rest for 5 minutes. Roll the dough into a 12 x 10 inch rectangle on a floured surface. Sprinkle with brown sugar mixture. Roll up the rectangle tightly, starting with a long edge, pressing firmly to eliminate air pockets; pinch seam and ends to seal. Cut roll into 12 (1 inch) slices. Place slices in a 9 inch square baking pan coated with cooking spray. Cover and let rise 25 minutes or until doubled in size.
5. Preheat oven to 375
6. Bake the rolls at 375 for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 15 minutes in pan on a wire rack.
7. To prepare the glaze, combine the powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon water, and vanilla extract in a small bowl, stirring with a whisk until smooth. Drizzle glaze over buns. Serve warm.

In case you'd like to download it, here's the link:

<http://www.myrecipes.com/recipe/pumpkin-cinnamon-streusel-buns-1000000521609>

About Our Organization

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild

www.mbwg.org

When: The Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild typically meets the 4th Saturday of each month, excluding summer, and with a few exceptions on holiday weekends. Go to the website (listed above) to confirm specific meeting dates.

8:30 - 9:00 am	Meet & Greet
9:00 - 3:00 pm	Classes & Open Weave

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