



# Spokes and Weavers

Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild Newsletter

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## Message from the President

Basket-Weaving Friends.....

The leaves have turned and I think the weather forecaster mentioned the “S” word last night.... So I guess we are approaching the Winter holidays, the Guild’s annual meeting, and our Guild holiday brunch. And all this leads to new officers, and a wonderful new schedule of classes for 2012. I’ve enjoyed serving as your President this past year, and look forward to continuing to work with the Board as Past President next year.

We have a big agenda for our annual meeting, to be held in December per the By-Laws in conjunction with our holiday party—besides elections, the Board hopes to have members vote on some revised by-laws which will further bring our activities “on paper” into line with our Guild practices. No big news, but some important paperwork to complete. While members won’t vote on the officers’ duties, as they change with each group, we’ll provide a copy of the new ones for you, as well.

Our holiday party will feature a Member Potluck Brunch on Saturday, December 10, 2011, so warm up your taste buds and your recipe collection. Does anybody cook better than we do? If past brunches tell a true tale, Nope.... In addition we plan a fun, surprise “Make and Take” this year, and we encourage everybody to also bring a basket, in a plain paper bag, for an innovative basket exchange. (Of course, both of these are optional if you want to concentrate on the brunch.....)

Membership renewals are due in December. Please see the renewal form in the newsletter, on the website, and also available at the November, December, and January meetings. Dues remain at \$25.00 a year—a bargain, thanks to everyone’s efforts at another successful Basket Bingo fundraiser so we can “pay the rent”...

And we have a special opportunity in the upcoming year to showcase our work in an exhibit in the Pat O’Connor Library at the Textile Center February 28--March 24, 2012. See exhibit details elsewhere in the newsletter.

It was with regret that the summer’s basket event had to be cancelled, but registrations could not support the classes. Please think now of the sorts of baskets you’d like to weave, or possible teachers for upcoming events, and let a Board member know. We need to be starting soon to contact possible teachers and make arrangements for the 2012—2013—2014 special events!

Finally, please consider nominating someone—or nominating yourself—to serve on the Board. It’s fun and not time-consuming, and you have the chance to contribute to the vitality for the guild. If you have an interest in serving in any capacity, please let an officer know. We’d love to have more people involved in Guild leadership.

Bonnie Buzza, MBWG President 2011

## Textile Center Parking

Parking information is available at the Textile Center website. <http://www.textilecentermn.org/lightrail.asp>

Current information on Light Rail Construction from Renay Leone, Textile Center Operations is below

Utility work will begin November 14 on 29th Avenue, so this may affect pedestrian movement from the \$2 lot at 29th & 4th. There will be signage and barriers to direct any detours. The utility work on University Ave has moved to the east. Although there are barriers in front of our building (to guide eastbound traffic), parking is allowed inside the orange cones. We have put signs on the cones to indicate this. As in the past several weeks, the utility work in our area will be continuing and moving on a daily basis. All must be completed by December 1 and then we’ll get a reprieve until March 2012. If people coming to the Textile Center are nervous about parking and construction, please encourage them to call 612-436-0464 for any additional information available on a given day.

*MBWG Board*

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*From The Board*

Updated Draft Bylaws (To be voted on at December meeting)

**By-Laws of the  
Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild**

**Article I: Name**

The name of the organization shall be the Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild.

**Article II: Purpose**

The purpose of the Guild is to bring together individuals in Minnesota and the region who have an interest in baskets and the creating of baskets; to cultivate and continue the friendships that emerge; to stimulate growth in knowledge and skills; and to contribute to the overall well being of many through the practice of basket weaving.

**Article III: Membership**

Membership shall be open to anyone who supports the purpose of the organization, upon payment of annual dues.

**Article IV: No Pecuniary Gain to Members**

The Guild shall not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise, to its members.

**Article V: Duration**

The period of duration of this Guild shall be perpetual.

**Article VI: Registered Office**

The Guild's registered office shall be: Textile Center, 30000 University Ave SE, Box 7, Minneapolis, MN 55414, and its registered agent is the President of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild.

**Article VII: Proprietor**

The name and address of the proprietor is as follows: President MBWG, Textile Center, Box 7, 3000 University Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

**Article VIII: Board of Directors; Nominations; Elections; Charge to the Board; Board Meetings**

- A. The Board of Directors shall include the seven officers of the Board as listed in Article XI, as elected by the membership at each annual meeting.
- B. The outgoing Board shall constitute the Nominating Committee, chaired by the outgoing President. The Nominating Committee shall request nominations from the members present for at least two member meetings as well as from other contacts. Nominations shall also be solicited from the floor prior to the vote at the annual meeting.
- C. Elections of officers shall be by voice vote unless a written ballot is requested by any active member present at the annual meeting.
- D. The Board is charged with handling the ongoing business of the Guild.
- E. Each Board shall adopt its own practices concerning Board meetings and the handling of Guild Business.

**Article IX: Dues and Finances**

- A. The annual dues required for membership in the association shall be determined by the Board of Directors and decided by November 30 of each year for the forthcoming year. Dues may be varied from year to year. Members shall not have any personal liability, beyond the assessment of dues, for Guild obligations.
- B. There shall be a review of the Guild's financial operations at least every three years, as determined by the Board of Directors, and conducted by (an) individual(s) appointed by the President and approved by a majority of the officers.
- C. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31. The membership year and terms of office shall correspond to the fiscal year.

**Article X: Annual Meeting; Quorum; If Circumstances Prevent Holding of Annual Meeting**

- A. There shall be an annual meeting of the Guild during the month of December, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, for electing officers, receiving reports, and transacting other business. Meetings shall be open to active members. Active members are dues-paid members. Notice of these meetings, issued through the association's newsletter, shall be mailed to the last recorded address of each active member at least thirty days before the time appointed for the meeting AND/OR may be sent by-e-mail to the last recorded e-mail address of each active member at least fourteen days before the time appointed for the meeting.
- B. A simple majority of the active members present at the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business
- C. If circumstances prevent the holding of the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall be authorized to provide for the conduct of necessary business until the annual meeting can be re-scheduled and held.

**Article XI: Officers Elected and Appointed; Duties of Officers**

- A. The elective officers of this Guild shall be a President, a Vice-President/President Elect, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Program Director, the Immediate Past President, and the representative to the Textile Center. All officers shall be active members of the organization. Elected Officers shall serve a term of one year, and may be re-nominated for their positions. Elected officers are voting members of the Board.
- B. Appointed officers shall include Registrar, Hospitality Chairperson, Historian, and a Newsletter Chair. Appointed officers shall serve a term of one year and may be reappointed for their positions. Appointed Officers are non-voting members of the Board.
- C. Duties of Officers shall be listed and described in a separate document, which shall be appended to these by-laws but shall not be a part of the by-laws. Those duties and descriptions may be changed annually as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.
- D. Other appointed offices and officers may be established, or the positions of appointed officers other than those listed in section B. above, eliminated as unnecessary, by the outgoing members of the Board of Directors at the regular annual meeting.

**Article XII: Amending these Articles; Adoption of these By-Laws**

- A. These articles may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by a simple majority vote of the members present at a duly organized meeting of the Guild. Notice of the proposed changes, issued through the association's newsletter, shall be mailed to the last recorded address of each member at least thirty days before the time appointed for the meeting OR may be sent by-e-mail to the last recorded e-mail address of each member at least fourteen days before the time appointed for the meeting.
- B. These By-laws will be hereafter adopted. Such by-laws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, in the manner provided above, and the amendments to the bylaws shall be binding to all members, including those who may have voted against them.

## Calendar - What's up?

### *In The Loop - Textile Community Gathering*

November 17th, Thursday, 8:00 AM or 5:00 PM at the Textile Center

Join us for an exciting textile community building event! Come to "In The Loop" on November 17th. You will hear the latest news about plans and happenings for the Textile Center and will be able to share your ideas and dreams for the future and conquer our current challenges. A number of forces, including Light Rail, have combined to give us a once in a lifetime opportunity to create something exciting. As the very "fiber" of the Textile Center, your input about the possibilities is essential as we go forward. We want to have a free flowing community conversation that generates great ideas. There are two sessions on the 17th - one at 8 am and then again at 5 pm. We'll see you there!

Please RSVP to Tina Hughes [tmhlts@msn.com](mailto:tmhlts@msn.com)

### *Holiday*

Potluck Brunch  
Saturday September 10th  
8:30 AM - 12 PM

Annual Holiday Party, business meeting, potluck, and basket swap. Bring a food item to share and if you'd like to participate a basket to swap. New this year, we will also be doing a make and take project! It's a fun event you won't want to miss!

## Bingo 2011



**Basket Weavers Guild to have Exhibit at Textile Center:****“Minis” and “Moldies” Featured**

Members of the Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild are invited to submit baskets for possible exhibit at the Textile Center's Pat O'Connor Library Gallery in February 28--March 24, 2012. Baskets must be *less than 8" in diameter, made by the person submitting the basket(s), and accompanied by a photograph of each basket submitted, along with a completed Artist Agreement* (Textile Center requirement). The exhibit will focus on small baskets made on basket molds, as well as small baskets NOT made on such molds. We'd like a good mix of small basket sizes, types and materials for the exhibit. Each person entering may enter up to 4 baskets for consideration.

Persons submitting packets for consideration must:

1. Complete the artist agreement and
2. Send or give it and a photograph of each basket which clearly indicates the basket size (include a ruler or point of size reference in the photograph)
3. To Layce Parkinson or Bonnie Buzza
4. By December 31, 2011
5. Electronic submission of the (artist-signed) form and photograph(s) is encouraged. Send to [threadsbb@gmail.com](mailto:threadsbb@gmail.com). Each e-mailed submission will be acknowledged by e-mail. (This is a temporary mailbox of Bonnie's, dedicated to receiving the submissions).
6. It is preferred by the Textile Center that artists have their work for sale, but is not required. Information about the work is on the Artist Loan Agreement.
7. Textile Center commission is 40%. Commissions brokered by the TC, directly related to the exhibition, pay a 20% TC commission.
8. Every piece exhibited must have an insurance value listed on the Artist Loan Agreement. (Insurance company requirement)
9. If a basket you hope to submit is not completed by December 31, 2011, send the Artist Agreement unsigned, along with a description of the planned basket, to the e-mail address above. Layce or Bonnie will phone you to discuss the planned basket. Basket must be completed and signed artist agreement with photograph must be received by Bonnie or Layce by January 2012 meeting of the Guild.
10. **Completed baskets by all potential exhibitors must be brought to the Guild meeting in January 2012. If you cannot attend that Guild meeting, make advance arrangements with Layce or Bonnie for basket delivery.**

# Textile Center Pat O'Connor Library Gallery Artist Agreement

**Exhibition Title:** Minis and Moldies  
**Loan Dates:** February 28, 2012, through March 24, 2012  
**Exhibiting Guild:** Minnesota Basket Weavers

## Agreement

This document and its signatures, constitutes an agreement between Textile Center and

Name of artist – please **print** as you wish to have shown on labels

Artist agrees to loan one piece or more of fiber art in Textile Center Pat O'Connor Library Gallery for the exhibitions dates shown above.

### Exhibition:

Artist shall deliver artwork that is complete and ready for installation including any special hardware necessary for proper exhibition. Artist may furnish special display fixtures; however, final installation decisions are reserved by Textile Center.

### Installation

Artwork shall be installed on February 27, 2012, and shall be de-installed on march 29, 2012.

Labels for artwork shall be provided by Textile Center according to current gallery standards.

Guild shall provide label information in electronic form by February 5, 2012. The Guild shown above will help complete installation of artwork according to current gallery standards with direction from the Gallery Manager.

Textile Center assumes no responsibility for damage or loss during installation or de-installation of exhibit.

### Insurance:

Textile Center will maintain property insurance against catastrophic loss. Isolated, individual incidents of theft or damage to artwork may not be covered by Textile Center insurance. Textile Center shall take reasonable care of artwork against theft or damage; however, neither Textile Center staff nor volunteers shall be held personally responsible or liable in any manner for damage to or loss of artwork.

Artist will maintain adequate property insurance coverage for their artwork while at Textile Center and during transit to/from Textile Center.

### Sales and Commission:

Artists are encouraged to have their artwork for sale.

Textile Center shall retain 40% (percent) commission on all sales of artwork exhibited during the term shown above and for 30 days thereafter, as a direct result of the exhibition.

For any commission work brokered by Textile Center for the artist, Textile Center shall retain 20% (percent) commission on any sale during the exhibition and for 30 days thereafter as a direct result of the exhibition.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (**please print**), agree to the terms set forth above.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Eve) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Title #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Retail Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Value \_\_\_\_\_

Title #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Retail Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Value \_\_\_\_\_

Title #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Retail Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Value \_\_\_\_\_

Title #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Retail Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Insurance Value \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Gallery Manager Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 2012 Class Schedule Coming Soon

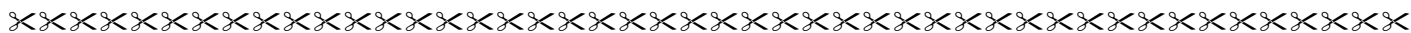
Thanks to Jean Ellingson, our Program Director, we have a great line-up of classes for 2012! Don Ericson has been busy updating the website and the first several months are already out there. The printed version of all 2012 classes will be available at the November meeting. For those who are not in attendance at that meeting, the class schedules will be mailed the following day.



## Class Registration & Membership Renewal

With the start of the new year, let's make a resolution to make sure we are meeting class registration deadlines. Those who are teaching typically require some lead time to order supplies. Then they have very significant prep work to make sure that everything is available for the right number of participants on the day of the class. Let's be respectful of the deadlines those teachers have set.

Membership dues for 2012 are due in December. Please be sure to submit them with the renewal form below. Thank you!



### MINNESOTA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD 2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please complete this form and send with your check for \$25.00 annual dues to:

Treasurer, MBWG  
Mailbox #7  
Textile Center of Minnesota  
3000 University Avenue SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone A \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone B \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

# About Our Organization .....

*Minnesota Basket Weavers Guild*

[www.mbwg.org](http://www.mbwg.org)

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**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

**Where:** Textile Center  
3000 University Ave SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

**Membership:** Single \$25 per year

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