

# Spokes and Weavers Newsletter

Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild  
February 2022, Edition #1



**Letter from the Editor** - Happy New Year! Hope you have been finding ways to have fun and have been working on some baskets of your own. I got to work on a kit from one of Jane Wilson's gourd classes – Jane is teaching another class in April if you missed her. See the class descriptions for that basket!



*Coiling on a Gourd*



I attended our open weave we had in December and made the Bird's Nest Basket. It looked complicated but was super easy!  
*Bird's Nest Basket*



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## 2021/2022-MBWG Dates:

Mark your calendars! Here are our dates for this season:

- February 26, 2022
- March 26, 2022
- April 23, 2022
- May 21, 2022 (Annual Members Meeting & Election of Officers)

## MBWG Board 2021 (September 1, 2021, August 31, 2022)

- Past President, Nancy Fulton
- President, Debbie Johnson – [debjohnson58@gmail.com](mailto:debjohnson58@gmail.com)
- Vice President/President Elect - **Open**
- Treasurer, Gayle Ericksen
- Secretary, Layce Parkinson
- Textile Center/Guild Liaison, Nancy Fulton
- Program Director, Debbie Johnson
- Membership Director, Sarah Peterson – [mnbasketweaversguild@gmail.com](mailto:mnbasketweaversguild@gmail.com)

## Additionally -

- Newsletter Editor, Pam Whitcomb
- Basket Bingo 2022 Co Chairs, **Open**
- Kid's International Basket Weaving Day, Pam Whitcomb

## Presidents Message by Debbie Johnson



We hope this newsletter finds you well and safe. I find even a cold MN winter day can be brightened with some sunshine...particularly when it is being observed from the inside out! Wait, the dog needs to go for a walk! I digress...

In person guild meetings continue to be on-hold at Textile Center. The Board continues to be ready for a pivot to in-person guild meetings, but for the time being, we are not holding our breath. This has indeed been and continues to be a long haul.

We are grateful for your member support, and we are grateful to Nancy Fulton, for graciously sharing her zoom account with our guild for Board meetings and our classes. Thank you, Nancy! Basket making is not necessarily the best fit for virtual classes, yet we seemed to have learned to work with new ways of satisfying our creative juices!

Please also keep in mind that as a member of this Guild, you have library privileges at Textile Center! Did you know that Layce Parkinson, our Guild secretary was an original librarian for Textile Center?? Yeh Layce! You can go onto the Textile Center site and explore the basketry books and patterns in the collection. Here is the link: <https://textilecentermn.org/textile-center-library/>.

Anytime you have a recommendation, a class suggestion, a guild concern, please feel free to communicate with me or any Board member! If we don't know, we can't do anything about it.

\*Please also take note that we have a guild Gmail address: [mnbasketweaversguild@gmail.com](mailto:mnbasketweaversguild@gmail.com). We are looking at making more use of this address for communications, email blasts and newsletter distribution. You may need to adjust your email preferences, so our emails don't get bumped into your spam folder!

Be well & stay safe.

Kindest regards



### Textile Center News -

Regular Hours – 11am-3pm, Tuesday through Saturday, for the retail shop, library, and exhibitions.

All January in person classes have been cancelled or postponed due to an abundance of caution with the Covid 19 Omicron variant. Online classes are still taking place.

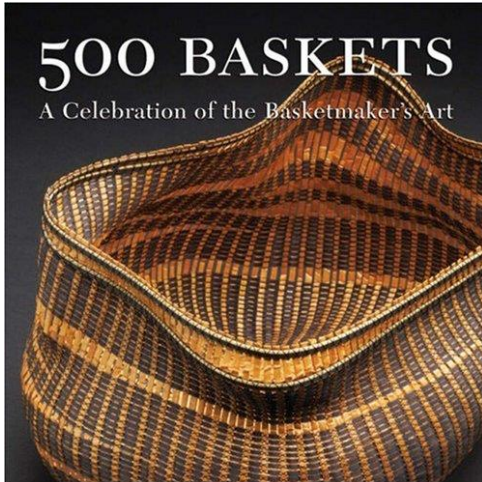
Stay tuned for updates for future classes.

## Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild Upcoming Classes – 2021-2022

### **February 26 – Open Weave and Weaving Solutions/Meet Up and Greet via Zoom, 10am-12 noon**

Join us via zoom - Bring a project to show and tell; do you have a weaving problem you need help with - maybe we can help you out! Come and weave with us, or just hang out for a visit! We will be on zoom from 10:00 AM - Noon. Come when you can/ leave when you must...*but to get the zoom invite, you need to register!* Please email Debbie at: [debjohnson58@gmail.com](mailto:debjohnson58@gmail.com). Registration deadline is Monday February 21.

### **March 26th - Waves on Cedar (Zoom), Polly Adams Sutton, 10:30am-5:30 pm, \$75 plus materials**



Polly's work has been displayed in galleries and museums in 22 States. Her work was chosen for the cover illustration of "500 Baskets: A Celebration of the Basket Maker's Art" 2006. Most recently, her work was part of the traveling show "Rooted, Revived, Reinvented: Basketry in America", sponsored by the National Basketry Organization.

Using hand harvested cedar bark for the spokes, this sculptural basket uses basic twining to undulate the cedar with the placement of the wire. The base of this project is a 2/2 twill, which students will want to complete prior to the day of class. Please advise the Registrar if you need any assistance constructing the

base. The finish is an easy lashed boarder of yellow cedar bark. \*Some folks are allergic to the yellow cedar bark. Substituting with cane can be used for the boarder. Finished size is approximately 6" x 3".

Registration is limited to 10 people. Registrations will be accepted in the order they are received via mail. The zoom invitation will be sent the week of class.

**Members\*:** Instructor fee of \$75.00, plus material fee \$90.00 (includes shipping) totaling \$165.00. Check to payable to 'Polly Adams Sutton' and must be included with your registration. Checks will not be cashed prior to the class.

\*Member reciprocity is being given to members of the Headwaters Basket Makers Guild (Bemidji, MN) and the North Shore Basket Guild (Duluth, MN).

**Non-Members Fee:** Please also include your check in the amount of \$25.00, payable to MBWG, with your registration.

**Registration Deadline: March 4, 2022** (registrations must be received). Registration form is being emailed along with this newsletter.



**April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Pine Needle Coiling and Walnut Slices on a Gourd (Zoom), Jane Wilson, 9:30am-4pm, \$80.**



Please join us as Jane Wilson returns to teach more techniques, coiling on gourds! Learn how to coil using pine needles on a ready-to weave gourd! You will also learn how to open the weaving and incorporate walnut slices as an embellishment.

Your kit will include - Step-by-step color photo instructions, pre-ink stained 5"-6" ready-to-weave gourd, drill bit, tiger tape, artificial sinew, pine needles and pre-cut walnut shell slices. The gourd coloration will be a variant of purple, green and blue. Each gourd will have its own uniqueness. Students will have a choice of blue, green, purple or natural for the thread color.

Registration is limited to 12 people. Registrations will be accepted in the order they are received via mail. The zoom invitation will be sent the week of class.

**Member Registration fee\*:** Instructor/material fee, check or money order in the amount of \$80.00 payable to Jane Wilson and must be included with your registration. Checks will not be cashed prior to the class. \*Member reciprocity is being given to members of the Headwaters Basket Makers Guild (Bemidji, MN) and the North Shore Basket Guild (Duluth, MN).

**Non-Members Fee:** If you are not a MBWG, NSBG, or HBMG member, you must pay a non-member fee, by way of a separate check in the amount of \$25.00, payable to MBWG, with your registration.

**Registration Deadline: March 28, 2022** (registrations must be received by this date). Registration form is being mailed along with this newsletter.

**May 21 – Annual Members Meeting and Election of Officers,** more information to come

**June 11 – Family Basket Weaving Day,** more information to come





## 2021 Midwest and Virtual Events

**American Swedish Institute** - Woven Wheat Love Tokens, February 11th, 10am-1pm in person class, Instructor Bonnie Buzza, \$55/\$65 class fee.



### Textile Center –



Intro to Coiling, Wednesday, February 16, 6-9pm, with Alonzo Pantoja, \$54-60.

### Textile Center -

Gift Wine Basket, Fridays, February 18 and 25, 10am-1pm, Debbie Johnson, \$106.20/\$118.



### Textile Center –

Abstract Forms in Coiling, Wednesdays, March 23 and 30, 6-9pm, With Alonzo Pantoja, \$106.20-\$118.



*Happy Valentine's Day!*

## Save the Date- June 24, 25, and 26 -

### Weavin' in Winona -

Teachers: Jeanne Dudley, Debbie Hurd, Gina Kieft, Marlene Meyer & Marilyn Parr

There will be a new location and details are not yet all available, so please be patient and check back.

If you plan to stay in a local hotel, you may want to book now as there are several other events in the area that weekend that are filling them up.



Hope to see you there!



### School of Basketry Art -

Catriona Pollard, coming all the way from Australia, offers online twining classes for various levels of weavers that you can sign up for at any time. Find more information about the classes at [schoolofbasketryart.com](http://schoolofbasketryart.com), and she also has a Facebook Group, School of Basketry Art.

### North House Folk School -

Black Ash Pack Basket, March 25-27 or March 29-31, 9-5 each day. Ian Andrus, \$285 plus materials. Includes harvesting.

