

## **Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild Member Information**

The Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild was formed in April of 1997 and membership with the guild is open to all! We have been meeting at Textile Center since 2001.

Membership dues are \$25.00 annually (September 1 – August 31 of each year). Dues are not pro-rated. Our Guild offers a special incentive to those interested in also having a membership to the Textile Center for a combined total of \$55.00 (\$5.00 savings).

Regular guild meetings are held monthly September thru May inclusive, with the exception of October. October is our annual fund-raising event – Basket Bingo! All meeting dates are on our website. The Annual Members Meeting & Elections are held at the May meeting. Occasionally we hold short business meetings during the regular monthly meeting.

We meet at Textile Center of Minnesota, 3000 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Parking is available at the rear of the building, some street parking is available (please observe parking signs to avoid being towed) and at the parking lot 150' east of the building (access from University Ave.). Meeting time is 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted on the class listing.

We have an open weave table at all regular meetings. Members not taking a class are always welcome to bring their projects to work on, seek help with a weaving problem, or just socialize and enjoy a visit!

The Guild provides coffee and tea at our meetings. If you want to bring a treat to share, anyone is welcome to do so!! We normally have a good supply of plastic utensils, paper plates and napkins. Please also feel free to bring a lunch for yourself. There are many restaurants nearby that deliver and Fresh Thyme (grocery store across the street) has a wonderful soup, salad bar, hot entrée bar, deli sandwiches, pizza...

We are always needing folks to help out with various activities. Some commitments might be more involved than others. We also welcome folks who might want to pitch in and help out on occasion but are not wanting or able to make a term commitment. If you are interested in pitching in, let us know! Feel free to speak to any Board member!

Did you know that if you attend a basket conference/retreat in Minnesota, you might be eligible for \$10.00 gas reimbursement? Please check with our Treasurer.

Occasionally we receive donated weaving materials, book, patterns, etc. These supplies are made available to our members at no cost. We do however encourage cash donations. Money collected, goes towards our 'Random Acts of Kindness' fund.

Basket Bingo is an annual fundraising event held the last Saturday of October. This event, for the most part, funds the Guild and pays our annual rent. If not for Basket Bingo, membership dues would be much more than \$25.00! Our hand-made baskets are the Bingo game prizes! We ask that members donate a basket, or help with the table center pieces, or set-up that day, etc. There is lots to do and more hands make the load lighter!

December is our Christmas pot-luck and community service project month. It is our opportunity to make and fill handmade baskets for a local charity. If there you would like to recommend a particular charity, let the Board know so we can put it on our consideration list!

Please...if there are ever any questions, please ask someone! We are here to help one another!

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