

President's Message

by Judy Robelotto

We tried out a new meeting start time and format in October. I wasn't able to be there, but I heard it went quite well. So we've decided to continue with it for now and can refine the format as needed.

Meetings will now begin at Noon with a show-and-share while we eat and hear basket or gourd related announcements. During this time, the Board will also relay pertinent information and/or ask for input on topics that came up during the prior Board meeting.

Following these activities, a mini-workshop or other activity will take place. Those of you who wish to continue to hear more details about Guild business are welcome to join the Board meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The August Basket Class Day was a great success, and we had a good turnout for the classes. We also received generous donations from those who adopted mountains of basketry supplies, patterns and kits that were donated to the Guild to pass on to good homes. [See Pg. 9 for info on available basketry supplies.]

As you'll see in newsletter, there's a call for nominations for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer to be elected at the February 2024 Annual Meeting [See Pg. 4].

Speaking of volunteering, I want to bring special attention to a Chairperson position that has been vacant for a few years. We desperately need someone to lead and recruit a few members to serve on the Workshops/Activities/Demo Opportunities Committee [See article explaining importance of this function Pg. 2].

It may not be too late to join the Margaret Mathewson classes! Check out the class information on Page 5 and, if interested, contact Willie Ziegler right away to let her know.

Hope to see you all at a future meeting!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE



President's Message	1
Member Renewal Reminder.....	1
Chair Needed: Workshops/Activities/Demo Opps Comm ..	2
Calendar; Meeting & Mini-Workshop Info	2-3
Call for Nominations: Vice President and Treasurer	4
Oct/Nov Special Classes: Margaret (Pegg) Mathewson	5
Library Corner	6
Opportunities	6-7
Member Happenings	8
Donated Basketry Supplies; Can you Fix It?.....	9
At Loose Ends Program; Road Trips.....	10
Finding Inspiration; Women's Woven Voices	11
Minutes: September, October	12-13
Contacts; NBO Info; Links; Acknowledgements	14
Membership Form	15

Renew Your Membership!

This is a reminder to renew your membership by the end of this year. The individual membership fee is \$25 and family membership is \$30.

Corporate membership fee is \$40 (*free business-card size ads in quarterly newsletters*).

Memberships are valid through December 2023 for those who joined in September or later of this year.

It will be very much appreciated if you could renew your Guild membership promptly [membership form on last page of newsletter or download from Join Us webpage].

Upcoming Events

November 5

Meeting, Potluck & Woven Holiday Ornament
Mini-Workshop

November 18

Encinitas Art Mart [See Pg. 6]

December 3

Meeting, Potluck & Holiday Gift Exchange

January 7

Meeting, Potluck & Woven Pin Mini-Workshop

Chairperson Needed for Workshops/Activities/ Demo Opportunities Committee

This important position has been vacant for a few years, and the existing leadership has been pulling double-duty in trying to fulfill these duties. We are seeking someone who can recruit a few Guild members to help them in brainstorming, scheduling and coordinating mini-workshops (generally simple projects that can be completed within two hours). This Committee would be welcome to consider special activities, such as meeting lectures or field trips in their planning.

It is important that we attract and inspire new members as well as continue to engage current members in these activities. We would be able to better promote a vibrant, active Guild if we could plan a rolling six months out.

This Committee would also coordinate volunteers for demo opportunities already scheduled. It would be ideal if this group would also seek additional demo opportunities to help recruit members and spread the word about basket and gourd art to the general public.

PLEASE HELP YOUR GUILD to continue to succeed and grow by stepping up to be Chairperson of this important Committee!



*2023 Basket Day
Classes & Some
of the Basketry
Supplies
Available --
Photos by Peggy
Blessing*



January 7, 2024 Meeting, Potluck & Woven Pins Mini-Workshop

The meeting format will be similar to that described in the November meeting info.

Following these activities, Carol Lang and Debra Zimmerman will teach those interested in taking the mini-workshop how to make a flower pin and a St. Brigid's Cross pin, a traditional symbol to protect a house and drive evil, fire, and hunger away and can represent peace and goodwill. There is a small fee for the mini-workshop.



You're welcome to join the 11:00 a.m. Board meeting, and a Zoom option will be available to members not able to attend in person (excludes mini-workshop).

START TIME OF MEETINGS CHANGED TO NOON

November 5

Meeting, Potluck &

Basket Ornament Mini-Workshop

Continuing the new format we started during the October meeting. We will eat lunch, show-and-share and hear announcements from fellow members. Also, the Board will share pertinent topics from the prior Board meeting. As we meet outdoors under a covered patio, please dress accordingly (electricity for crockpots, but no kitchen).

Following these activities, fellow Guild member Marsha Orr will teach a fun mini-workshop. Using round reed, she will teach students how to create an adorable mini-pinecone ornament for your tree or packages. A leather strip in your choice of colors will be added as an embellishment. All supplies will be provided (the pinecone topper must be glued on after the woven base is completely dry). There is a small fee for the mini-workshop.



Example of November 5 Mini-Workshop -- Photo by Marsha Orr

Those of you who wish to learn more about Guild business are welcome to join the Board meeting that will take place at 11:00 a.m.

For those who cannot attend the meeting in person, an email with a Zoom option will be sent to current members the week before meeting (not an option for mini-workshop portion of meeting.)

December 3

Meeting, Potluck & Holiday Gift Exchange

We hope you can join us to kick off the holiday season at this meeting! Our December meeting is always a favorite with our members as we do a fabulous gift exchange. For those of you who want to participate in this fun activity, bring a small hand-made gourd or basket to exchange with a fellow member (preferably something made by you and not jewelry). It's so great to see all the wonderful, creative things that fellow Guild members have made!

CALENDAR

October 28 & 29

Margaret Mathewson
El Cajon, CA (8:30am-5:30pm)
Classes [See Pg. 4]

November 4 & 5

Margaret Mathewson Classes
Los Angeles, CA (8:30am-5:30pm)
[See Pg. 4]

November 5

Meeting, Potluck & Basket
Ornament Mini-Workshop

November 18

Encinitas Art Mart (5:30-8:30pm)
[See Pg. 6]

December 3

Meeting, Potluck & Holiday Gift
Exchange

January 7, 2024

Meeting, Potluck & Woven Pins
Mini-Workshop

February 4

Annual Meeting, VP & Treasurer
Elections, Potluck & Mini-Workshop
TBD

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are from Noon to no later than 3:00pm the first Sunday of the month.

MEETING LOCATION

Unless otherwise noted, San Dieguito Heritage Museum at Heritage Ranch, 450 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas, CA, 92024 (next door to the San Diego Botanic Garden; turn onto Ecke Ranch Road to access driveway)

The meeting format will be similar to that described in the November meeting info above, followed by the gift exchange. You're welcome to join the 11:00 a.m. Board meeting, and a Zoom meeting option will be available.

Treasurer and Vice President Nominations Open

As you know, your Guild relies on volunteers in order to exist. We urge you to please consider volunteering for one of the open positions for a two-year term. If you know of someone you think might be interested, please talk to them and ask if they would be willing to allow you to nominate them to play a leadership role in our organization. Elections will take place at the Annual Members' Meeting, February 4, 2024.

Willie Ziegler has held the position of **Treasurer** for many years and would be willing to assist in the transition and training of the person elected to take her place.

The other officer term that is up for renewal is **Vice President**, currently being held by **Carol Lang**. This would be a great way for someone to learn about the operations of the Guild but, typically, with minimal time commitments.

Below are the job descriptions for these positions. We will be very grateful to anyone who can volunteer their time and help the Guild continue into the future.

The current Board and committee leaders take pleasure in having new people join the team. The new folks will have the experience and guidance of past leadership. New members of the leadership team will not be on their own!

Job Description: Treasurer

- The Treasurer maintains Guild financial records and statements.
- The Treasurer shall:
 - report at each meeting the financial status of the Guild.
 - together with President be signatory on Guild bank accounts.
 - present the annual Guild budget for approval by the Board of Directors at January's business meeting. The budget shall be presented at the next annual meeting for approval.

Job Description: Vice President

- In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall conduct meetings of the Guild.
- In the absence of the President or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President, if any, shall perform the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.
- The Vice President shall assume the duties assigned to him or her by the President.



Let's Weave Baskets

with
RECYCLED MATERIALS

- Recycled Paper
- Recycled Plastic




KaGOcraft

Los Angeles Basketry Guild and Misti Washington Gourd & Basket Guild
Proudly Present

Special Classes with Margaret (Pegg) Mathewson

October 28 & 29 and November 4 & 5, 2023

(Four 1-day, 8-hour Workshops; 12 Students Maximum; for All Levels)

Margaret (Pegg) Mathewson has taught basketry since the early 1980s. Her work is a mix of ancient and modern and reflects her studies of the traditions of Europe and Japan as well as North America. As an ethnobotanist, she works with museums, tribal groups and others identifying basketry and creating exhibits focused on native plants and ancestral technologies. To learn more about Pegg and her work check out this short Oregon Folklife Network interview: <https://vimeo.com/152485245>.

Registration opens on August 1, 2023. Fee for each class is \$135 (includes material/preparation cost). Tools to bring: scissors, small basin or bucket, soft measuring tape, blunt tip needle, small packing tool and an old towel; wear casual clothing.

Make check payable to MWGBG. When mailing your check, include a note with your name, email address, phone number, and class choice(s) and mail to: MWGBG, c/o Willie Ziegler, 1120 Pepper Drive #159, El Cajon, CA, 92021. Email Willie Ziegler (wznvrhpn@aol.com) letting her know you've mailed a check and what classes you want to register for or if you have questions. Exact location of classes will be shared after registration is confirmed. Registration Deadline: September 30, 2023. NO REFUNDS after October 1, 2023.

**Two Classes in San Diego Area
(El Cajon, CA 92021)
Saturday & Sunday, October 28 & 29
8:30am - 5:30pm**

**Two Classes in Los Angeles Area
(Los Angeles, CA 90046)
Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5
8:30am - 5:30pm**

**SATURDAY, 10/28:
Random Weave
Basket**

A base of round reed embellished with natural materials such as roots, bark strips and other found objects. No two will be alike. Can have a handle or not. (8" to 10")



**SUNDAY, 10/29:
Willow for Wimps -
Upright Small Basket**

Combination of willow in smaller sizes for slightly "challenged" hands. Willow mixed with bark strips (cherry, maple) and some split willow or redbud middles. Twining in 2 and 3 strands and plaiting, and track border. More advanced styles offered to intermediate or advanced weavers. (6" x 6")



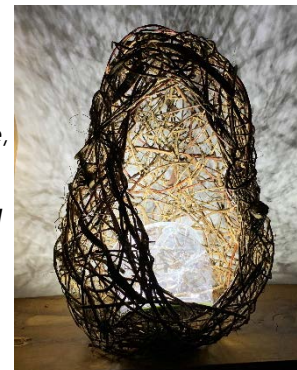
**SATURDAY, 11/4:
Plaited/Twined Basket with
Soft Natural Materials**

Learn to use collected materials such as Tule, cattail, papyrus and many garden leaves mixed with bark strips. A plaited base with twined turn up and chase weave twine/plait on the sides. A braided border. (6" x 12")



**SUNDAY, 11/5:
Shadow Lantern**

Make a lantern, globe, wall hanging, or purse using random weave techniques with natural and found materials such as roots and bark strips. (8" to 10")



The Library Corner

by Carol Lang

Currently, our library is at Alison Hiers' home, and they are still working on the bookshelves. If you want to check out anything, go to our Members Only webpage to review the library inventory list and send your requests to us (librarian@baskets-gourds.com).

We received two new booklets from a donor who also gave us lots of basketry materials. The booklets are "The Basket Case Book 2" by Suzy Lawson and "In The Pink" by Sue Canafax. The donor also gave us her basketry notebook with basket instructions by such people as Joan Moore, the Caning Shop, Katheryn Smith, Suzanne Moore's NC Basket Works, Barb Rains, Laura Lee Zanger, Norma Buehlmann, Baskets of Joy, Summer Meadow Basketry, Eva Snyder, Sheila King, Debra Blair, Patti Simmons, Flo Hoppe, Debbie Richards, Nancy Carlson, Eileen LaPorte and others.

Don't forget we have a group membership with the National Basketry Organization and receive their quarterly "Basketry+ Magazine" which and can also be checked out.

Opportunities

Art Mart at Encinitas Community Center

November 18, 2023, 5:30-8:30pm

(1140 Oakcrest Park Drive, Encinitas, CA)

Guild members are being invited by the Encinitas Arts team to participate in the Art Mart at the Community Center. The event takes place on Saturday, November 18, 5:30-8:30pm, in the banquet hall. We will share two 6-foot tables and two shelving units to display items for sale, and set-up will take place at 4:30pm. Contact Grace Swanson **BY NOVEMBER 15** if you wish to participate (marketing@baskets-gourds.com). Participants are welcome to also bring a basket or gourd related item to work on during this two-hour event.

The Community Center is providing the tables, and Grace is bringing table covers and the shelving units. If you intend to bring anything that needs a STAND, please bring your own and note whether or not the stand is included in your sale item. You will conduct your own sales transactions and supply your own tissue paper and bags.

Art Mart is being held in conjunction with Encinitas Art Night. Guild members who don't plan to participate in Art Mart are encouraged to stop by and to enjoy a Saturday evening of visual art as Encinitas civic and local art galleries swing open their doors at Art Night Encinitas. The event celebrates the city's diverse visual art scene at participating locations and is free to the public. Enjoy live music and refreshments at several locations. For information about Art Night: <https://www.encinitasca.gov/government/departments/parks-recreation-cultural-arts/cultural-arts/art-night>.

Escondido Arts Partnership Exhibit

12/8/23 - 1/5/24

There is a call to artists for the Escondido Arts Partnership exhibit "Summation 2023." Check out their Call to Artists webpage for information about entering this and future exhibits (<https://escondidoarts.org/call-artists-resources/>). Receiving dates are November 17, 11am to 7 pm and November 18th, 11am to 2pm. You don't have to take a photo, just bring your work in to be juried in person.

Opportunities Cont'd.

Possible 2024 Encinitas Guild Member Exhibit

We won't know until the application review process is complete, but Grace Swanson has provided the Encinitas arts program the additional information they requested for the Guild's application.

On September 20, she sent an email to Guild members asking those who wished to participate in the Guild's 2024 exhibit, "Woven Treasures," to give permission to be added to the participant list for one of the three Encinitas city civic galleries along with a photo of work representative of what would be put in the show. There was a quick turn-around for this information, which was due to Encinitas by September 23. Hopefully, you were able to respond promptly to Grace regarding this.

We will not know the dates and location (Library, Community Center or Civic Center) until, and if, we are selected.

Save the Baskets & Gourds. . . We Need Your Entries!

by Carol Lang

It is a long way off, but it's important that everyone has the **San Diego County Fair exhibit** on their radar. We encourage everyone in the Guild to enter at least one basket or gourd in the next Fair. The dates are 6/12 - 7/7/24 and the theme is Let's Go Retro.

There are two areas you can enter: Fine Arts, which is juried, and Home*Made, which is not. Usually, the entry deadline for Fine Arts is late April and Home*Made is early May. Future newsletters will report the exact dates.

To give you food for thought, the following were the 2023 entry classes for consideration: Basket/Coiled; Basket /Other Than Listed; Gourd/Painted; Gourd/Wood Burned or Carved; Gourd/Other Than Listed; Professional Basket; Professional Gourd.

When we talked to the people in charge of Home*Made last June, they were discussing which categories were going to be discontinued next time due to low entry numbers. Their reasoning was that, if only one was entered in a class, it really wasn't a competition.

We believe they are eliminating Professional Gourd or Basket class as none were entered in 2023 and were talking about eliminating Baskets/Coiled, as we only had two entries. Other categories previously eliminated due to low numbers were Non-Professional/Gourd or Basket; Rib Baskets and Splint Baskets; Miniature Baskets.

You all have a lot of time to get your Fair entries prepared, and we hope all of our Guild members are able to participate this time. You would be getting 1 free fair ticket for each entry you have. Fine Arts people receive 2 free tickets.

We are also planning to participate in Home*Made's public demonstrations. Last year we had 4 days and did a make-it-and-take-it project for Fair goers. Had a good time, met a lot of nice people, had time to look around and got free parking and entry for those of us who participated. Hope more of you join us this time. Thanks to those who joined us last year: Beth Premo, Natalie Kuhlman, Carol Lang and Grace Swanson.

Don't forget our Guild gives out a \$50 prize for the best gourd and the best basket, so why not take your chances and enter!

Member Happenings

Artwork by Polly Giacchina, Peggy Wiedemann is on view at the "Influences/Influencers: California Fibers" exhibit at Craft in America in Los Angeles, CA 9/9 - 12/2/23 (<https://craftinamerica.org/exhibition/influences-influencers-california-fibers>).

Congratulations to Peggy Wiedemann who was juried into *Fiber Art Now's* "Excellence in Fibers IX" exhibition. Her artwork was one of 40 selected from more than 1,200 entries! The exhibition will appear in the winter issue of *Fiber Art Now* to be released in January 2024. Selections are also eligible to be displayed at the Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum in La Conner, WA, 3/5/24 - 6/1/25.

Peggy also has her work displayed at the "Threads That Bind" exhibit at Brea Gallery, Brea, CA, 10/14 - 12/8/23.



"Elements" by Peggy Wiedemann



"Rose Quartz" by Carol Lang

Carol Lang had three pieces accepted into the Escondido Arts Partnership "West Coast Fiber & Textile Arts" show (9/8-10/6/23). She won 2nd place with her piece entitled Rose Quartz. Carol also had a pine needle basket, The Tree, accepted into the Coal Gallery in Carlsbad for their 71st Fine Art Open Annual Exhibit (8/7-9/4/23).

In addition to the 2023 San Diego County Fair's Second Place Award, Natalie Kuhlman also received the San Diego County Gourd Artist's Best Gourd Award. This included free membership in SDCGA and the California Gourd Society and the American Gourd Society!



"We're all mad here" by Jeannie Ames

A gourd created by Jeannie Ames entitled "We're all mad here" will be in the Fourth Annual "Reigning Cats and Dogs Art Show" 10/11-23/23 in Gallery 21, Spanish Village Art Center, Balboa Park in San Diego.

Basketry Supplies Available!

The Guild has been blessed in receiving a number of donations of high-quality basketry supplies over the past several months. An inventory listing everything that is available to Guild members (and their basketry friends) was included in the October Guild meeting notice sent via Constant Contact on September 27. The list is also available for download on the website Opportunities Page (<https://baskets-gourds.com/opportunities>).

We are pleased to report that many of these donated items found new homes during the August Basket Class Day. The donors were very pleased to know the material and patterns would be appreciated and inspire others to continue the craft of basketry.

Thanks to everyone involved in picking up these materials, providing temporary storage, getting them to the Guild storage shed and the many hours involved in organizing and getting items ready for new homes. Alison Hiers and Carol Lang deserve special thanks for their efforts!

If you are interested in obtaining any items, contact either Alison or Carol, and they will bring a selection to the next Guild meeting or make other arrangements (librarian@baskets-gourds.com). We request a donation to the Guild if you adopt any material.

Passing It On

by Peggy Blessing

I was touched to receive this photo from a woman who recently donated their parents' Nantucket basketry molds, supplies and tools (*soon to be available to Guild members and their friends*). While clearing out her parents' home in Annapolis, she rescued the basket-making supplies from AmVets and brought them to San Diego to find them a good home.

The photo shows just a few of the many baskets her folks made. They are very treasured, and some are often carefully used. Her parents were excellent and prolific basket makers and she mentioned that they made an ice bucket for each of their six children.

The donor is very happy the supplies and tools will have new owners who will keep making heirloom baskets. The donor also let me know that her mother would be very pleased to know the supplies will be passed on, along with their story.



Can You Fix It?



Nadine Spier got a request from a woman who wanted her mother's basket fixed. If you're interested in repairing this sentimental piece, please let me know (editor@baskets-gourds.com), and I'll get her contact information to pass on to you.

The following is a note Nadine received with this photo of the basket: "Thanks for your call Nadine. Just a simple basket that my 85-year-old mom is very attached to and would like to have repaired. Abby"

Are You at Loose Ends?

by Alison Hiers

In case someone from our Guild would like to sign up, there is a group that links families whose loved ones died leaving behind unfinished works and people who know how to do those crafts. It includes basketry but also many other crafts such as spinning, weaving, crochet, sewing, quilting, felting, etc.

We have such an array of talented people out there, I thought I could at least put it out as an option. I signed up and put in basketry, with specific materials.

Loose Ends Project aims to ease grief, create community, and inspire generosity by matching volunteer handwork finishers with projects people have left unfinished due to death or disability. To learn more about this interesting community group, go to their website (<https://www.looseendsproject.org/>)

Speaking of heirlooms, I'm proud to report that my Great-Grandmother's quilt was not only accepted into the collection at the International Quilt Museum in 2023 but is going to be in a show from January through July, featuring quilts made from feed sack and flour sack materials. I will let the group know more in a newsletter early next year along with a link.

ROAD TRIPS!

THE LAST Baskets and Gourds, Containers of Our Culture Conference will take place at the Elks Lodge Mill Creek Conference Center, Visalia CA, sponsored by the Tulare-Sequoia Gourd Patch and the California Gourd Society. **Opening Reception is April 26** at Arts Visalia, **classes are April 27 & 28, 2024** (<https://basketsandgourds.com/>).

Don't miss the last chance to experience this wonderful event! They are offering a wide variety of classes and vendors will be onsite. You can opt to register for the lovely Saturday evening dinner with keynote speaker presentation by Annetta Kraayveld, current President of the National Basket Organization (NBO).

At this event, the drawing for winners of the CGS Wall Art themed fundraiser will take place. Tickets will be available at the event and currently from your local regional gourd group.

They have a limited block of rooms at the Lamp Litter Inn (walking distance to Elks Lodge), 3300 W. Mineral King Ave., (559) 732-4511. Reserve Early by Phone! There are other hotels in the vicinity if you miss this window. For more information/questions, contact Toni Best (tonibestbaskets@gmail.com; 559-627-5430; P.O. Box 6846, Visalia CA 93290).

Registration for value packages is now open for the **Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.'s (HGA) 2024 Convergence® Conference** taking place **July 11-17, 2024** in Wichita, Kansas. You can review the sessions, special events, and more on the website <https://weavespindye.org/schedule-and-registration/>. The Delegate Registration Booklet will also be published in the fall issue of "Shuttle Spindle & Dyepot."



Finding Inspiration



During the celebration of Spinning and Weaving Week the first week of October, **CRAFT IN AMERICA** invited viewers to explore and share videos and education guides celebrating this art form. Below are links to three wonderful basketry-related videos released to celebrate the week that you may find interesting and inspirational.

As you can imagine, there are many other videos celebrating Spinning and Weaving Week. You should subscribe to the Craft in America YouTube channel to find more videos to go “down the rabbit hole!”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogC2QBR58Qk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiG5HbzDHuE>

<https://www.craftinamerica.org/guide/purpose-and-planning>

Robin Wall Kimmerer is a scientist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, embracing the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In her recent book “**Braiding Sweetgrass**,” the author writes about indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the teachings of plants. Related to this book, you might be interested in Robin’s storytelling performance at the New York Times Climate Forward event in September 2022. She shares how interactions with snapping turtles gave her the insights into humans’ relationship with nature and what we can do about climate change (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GhloVJHycvk>).

The Latest Journey of Women’s Woven Voices

by Peggy Blessing (paraphrased from BreCIA Kralovic-Logan newsletter)

Many Guild members participated in the Women’s Woven Voices tapestry project that was spearheaded by BreCIA Kralovic-Logan after she gave a presentation to the Guild several years ago.

Earlier this year, she reported that the tapestry was going to play a role in The Parliament of The World’s Religions gathering in August 2023. It was comprised of people from around the globe that represented over 200 religious, secular and indigenous beliefs from more than 80 countries. Upward to 10,000 participants focused on this year’s theme: “A Call to Conscience: Defending Freedom & Human Rights.”

She was on the planning committee for this event and was honored to bring the Women’s Woven Voices tapestry and the energy of over 1,000 women from 10 different countries to heighten the creativity, community and compassion of all who enter the Women’s Village at the Parliament.

If you contributed a woven story cloth, please know that you were a part of a tremendously powerful art piece that impacted folks from all walks of life and from many different places, many of whom in leadership positions and can promote positive changes for women around the world.

In her newsletter, BreCIA expressed her gratefulness to everyone who joined her in this project and said she was wide open with curiosity for what the next phase of the Women’s Woven Voices project may be.



To learn more about the Women’s Woven Voices project, visit the website:

[https://womenswovenoices.com/.](https://womenswovenoices.com/)

Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild
Board Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2023

Board Members present: Judy Robelotto, President; Peggy Blessing, Website and Newsletter Editor; Willie Ziegler, Treasurer; Carol Lang, Vice President, Historian and Librarian; and Debra Zimmerman, Secretary. Members in attendance were: Sue Kamin and Nadine Spier.

Judy Robelotto, President, called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m., held via Zoom due to the Labor Day Holiday.

1. Willie Ziegler moved, Peggy Blessing seconded a motion to approve the Minutes for May 7, June 4, and July 2, 2023 as printed in the newsletter. Motion passed
2. Treasurer's Report: Income for August was \$1,415. Expenses were \$840. Checkbook balance is \$8,680.05.
3. Committee reports:
 - a. Historian: Carol Lang reported she will pull the duplicate gourd books and bring them to Debra Zimmerman to try and sell to gourd group members. Storage options were discussed. We can reduce paper storage by putting information on zip drives. We only need to save records from the date we became a corporation. Storage is paid through 10/20/23. We need room for 2 boxes of demonstration materials, 2 boxes of Guild History books, 1 box for VCR converter, 1 box for door prizes. Plan: 1) Peg to take picture of Willie's storage unit, 2) Alison reviews the shed size/relative to what needs to be stored, 3) Willie will donate the storage shed if Museum will allow us to put on grounds, 4) Carol to discuss with Museum once she has picture and dimensions. Goal: stop paying for storage.
 - b. Membership: We currently have 49 members.
 - c. Newsletter: Peggy has shared with Grace as Marketing Chair and Judy as President, how to access website-related accounts. Oct. 15 is next newsletter deadline.
 - d. Publicity: no report, Grace not available.
 - e. Meeting Workshops/Programs: Cookie will do the philodendron sheath angel. Flower pin is a back-up mini workshop.
4. Old Business
 - a. Margaret Mathewson Special Class: We still have openings. We need to advertise again and try to get more of the general public. Nadine Spier offered to send out the flyer to Palomar Weavers and the Creative Weavers Guild. Alison will assist with registration while Willie is out of town.
 - b. Basket Day Report: Debra Zimmerman reported on Basket Day. We had 30 people attend. Attendees and teachers were surveyed. Everyone was pleased with their classes and the sale. We needed a slightly bigger space for Marsha's and Carol's classes. There was a problem with ants which was resolved by moving to the patio. There was a suggestion to have a least one gourd class next time. Most people from outside came from the Encinitas Art Council Newsletter.
 - c. Classes: Willie stated that Guilds across the US are offering classes on techniques such as twining, coiling, plaiting and twill in hopes of recruiting members. We will look into demonstration possibilities at Old Town, Presidio, Spanish Village, Carlsbad, Encinitas and the Fair.
5. New Business
 - a. Change in meeting format. Carol brought up the idea of going back to our old style of meeting

where the Board meeting is held before the General meeting. It was decided that it would be good to do. The Board meeting will be at 11, general meeting at 12. The General meeting format will include a board meeting synopsis, announcements, show and share, pot luck and mini-workshop. Willie asked that everyone on a committee make a brief report and move on. Discussions of items need to be under New or Old Business.

- b. Recruitment of new members. It was discussed that we need to make an effort to bring back some of our members. We will ask Grace to send out a Constant Contact to old members and previous class attendees. We will encourage attendance at the Holiday meeting and renewal of membership.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Zimmerman, Secretary

**Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild
Board Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2023**

Board Members present: Carol Lang, Vice-President, Librarian and Historian; Peggy Blessing, Website and Newsletter Editor; Willie Ziegler, Treasurer; Debra Zimmerman, Secretary.

Members in attendance were: Grace Swanson, Cookie Hanson, Natalie Kuhlman, Claudia Giardina, Beth Premo, Nadine Spier, Patti Chamberlin, Kim Kuba-Buntrock. In attendance via Zoom: Sue Kamin, Marsha Orr, and Patty Saviniski.

Carol Lang, Vice President called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

1. Treasurer's Report: Willie Ziegler reported that Income for August and September was \$1,685. Expenses were \$840. Checkbook balance is \$8,915.05.
2. Committee reports:
 - a. Historian and Librarian: Carol Lang reported that more basketry materials were donated. There are some instruction booklets that will be scanned.
 - b. Membership: We currently have 49 members.
 - c. Newsletter: Peggy Blessing is updating the website. Oct. 15 is next newsletter deadline.
 - d. Publicity: Grace Swanson applied for an Encinitas Guild exhibit in 2024. It is titled, "Woven Treasures."
 - e. Meeting Workshops/Programs: We need a chairperson.
3. Old Business
 - a. Margaret Mathewson Special Classes are on. Enrollment encouraged.
 - b. Shed: We have same action plan as last month.
4. New Business
 - a. Recruitment of new members: Grace will send out a special announcement via Constant Contact in November.
 - b. Calendar: We discussed mini-workshops for Jan. a Flower Pin and St. Brigid's cross, Feb. is annual meeting. June 12 - July 7 is the San Diego Fair, Aug. 4 is Basket Day.
 - c. Purchase of Folding Tables for Meeting: Willie Ziegler moved and Debra Zimmerman seconded a motion to buy folding tables for the Guild to use during meetings. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Zimmerman, Secretary

**MISTI WASHINGTON GOURD
AND BASKET GUILD**

WWW.BASKETS-GOURDS.COM

info@baskets-gourds.com

760-431-1645

BOARD MEMBERS:

Judy Robelotto, President

president@baskets-gourds.com

Carol Lang, Vice President

Debra Zimmerman, Secretary

Willie Ziegler, Treasurer

wznvrhpn@aol.com

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Peggy Blessing, Editor/Web Administrator

editor@baskets-gourds.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Finance Committee: Willie Ziegler

History/Library: Carol Lang &

Alison Hiers

librarian@baskets-gourds.com

Marketing/Public Relations:

Grace Swanson

marketing@baskets-gourds.com

Membership: Judy Robelotto

president@baskets-gourds.com

Workshops/Activities/Demo

Opportunities: **Vacant**

AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Joint MWGBG/LABG Workshop Committee

Chair: Becky Acosta (LABG)

**Many thanks to those who
Contributed to this issue!**

*Jeannie Ames, Alison Hiers, Natalie Kuhlman,
Carol Lang, Misaki Murai, Judy Robelotto, Nadine
Spier, Grace Swanson, Marsha Orr, Peggy
Wiedemann, Debra Zimmerman*

NBO Connections

MWGBG holds a guild membership in the National Basketry Organization. Willie Ziegler and Kathi Klopfenstein are our Guild's representatives in NBO.

If you haven't already subscribed to *Over/Under*, NBO's free electronic newsletter, you are really missing out on a wonderful world of basketry artists, exhibits, resources and much more! We also highly recommend you consider becoming a member of NBO, a large network of basket makers (www.nationalbasketry.org).

"The Basket Guild Bulletin Board" is a Facebook group sponsored by NBO to help facilitate information sharing between basketry guilds, related non-profit groups and individual guild members across North America.

Your Newsletter. . .

This is a quarterly publication for MWGBG members. Past issues are available on the Members Only page of the website. Submission deadlines are:

January 15 ~ April 15 ~ July 15 ~ October 15

Please share information about gourd and basketry exhibits or events. Submit a feature article or profile of a fellow member, send in a question or a helpful tip you discovered. Submit your classes using form supplied by Editor or posted on Members Only page. Your suggestions are welcome!



Find us on Facebook!

MISTI WASHINGTON GOURD & BASKET GUILD

<https://www.facebook.com/MistiWashingtonGourdBasketGuild>



Mobile App QR Code
to MWGBG Website

MISSION

The Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild was formed to preserve, promote and perpetuate the appreciation of gourd and basket art by providing a supportive, sharing and educational environment.

Membership Form

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone: Day (____) _____

Eve. (____) _____ FAX (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

___ I don't have access to e-mail and therefore need to have the newsletter mailed to me via U.S. Postal Service.

___ Do not share my contact information with other MWGBG members (*info would NOT be used commercially*).

\$25 per person \$30/household \$40 Commercial (includes advertisement in newsletters)

I'd like to add a donation in the amount of \$_____ to my membership check

Membership valid January 1 through December 31.

(Membership fees are subject to change.)

Interests: Baskets Gourds Both

Other _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Events of interest: Book reviews/reports Critique groups Demonstrations

Exhibits Field Trips Lectures Art work exchange at meetings

Workshops/classes Pot Lucks Raffle Retreats Slide Presentations

Videos Volunteering Other

Send Check to:

MWGBG
1120 Pepper Drive #159
El Cajon CA 92021