

Message from the President

By Judy Robelotto

Well, we all survived another Weekend in the Garden! It was a lot of work and a lot of fun! It seems that everyone shows up to help when we need them. It's always so rewarding when people are willing to give up their time to help get everything ready for our weekend. We work as a team, get things done and then party like crazy! Now you are left to wonder if we really party like crazy, and the answer will be available in 2013 when you show up to volunteer!

The Weekend was filled with great classes, great people, great food and a wonderful exhibit of our members' artwork. We had a premium showing of teachers who are the "cream of the crop" in the basket and gourd world! We couldn't have asked for any finer! I hope that if you were unable to join us this year that we will see you in 2013.

I'm going to say a blanket "THANK YOU!" to

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Classes in the Eucalyptus Grove

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A Touch of Class. . .

By Judy Robelotto

Each time you attend one of our meetings and the "table" is beautifully set with matching plates, napkins, silverware and holiday decorations, remember that it doesn't just sort of appear. Margo Raynes, as our hospitality chairman, is responsible for setting the table, and she does a masterful job! She is in charge of all of our hospitality duties and works really hard to create a lovely setting. I enjoy being surprised every month by the colors and holiday appropriate decorations.

THANKS, MARGO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**NEXT MEETING:
SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011**

**SURPRISE MINI WORKSHOP
WITH GAIL ETHIER**

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all the members and non-members who helped put the weekend together. I know that if I try to list everyone I'll forget someone and I'll be in trouble, so just know that you are appreciated and we couldn't have done it without you.

We have some exciting things coming up in the next few months. Our 2nd Annual Basket Day is scheduled for August 7. This is our way of saying thank you to our members. If you are a member of MWGBG, you do not have to pay for the class that you take. Your only fee will be the teacher's materials fee.

Mary Hetts will be teaching in October, and we are going to be offering a rib basket class one day and a jewelry class the second day. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

Gail Ethier will be teaching a surprise mini-workshop after the June meeting.

I hope to see all of you on June 5 at noon with your delicious potluck offering!

I just wanted to thank the MWGBG board and volunteers for an outstanding conference. It's amazing how organized and smoothly the event ran. Friendly, energetic and cheerful volunteers continually made the rounds asking if they could help with anything. Our Guild is awesome! I just want to thank the board and volunteers for all their countless hours preparing for this big event and for all their efforts during this weekend. The conference was delightful, and I was thrilled to be a teacher at this professional and memorable event! Thank you, Nadine Spier



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We're on the Tube!!

Thanks to Susan Roberts, MWGBG is now on *YouTube!* You can enjoy a wonderful show of the 2011 Weekend in the Garden event by dialing into the link below.
Enjoy!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7jfExShFqc>



CALENDAR 2011

June 5, 2011

Meeting/Potluck
Surprise mini-workshop with Gail Ethier

Postmarked by June 20 OR Delivered between 9am & 4pm June 23
California Gourd Society Member
Competition Entries Due at Welburn's

June 25 & 26, 2011

The FINAL Welburn Gourd Festival
Fallbrook, CA

June & July, 2011

Reminder to those who signed up for Del Mar Fair Demos (contact Judi Shaw if questions)

July 3, 2011

Informal gathering to work on your own project. Bring your sack lunch.

August 7, 2011

2nd Annual Basket Day Event for Members [No regular meeting.]

August 26, 27, 28, 2011

Gourdstock Hosted by CGS SD County Gourd Patch at Bates Nut Farm [See Page 6.]

September 4, 2011

Meeting/Poluck

October 8 & 9, 2011

Two special one-day classes with Mary Hettsmansperger

October 8 & 9, 2011

Fiber Arts Fiesta in Vista [See Page 6.]

October 9, 2011

Meeting/Potluck [NOTE: Meeting is on SECOND SUNDAY.]

November 6, 2011

Meeting/Potluck and Members' Marketplace

December 4, 2011

Meeting/Potluck and Members' Hand-Made Gift Exchange

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place from Noon to 3:00pm the first Sunday of the month at San Diego Botanic Garden (230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA)



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Encinitas City Hall Exhibits

By Mary Severine

The City of Encinitas is looking for 3-D exhibits for 2012 at Encinitas City Hall. Misti members are encouraged to apply!! This is not only a great opportunity for individual members to show their talent but also will provide increased visibility for the Guild!

The Encinitas Civic Arts Program is open to artists who, 1) live in Encinitas (age 18 and older), 2) work out of a studio in Encinitas, 3) are a current member of one of the city's visual art organizations including the Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild or, 4) are currently enrolled in art instruction in Encinitas. Amateur and professional artists are encouraged to apply.

Interested artists must submit an application and supporting materials. Applications are accepted from January through October. A Selection Committee, comprised of gallery directors, visual art instructors and professional artists, is organized by the Commission for the Arts. Artist notification begins in November. For more information and application form go to the Calendar page on our website and click on Special Opportunities link (http://baskets-gourds.com/Baskets_and_Gourds_special.html).



Weekend in the Garden Exhibit

By Polly Jacobs Giacchina

A sincere thank you to all of the members that participated in this year's Weekend exhibition. It was really one of our best. Again, we were able to showcase the variety and diverse creativity of the MWGBG.

Also appreciated was the help in set-up and for those that who sat the show for security.



Members Show Their Stuff!

Jeanie Pratt's twined and woven *Jewel Beetle Teapot* is featured in the May 2011 Art Jewelry Magazine.

Peggy Wiedemann is in the following shows: "Inside Outside", GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, Reading, Pennsylvania, 5/13 to 6/19/11 and "All's Fair in Art...Again", Fallbrook, CA, 5/26-6/26/11.

Carol Lang is one of the featured artists in "Small Expressions," an international juried exhibition that features high quality, contemporary fiber art. The exhibition is 6/4-9/11/11, at the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville and is sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc. (HGA).

More Road Trips. . .



Retreat

Well, if this doesn't sound like fun. . . picture being at one of the five most beautiful alpine lakes in the world, Coeur d'Alene Lake, Idaho, nestled at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. . .

Well, if that's not enough, picture spending 5 to 10 days with award-winning artists Betsy Roberts, Jill Walker and Betsy Kritzon. Join the Gurlz for fun and relaxation while they take you through the world of mixed media art where students will journey through creative exploration and find their "art focus."

The first session is August 15-19 and the second session is August 19-23. Tuition/ lodging/meals are \$375 for one session or \$675 for both sessions. The Coeur d'Alene Lake is less than an hour from Spokane, Washington. For flyer with more details, contact Jill Walker (jillwalker@gmail.com).



By Kathy Romero
2012 Cruise Committee Chair

Come on Board the 2012 MWGBG Cruise Ship!

Our committee met briefly following the March MWGBG meeting and chose a 3 day US & Canada Pacific cruise beginning in Vancouver, B.C. with 2 days at sea disembarking in Long Beach on the "Golden Princess". This will allow 1-day and/or 2-day workshops onboard as well as a pre-cruise trip to Vancouver Island and/or a city tour of Vancouver, B.C. Group transportation will be available once we work out the details via air, train, bus or automobiles. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for September 22-27, 2012, which allows two days travel time. Those members wishing to teach a workshop on this cruise, please contact me with details on your workshop. A "Call for Instructors" will go out next month.



American Indian Women's Art Exhibit

Here's an exhibit that's sure to be worth the effort! Visit the "American Indian Women Artists: Beyond Craft" exhibit at the Riverside Metropolitan Museum open now through November 13, 2011. Hours: Tues., Wed., Fri. 9a-5p; Thurs. 9a-9p; Sat. 10a-5p; Sun. 11a-5p; closed Mondays (3580 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA). Admission free (\$5 suggested donation). For more information: 951-826-5273 or www.riversideca.gov.

Call for Teachers, Vendors and Demonstrators

Deadline Extension for MWGBG Basket Day 2011 Teachers

We are still accepting applications to teach at our 2nd annual MWGBG Basket Day on Sunday, August 7, 2011. You can propose an all-day class or a half-day class.

The application form can be found on our website (http://www.baskets-gourds.com/Special_Classes_Info.html).

Proposals will be accepted by mail or e-mail, but **will not** be considered without a photo of the project. If questions, contact Willie Ziegler (619-448-6648; wznvrhpn@aol.com)

Vista Fiber Arts Fiesta

The Museum Weavers from the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum invites vendors and demonstrations of weaving, basket making, spinning, gourd art, knitting, quilting and felting to participate in their first Vista Fiber Arts Fiesta in celebration of American Craft Week. The Fiesta will take place at the Museum on October 8 and 9, 2011, 10am - 4pm. Contact Judy Maddox, (760-598-7240; fiberartsfiesta@gmail.com).



Opportunity Drawing



Tickets for the opportunity to win this lovely small waxed linen basket will be for sale at the June meeting. Thanks to Molly Long for donating this fun piece of art!

Gourdstock Festival 2011

The San Diego County Gourd Patch is looking for arts and crafts vendors and teachers in this fabulous venue. Application forms can be found on their website:

<http://sdcgp.webs.com/gourdstock2011.htm>.

Don't miss the groovy fun at the 2nd annual Gourdstock Festival at Bates Nut Farm! The far-out fun will begin on Friday, August 26, with gourd classes. Classes will continue throughout the weekend, and the Festival will kick off at 9:00am on Saturday, August 27, and the "gourd-in" will continue through Sunday, the 28th at 5:00pm.



HELP WANTED

The Editor is looking for someone to help with the newsletter. . . well, actually, looking for someone to do three newsletters a year! Contact Peggy Blessing if you have newsletter experience and would like to volunteer. Or, if you have always wanted to learn how to do a newsletter and never knew how to get started or gain experience, she'll be offering a training program!

We are still looking for someone to coordinate the programs that we offer at our meetings. It would require that you recruit folks to present one- or two-hour workshops or demonstrations following our general meetings. Contact Judy Robelotto (oldsnowboarder@verizon.net) if you would be interested in fulfilling this roll.



Just wanted to thank you all for a wonderful weekend full of baskets, great teachers and dear friends. It was worth the 9-hour drive down from Nevada. We know and appreciate how much work goes into this weekend and all of the people hours that goes into the preparation and coordination. Thank you all for your tireless efforts. Only wish we lived closer so we could help... Creatively yours, Pat and Don Wescott



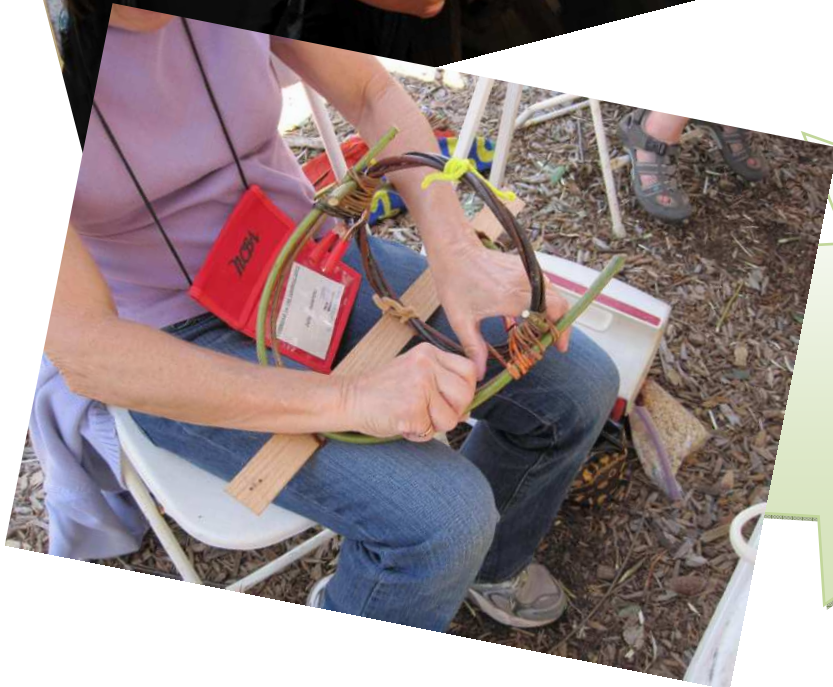
What a great weekend! I found a new love in wire cloth. Great teachers, great organization! Thanks. -- Judy Maddox



Did I tell you that I really enjoyed the Misti Washington event? You had a great bunch of teachers, the gardens are amazing, the set up very well done. And I love my free t-shirt! -- Svlvia Nelson



I had a wonderful time in my Lanny Bergner class. I made some great forms and laughed a lot! It seemed we all did! -- Mary Nuzum



Spent two lovely days in the grove, even though attacked by allergies, learning and weaving with Judy Zugish and Peggy Wilcox. Did not finish either basket, but left with materials and good instructions to finish them later. Looking forward to two years from now and the next "Weekend with Misti!" -- Leslie Walker

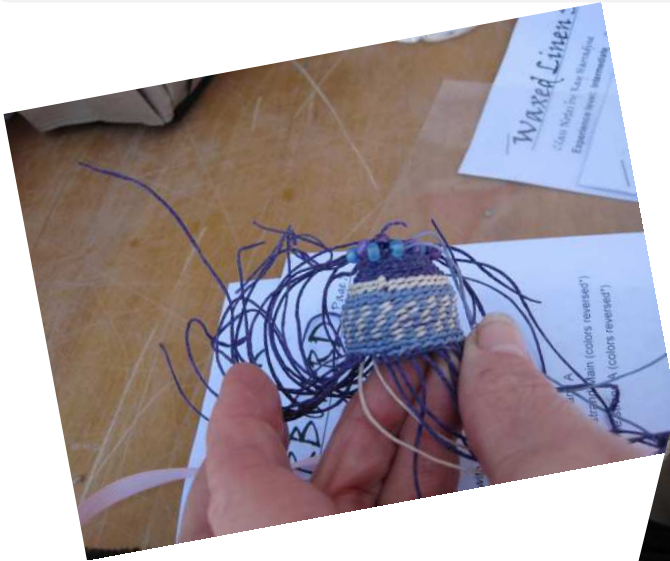


Everyone was so nice, and it was so well organized. A big huge thank you to all the committee members! - Kay Harradine



This email is overdue by about a week. I returned home from the Weekend in the Garden inspired, exhausted, and with an overused, painful arm. The reason for my writing is that I want to tell you what a fantastic event Misti put on again. This was my second time and, hopefully, not my last - knock on wood. Thank you all so much - you really know how to put on an event. -- Jutta Frankie

P.S. I missed the presence of Cookie Hanson who was globe-trotting. How could she?!



This was my first experience with the weekend in the garden as I am a fairly new member and also new to basket weaving. I took two sensational classes, one from Don Weeke and one from Polly Jacobs Giacchina. One was a gourd class that was so fun, as I haven't worked with gourds. Now, I really want to learn even more. The second class was twining which is also a technique I don't usually work with as I am a pine needle coiler. Again this was fun. Besides the classes, it was great to see everyone having a good time. I thoroughly enjoy this guild and look forward to the monthly meetings. -- Beverley Roberts



Love it here. . . the people, the weather, the location, etc., etc.
Thank you, Marla Helton

**Misti Washington Gourd and Basket Guild
Board Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Judy Robelotto at 10:09 AM

1. Minutes: Motion to approve as published by Peggy Blessing, seconded by Carol Lang. Passed.
2. Treasurer's report: Total assets- \$15,064.78. Judy Maddox moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Gail Ethier. Passed.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Weekend 2011: After going over the classes, the Board recommended various Guild members to act as Guild reps for each class. There are 252 slots filled at the present, about 10% down from last year. Lunches will be staggered to ease crowding. Willie Ziegler will handle evaluation sheets. Recycling containers will be put in every area. The Garden doesn't want single use containers in the facilities. Water will be provided for filling reusable containers. Lunch will be served by Garden volunteers from the kitchen (food provided by El Pollo Loco). Thank you will be done for the sponsors at the opportunity drawing. Floaters will help change signs from Saturday to Sunday, and Gail Ethier will provide plastic sleeves to Margo for permanent sign holders. Discussion on how many raffle tickets to give to guild reps and hosts. Madeleine Rodriguez made a motion and seconded by Peggy Blessing to give 10 free raffle tickets to Guild reps and 20 to each host. Passed.
 - b. Scholarship committee: No one has applied as yet. Scholarships are only available to Guild members for Guild classes.
 - c. Newsletter: If there are any errors, please report them to Peggy Blessing. Next deadline is May 15. The next newsletter will focus on the weekend activities and teacher market place.
 - d. Publicity/PR: No report
 - e. Website: Let Mary know of any changes. Member changes (there are a few mistakes in the current roster) will be sent to Mary Severine by Judy Robelotto. Mary will update calendar and special classes.
 - f. Special Classes: Mary Hettsmansperger is scheduled. The Board decided to ask her to do ribbed basket for day one and jewelry for day two. Slated for possible classes are: Joann Kelly-Catsop for multiple baskets within a basket, Cass Schorsch for birch bark and copper baskets.
 - g. Workshops: Possible: Tamari balls with Willie Z., Kumihimo with Gail Ethier, how to take photos of our work (Carol will check with a teacher she took from), wire wrap by Gail Ethier. The Board decided that we will compile a list of workshops the Guild has done in the past and decide on some that bear repeating for newer members.
 - h. Library: Madeleine reported that she brought and will bring her computer that has a listing of all the books available in the library so members may borrow them.
 - i. Membership: There are now about 80 members in the guild with four just joining or re-uping.
 - j. Hospitality: Margo decorated the April meeting with an Easter/spring theme.
 - k. Demo Opportunities: Ladies Day at Old Town Saturday April 9 with Judy Maddox, Cookie Hansen, and Peggy Blessing representing the Guild. Judy Shaw reported the Guild has been assigned four demo dates by San Diego County Fair - June 10,12,15, and July 4. Guidelines will be sent to each participant. All entries for home and hobby as well as fine arts are to be done on line only. Deadline for entries are April 29 for fine arts and May 4 for home and hobby.
4. Old Business: All covered under the weekend planning.

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5. New Business:

- a. Kathy Romero reported that there are two different types of cruises available in September which are both relocation cruises out of Vancouver BC to LA. One is from Vancouver to LA with two days at sea and the other is a seven day cruise stopping six different stops along the coast. The fares are from \$279 for the two day and \$800.00 for the seven day. These do not include airfare. Kathy and her committee will work on this and make recommendations.

6. Action items: The WEEKEND!

7. Adjournment: Madeleine made a motion to adjourn, Margo seconded. Passed 11:45AM

Respectfully submitted by
Judy Maddox, Secretary



Teachers' Marketplace

Classes Taught by MWGBG Members

(Send your class info to pbleasing@baskets-gourds.com in this format.
 Contact her to obtain blank form.)

Date	Instructor	Class	Cost	Location	Contact Information
6/11	Carol Lang	Gourd Art	Ck website	Bravo School of Art	www.BravoSchoolOfArt.com
6/15	Cookie Hansen	Same as 5/18	See 5/18	Cookie's House	basketcookie@aol.com (562) 430-3265
6/18	Cookie Hansen	Same as 5/18	See 5/18	Cookie's House	basketcookie@aol.com (562) 430-3265
6/19	Nadine Spier	Fresh Lavender Wreaths	\$75	Keys Creek Lavender Farm, Valley Center	info@nadinespier.com (760) 944-9369
6/26	Nadine Spier	Fresh Lavender Wreaths	\$75	Keys Creek Lavender Farm, Valley Center	info@nadinespier.com (760) 944-9369
7/6	Cookie Hansen	Same as 5/18	See 5/18	Cookie's House	basketcookie@aol.com (562) 430-3265
7/12	Lynne Everett	Woven Amulet Bag	Contact Bowers	Bowers Museum, Santa Ana	(714) 567-3600 www.bowers.org
7/13	Carol Lang	Knotting	Ck website	Bravo School of Art	www.BravoSchoolOfArt.com
7/16	Cookie Hansen	Same as 5/18	See 5/18	Cookie's House	basketcookie@aol.com (562) 430-3265
8/8/11	Carol Lang	Gourd Art	Ck website	Bravo School of Art	www.BravoSchoolOfArt.com
8/13/11	Carol Lang	Gourd Art	Will know later	Gas & Steam Engine Museum, Vista	Caldesigns@roadrunner.com
10/15	Carol Lang	Knotting	Ck website	Association of Michigan Basketmakers convention	http://www.michiganbasketmakers.com/index.htm
Up to You	Carol Lang	Carol teaches a variety of baskets and gourds at her studio in Carlsbad	varies	Carlsbad CA – map is given when you sign up	Caldesigns@roadrunner.com (760) 431-1634 until 8 pm daily

Be sure to check out the new photos on our website. . . your work might be on the home page slide show, on one of the page headings, or in the members' gallery!

WELCOME to new members who have joined us since March!!

Claire Beekman, Karen Douglas, Rocio Guillen,
 Sandra Heidelbaugh, Barbara Jones

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Many thanks to those who contributed to this issue!
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Don Wescott, Peggy Wiedemann

Membership Rosters Available

This is a reminder that updated versions of the membership roster are periodically uploaded to the Members-Only section of the website. We've gotten a few members since the March rendition (some as a result of the Weekend in the Garden), and Judy Robelotto has made some corrections that were requested at the April meeting. A current version as of May is now available. *[Reminder: The contact information is not to be used for commercial purposes.]*

Gourds for Sale

I used to be a gourd artist and have over 100 gourds that I want to get rid of. I'm selling them for only \$1.00 a piece. I live in Escondido near the North County Mall. If you are interested, please contact me (760-807-8195). Thanks, Janet Dice

Your Newsletter. . .

The MWGBG newsletter is published during odd months of the year. Deadlines for are as follows:
July 15 - September 15 - November 15 - January 15

Please share information about gourd and basketry exhibits, events or other related "must-see" experiences. 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. Also, your suggestions are welcome!

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*).

- \$20 per person \$25/household \$40 Commercial (includes advertisement in newsletters)

Membership valid January 1 through December 31.

(Membership fees are subject to change.)

Interests: Baskets Gourds Both

Other _____

Events of interest: Book reviews/reports Critique groups Demonstrations

Exhibits Field Trips Lectures Art work exchange at meetings

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