



Fall (November) 2020



~ Convention Update ~

Definitely Looking Forward to 2021!

Plans have begun for the 2021 TBA Convention at the Airport Hilton in Alcoa, TN and we want you there with us. We have missed you! Make sure you have marked these important dates on your calendar: July 21-24, 2021. We hope Covid will be in check by then, but we certainly encourage all of you to stay safe during the holidays and take the vaccine when available. We don't want to miss you a second year!!!!

Basket selection was a resounding success this year. With 98 baskets to select from, 49 TBA members submitted their votes. Based on these votes, we selected 32 gorgeous baskets that we know you will love. It will be hard to make your selections for the convention. We plan for the booklets to be mailed the last week of February so be sure to get your dues in to Denise Robertson at 2024 Little Best Rd., Maryville, TN 37803.

You may even want to start on your basket swap basket while you are staying safe and start dreaming now on those beautiful baskets you will be making and all the supplies you need to pick up from vendors.

Stay safe! Pam Parman and Ann Fairhurst

 **Tune in for news from the Tennessee Guilds** 

Odds and Ends:

Odds and Ends delivered 7 more baskets to ETCH. That makes over 20 for the year. Pictured is Bruce Robertson with a volunteer service representative (dressed in a Pumpkin Pie costume for Halloween) next to our donation of baskets and blankets.



Gourmet Weavers-Middle Tennessee:

We are located in Overton and Pickett Counties in case someone is out there wanted a place to weave. Two meeting a month at Livingston First Baptist Church (second and fourth Tuesday 4-8), one meeting a month at Livingston First Christian Church (first Tuesday night 4-8), and once a month (day meeting, 3rd Thursday 9-2) in Byrdstown are open to all. We have as a goal to share the craft to everyone and teach classes at Cordell Hull State Historical Park as well as other places but our monthly meetings are open weave and open to all. Join us. We are presently meeting with requirement of mask wearing and socially distancing. We just booked Billy Owens for January for our guild. Things to look forward to in 2021.

Gwen Morris
Barbara Vaughn

West TN Basket Guild:

West Tn Basket Guild sends masked and sanitized greetings to all. Our weavers have been slowly venturing to some weave times. Our guild feels very fortunate in that we have moved our weaving venue to the Camden High School cafeteria. The room is larger, is set up for social distancing and has easy access to the parking lot. We are under the directives of the school and always trying to keep those nasty germs in check!!

Like many of you, it has been a long dry spell for weave gatherings. Weaving at home is just not the same as sharing conversations, friendships and laughter during a class. WTBG held its 5th Annual Fall Weave Fest hosting Bonnie Rideout to West Tennessee. As the Fall leaves and rain fell, we enjoyed our fellowship. Many of us laughed as we seem to have forgotten certain weaving techniques. It was fun to make our favorite kits and proudly display our 2020 projects.

With the school on temporary virtual classes, our November class has been cancelled but we have optimistic vibes for December with the McKinzie Team. Several members have registered for basket events in 2021-- hope springs eternal. Our weaving times are week by week. Our guild members have been blessed with health, and recovery for those who have contracted the virus. Our prayer to all weavers is to be healthy, stay strong and check on those less fortunate. Blessings to families and friends who have lost loved ones.

Weave on,
Fran Pierson
WTBG, Pres.





~ A Note from the Board Chair ~

Greetings fellow weavers! This is one trying year but hopefully all are well and healthy. I find it most fortunate to have a skill that I can use while staying home and inside a lot of the time. I know some of us are meeting with masks and socially distancing and this helps us navigate this unusual time.

TBA board is having Zoom meetings and carrying on with the business of our organization and we always are looking to you for feedback so if you ever have suggestions or problems please contact one of the boardmembers. This is your organization. Get involved! We need INVOLVEMENT!

Hopefully everyone is looking toward July 2021 for our convention. Make plans, mark your calendar, save your money, and register for our great convention and a chance to visit with your brothers and sisters in weaving. Not having a single convention in my year has been unusual and I truly miss my weaving friends.

So, be safe, celebrate the holidays with small immediate family or group, wear your mask, safely distance and I hope I will see you soon.

Gwen Morris
Board Chair

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TBA Reports

Approved 10/18/2020

Tennessee Basketry Association
Board Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2020

Call to Order

President April Harper called the TBA Board meeting to order at 7:05 pm EDT via ZOOM. Also present were Barbara Holt, Pam Parman, Sheri Burns, Gwen Morris, Denise Robertson, and Linda Hinkelmann.

Reading of the Minutes

The May 5, 2020 board meeting minutes were previously emailed to the Board. Denise motioned to approve. Pam seconded. Approval on vote.

Treasurer's Report

Pam submitted a written report last week via email with a balance of \$24,616.45, which is attached to the minutes. Linda motioned to approve the report with typographical corrections. Barbara seconded. Approval on vote.

Reports

Membership: Denise reported that there are now 145 members. Memberships for 2020-21 are coming in. Denise will send a reminder.

2020 Convention:

Pam emailed a convention expenditure report last week. There were 90 registered. The total loss incurred by cancelling the convention due to COVID-19 is \$666.42. The report is attached to the minutes.

Unfinished Business

2022 Convention: Sheri emailed the Board a form from Pickwick Landing State Park. The form asks for credit card information which Sheri will complete and send to officials at the state park.

From the Officer Nominations Committee, April presented the slate of candidates for 2020-21 officers:

Gwen Morris, President

Linda Hinkelmann, President-Elect

Treasurer, Bruce Robertson

Member at Large, Fran Sorrell

The slate is normally voted on by membership at the general business meeting held at convention. With convention cancelled, the Board will conduct the voting via email ballot. Members without email will be mailed a USPS ballot. April Harper will present the nominated slate in a letter to TBA members, then Denise will send each member the letter and a ballot. To vote, members will reply to Denise's email or use USPS. Ballots will be sent by July 10; the voting deadline will be July 24. Ballots will be counted by July 31. Elected officers' terms will begin August 1.

New Business

Appreciation gifts are normally given to the outgoing president and the convention chair at the convention's general business meeting. After discussion, Gwen motioned that for this year TBA give 2020-21 memberships to the president and convention chairs. Linda seconded. Motion approved on vote.

The Board decided that its next meeting will occur after new officers begin their duties, with specifics determined by the president.

Adjournment

Pam motioned to adjourn. Denise seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Holt
Secretary

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