

# *WEAVING CONNECTIONS*



The Newsletter of the *Tennessee Basketry Association*

**Winter (February) 2021**



## ~ A Note from the President ~

Hello friends! I hope everyone is safe and weaving. It has been a rough few months for our area in that the virus has interrupted most of our weaving with friends days. Occasionally we have gotten together with masks and social distance to put those much loved baskets together. I have some positive vibes going at this time with some folks getting the vaccine and I am on a waiting list.

We will let you know around April 1 as to our final decision about 2021 convention. Again, I am thinking positive. We have been held back about as long as possible. We will keep your health at the top of the list when the decision is made.

Remember that there are YouTube videos about almost all skills if you get hung up on something. Zoom might be a possibility for a few to have a short instruction with friends. Then, there is always a phone call to a weaving friend with questions. Stay connected! It is important for our mental health.

See you soon, I hope!

Gwen Morris  
TBA President

## Tennessee Basketry Convention

July 21-24, 2021

Hilton, Knoxville Airport, Alcoa TN



“Inspire the Next Generation!”

Yes, we are thinking positive and are going to try again for convention this year. We hope you mark your calendar, cross your fingers, take your vaccine shot (if you are eligible), enact safe practices, and are looking forward to being with your basket buddies as much as we are. We have missed you! We will try to make our environment as safe as possible or we will cancel if we feel this is needed. We trust that you will do your part too.

Our booklet is at the printers so we are on target for mailing them out by the end of the month to our paid members. If you have been procrastinating, please make sure you get your dues in to Denise Robertson 2024 Little Best Road, Maryville TN 37803. So spread the word! For your friends who are interested or haven't attended recently, please tell them that we will post the booklet only on our web page near the middle of March.

In planning for the convention, the Board has decided to provide two sack lunches with your registration so that you can plan to eat safely with friends in small groups and can attend lunch activities and shop with our vendors during the hour and a half lunch period. We hope you are also planning your basket for the basket exchange and making your list for our vendors.

Stay safe. We look forward to seeing you!

Pam and Ann



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



### **Odds and Ends:**

Things have been pretty quiet here. Members are staying safe and, hopefully healthy. As vaccines become more available we may start gathering again outdoors when the weather warms.

Meanwhile, New Angel Baskets continue to be woven for East Tennessee Children's Hospital. In 2020 we donated 22.

Denise Robertson sends the message that since the convention is still on for this year, this would be a great time to renew your membership! Dues are \$20.

Be kind,  
Sandy Miller

### **West TN Basket Guild:**

Greetings from West TN

Following basket weaving groups on social media, I notice that a lot of creativity is flourishing in isolation! Kudos to those who have dreamed patterns and created beautiful woven items. Thanks to these magic weavers, with my humble skills, I am inspired to pull from my stash. Looking at previously purchased kits and patterns, I can remember the convention, the class, the teacher, or even the gauntlet of the challenge. The directions are right there--why can't I do this?! Then career, family, life, and reality would take over, and the project would fall to the bottom of the priorities. Especially this year, some days, the easy kit is calling my name. Other days, the 'impossible' pattern catches my eye and confidence. Regardless, thanks to some inspiration from social media, progress has been made to my Stash.

West TN Basket Guild is planning its annual Weave In for June 4 and 5, 2021, in Camden TN, showcasing Mary and Jimmie Earl McKinzie. As we follow the State gathering recommendations, more information will be posted. Until then, we hope for monthly classes.

Our guild members are still adjusting to the loss of one of our own. Linda Dykstra-- a friend, a guild officer, an energetic lady--has taught us to live, laugh and love. "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares". Hebrews 13:2.  
Rest in Peace, my friend.

Weave on,  
Fran Pierson  
WTBG Pres



### **Calling all Guilds!**

**Please be thinking about your contributions to the convention goodie bags! Contact Sheri Burns at [sdeniseburns1@gmail.com](mailto:sdeniseburns1@gmail.com)**

## **TBA Reports**

Tennessee Basketry Association

Board Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2020

Approved on December 29, 2020

### Call to Order

President Gwen Morris called the TBA Board meeting to order at 7:04 pm EDT via ZOOM. Also present were Barbara Holt, Pam Parman, Bruce Robertson, Denise Robertson, Ann Fairhurst, Fran Sorrell, and April Harper.

### Reading of the Minutes

The June 7, 2020 board meeting minutes were read by Barbara. Ann motioned to approve. Fran seconded. Approval on vote.

### Treasurer's Report

Bruce submitted a written report via email with a balance of \$25,022.35, which is attached to the minutes. April motioned to approve the report. Barbara seconded. Approval on vote.

### Reports

**Budgets:** Bruce submitted a proposed general budget and a proposed convention budget. Denise motioned approval for both. April seconded. Approval on vote. Budgets are attached to the minutes.

**501(c)(3):** Denise mentioned that due to the Association's 501(c)(3) status, no Board member can benefit by receiving a gift, monetary or otherwise, from the Association. Bruce motioned that the decision at the June 7 meeting that the President and 2020 Convention Co-Chairs receive a waiver of dues for 2020-2021 be rescinded. April seconded. Approval on vote.

**Membership:** Denise reported that there are now 79 members. Memberships for 2020-21 are coming in. Denise sends reminders.

**Convention:** The 2021 convention theme will be "Inspire the Next Generation". Seventeen teachers submitted proposals. Forty-nine members voted. Class offerings have not been decided yet.

### Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

### New Business

2022 Convention: Sheri Burns proposed via email that Fran Sorrell and Amy Hilliard be named co-chairs for the 2022 convention. Barbara motioned that they be approved as co-chairs. Bruce seconded. Approval on vote.

Member Benefits: Board members discussed additional benefits for 2019-20 members due to the fact that no 2020 convention was held. Fran motioned that discussion of benefits be continued at the next meeting. Pam seconded. Approval on vote.

Webpage: After discussion about the TBA webpage, Gwen appointed a committee to work with Webmaster April McCartney to explore more options that could be offered on the website. Denise will chair the committee. April and Fran will serve on the committee.

Next Meeting: Gwen will schedule the place and time as an in-person meeting for January 16 or 23, 2021, at a location in Middle Tennessee. Zoom will be provided for any board member who cannot attend due to Covid-19 risk.

#### Adjournment

Fran motioned to adjourn. Bruce seconded. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by  
Barbara Holt  
Secretary

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