



**February 2011
For
March, April & May**



President's Message:

Hello Basket Buddies!

Looks like the calendar says Spring is coming. But we know better here in Minnesota, don't we? We've had a lot of Winter this year and probably more to come, but we have a little reprieve each month at guild. It's great to get together to share a class and some fun. I encourage you to check out our latest offerings for classes, and please sign up to bring some treats for our luncheons if you can. These next few months will go fast. So, happy weaving and a great Summer coming up!

Jan Ihrke

As most of you know, Margaret McCarthy was our president for a couple of years and a very involved guild member since its inception. She recently moved to New York. She sent this note:

Greetings to all my friends at NSBG. Things happened very quickly on the sale of our house and I am sorry I didn't have time to see many of my friends before we moved back to New York. We have rented an apartment on the South Shore of Long Island where we spent time many years ago prior to moving to Duluth. It's a 55+ community and our apartment is a nice two bedroom. I have one bedroom dedicated to sewing, quilting and of course basket weaving. While it was great to be with family for the holidays, we still miss our Duluth friends. Our plans still call for trying to find an apartment to spend summers in Duluth but we are having trouble finding places that will rent with our two dogs. We'll continue to look since we love Duluth summers. That's all for now. My new email address is mdmac487@optimum.net and my phone number is 631-419-6555.

Margaret

March 13th Classes:

Chocktaw Pouch

Instructor: Della Pleski



A classic basket based on the one in Lyn Siler's book, using 3/8" flat reed, 7mm, and a birch bark insert. (Never fear, we will NOT be doing the twill.) A fun basket to do, if you have never made this one, a surprise twist! Bring your spoke weight and/or cutting mat.

Cost: \$25.00

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: Beginner

Sierra Tote

Instructor: Cindy Ericksmoen



Large heavy-duty tote. Smoke reed accent, cane lacing, wide leather straps. Go green, leave bags home and use this handy tote. Easy for anyone to make.

Cost: \$39.00

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving level: Advanced Beginner

Chocolate Surprise

Instructor: Patty Ziburski

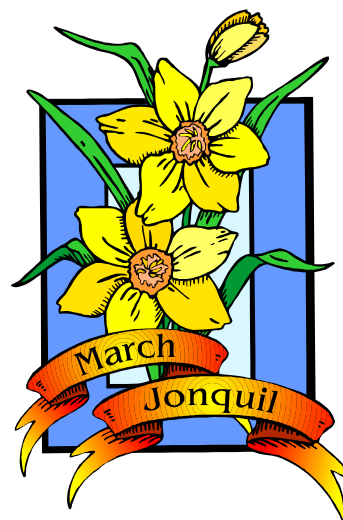


This is a fun basket woven on an 8" solid oak base with a swing handle. It uses dark brown reed which reminded me of chocolate candy the whole time I was weaving. Guess I was hungry! It is a great basket that measures 10" across and 18" high with the handle.

Cost: \$35.00

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: All levels



April 9th Classes:

Amy's Basket

Instructor: Roxy O'Hearn



Adapted from a pattern by Lyn Siler, this service basket has a tapering from bottom to top "D" sharp top handle. The base measures 8" x 8" and the sides can be woven to vary in height and color.

Cost \$30.00

Weaving Level: Advanced Beginner

Class size: Minimum of 12

Spring Purse or Tote

Instructor: Cindy Ericksmoen



Swing into spring with this tote -- smoked reed, leather handle. Use as shoulder bag or tote. Fun to make.

Cost: \$29.00.

Weaving level: Advanced Beginner

Class size: 12 students

Potato Basket

Instructor: Della Pleski



Basic rib basket on a 12" hoop. A strong basket to carry "stuff" in. The lasing is distinctive and a challenge, but fun. A good beginner rib basket as there is NO compensating. The seagrass accent adds a bit of color and texture for fun.

Cost: \$30.00

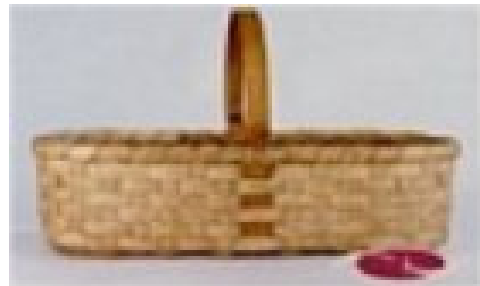
Class size: Maximum of 8

Weaving Level: Advanced Beginner

May 14th Classes:

Garden Tote

Instructor: Jan Ringer



A great basket for collecting garden produce or cut flowers. Just in time for spring! Woven on a wooden bottom with attached handle.

Cost: \$35.00

Weaving level: Beginner

Class size: Maximum of 10

May 14th Classes Continued:

Forever Plaid Basket

Instructors: Shirley Adamczak and Kathleen Erickson



Woven on a 7" octagon wood base, this basket has a slanted plaid design. We will use natural and navy reed. Finished size is approximately 8" x 10".

Cost: \$37.00

Weaving level: Intermediate

Class size: Maximum of 12

Divided Oak

Instructor: Cindy Ericksmon



Divided oak base, fun maple curl accents. Use in kitchen, desk, or for remote controls.

Cost: \$25.00

Weaving level: Advanced Beginner

Class size: Maximum of 12

Reminder: If you pay for a class and cannot attend, you will get a kit unless you find someone else to take your place. Preparing for classes is a commitment of time and money for the instructors.

The NSBG meets the second Saturday of each month from September through May. Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m. We meet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 410 North Arlington Avenue, Duluth, MN 55811
On the web at: www.nsbg.org

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A note of thanks:

This season, at our December get together we had decided to do donations to the food bank once again since this was a receptive idea last year. We asked for donations to be made at our pizza party in support of the Northern Harvest Food Bank. All together, we collected \$223.00, which was down slightly from last year's donation of \$275.00! Way to go Guild members!!!

We promptly received a lovely letter back:

"Thousands of people are struggling in our region, but you just helped put meals back on their tables! Thank you for your generous contribution to our food bank. Your contribution will put meals on the table for many of our in-need Northland neighbors not only at the holiday season but all year long. Thank you for joining others in our region, who despite the economic uncertainty, are giving of themselves to others. We thank you for your generous gift and we wish a wonderful new year! Thank you all! Your gifts will feed many this holiday season!"

Thank you to all who were able to participate. It was a great day!

Debbie Johnson, Treasurer

Please note: Your check holds your spot; you are not registered for a class until April receives your check.

March 12th Class Registration

(Mail to arrive no later than February 25th)

*First come, first served. Guild members will be given preference over non-members if class fills. **Circle class chosen:***

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Instructor: Della Pleski – Cost \$25.00

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Chocolate Surprise

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***Make check payable to instructor and mail to
April Killstrom, 5573 Wahl Road, Duluth, MN 55804***

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