



Spring Newsletter

March, April, May 2015

Hello,

Where has the 2014-2015 Basket Guild year gone? It has been a good year with some very interesting classes and wonderful Instructors. A big thank you to the Board for helping me stay on track these last two years. I hope it has been a good two years for all of the amazing people we have in the guild. Lets keep weaving!

Joanne Balliette,

President

Reminder: We will finish our year in May with a pot luck lunch. Please bring a dish to share!



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.nsbgo.org

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Reminder: If you pay for a class and cannot attend, you will get a kit (if available) unless you find someone else to take your place. Preparing for classes is a commitment of time and money for the instructors. You are not signed up until your check is received.



March 14th Classes:



Julie Pleski – St. Paul, MN

Wavy Star – 5.5" High and 13" Wide

A basket made from a star! This is a fun basket starting with a star base. Beads and different weaving strategies are used such as twining, chaser weaving, and twilling. Colored reeds will be offered along with natural reeds. This can be used as a container, a conversational piece, a basket by the door to hold odds and ends or whatever you wish to use it for.

Advanced Beginner. \$40. Class Limit 12.

No Kits

Registration must be made by March 5, 2015



Liz Scheidt – Two Harbors, MN - first of two classes

Smokey Mountain Basket by Sharon Klusman

12" High and 9" Wide

This Sharon Klusmann basket incorporates various colors and weaving styles such as 4-rod wale, chase weave, triple twining, and shaping to create a basket which is sure to receive "oohs and aahs."

Advanced Beginner. \$65.50 until 10 people are registered, then price drops to \$57.00. Please send \$65.50 for registration, and a refund will be given in class if discounted price is reached based on registered participants.

No Kits. **Registrations must be made by Thursday, February 26, 2015.**

Note: This is a two-month class; March 14th and April 11th.



April 11th Classes

Mark Boyce – Duluth, MN – first of two classes

Rattan 10" Fishing Creel with pattern based from Lynn Siler's book, The Basket Book.

Advanced. \$40 Class Limit 6.

Registrations must be made by March 27, 2015

Note: This is a two-month class: April 11th and May 9th.



Cindy Ericksmoen – Duluth, MN

Pomegranate Purse – 14" at it widest narrowing to 10" across top. 6" Wide and 16" High with handle.

Get ready with a new summer purse. It has a great shape. Oval wooden base. Pomegranate color for most kits, a few kits in dark brown.

20" leather handle on this purse. Some 25" leather handles will be available.

Advanced Beginner. \$40. Class Limit 12.

Registrations must be made by March 27.



Liz Scheidt – Duluth, MN - second of two classes for Smokey Mountain Basket

Please see description above under March 14, 2015 for details on this two-month class.



May 8th and 9th Classes

Mark Boyce – Duluth, MN - second of two classes Fishing Creel

Please see description under April 11, 2015 for details on this two month class. Second Class to be held on May 9, 2015.



**Annetta Kraayeld – Beloit, WI- www.prairiewoodbasketry.com
Friday May 8, from 5 to 8 &
Saturday May 9, from 8:30 to 2:30**

10 Baskets Offered. Please see sample pictures, descriptions, and details for each project basket. Please note that there are varying times needed for each basket. Some baskets will require both Friday night, May 8, from 5-8 and Saturday, May 9, from 8:30 to 2. **Registrations for class and kits must be made by Friday, April 10, 2015.**

Please see Annetta's classes beginning on the next page.

May 8th and 9th Classes. continued

Whimsical Pins - **Class Length 2 Hours.**

Dimensions: $1\frac{1}{4}" \times \frac{1}{2}" \times 1"$.

This fun little lapel pin is woven on a mold with black ash and lashed with waxed linen. The basket is woven continuously with a simple 2/1 twill and embellished with fun season themed buttons. The teacher will have the project started on the mold so students can finish in the class time. Your class kit will include materials for **two** pins; one will be completed in class. Students should bring a small packer and small scissors or diagonal cutter. Students should considering bring their own beading light/magnifier.



Intermediate. Class Fee: \$35. Kit Fee: \$25.

Papyrus - **Class Length 2 Hours.**

Dimensions: $4\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{3}{4}" \times 1\frac{3}{4}"$ high

This beautiful little basket is wonderful introduction to weaving with painted paper. It is woven on a mold with start stop rows so shaping is a snap. A layered rim is lashed with waxed linen, and a simple embellishment completes the basket. Teacher will provide a wide choice of paper (painted and precut) as well as button and shell embellishments. Teacher will also demonstrate how to make a simple paper embellishment.



Students should bring sharp scissors, small bent packer and a #22 tapestry needle.
Intermediate. Class Fee: \$25. Kit Fee: \$15.

May 8th and 9th Classes. continued

Button Basket – **Class Length 6 Hours.**

Dimensions: 4 ½" x 4" x 5"

A simple twill, philodendron wrapped rim and button embellishments make this an eye-catching little basket. Though the basket features a simple 2/2 twill pattern, it is spiced up by reversing the twill. Basket features two techniques for reversing the twill. Students may choose from the teacher's button collection or bring a couple favorite buttons to attach to complete the basket. Students should bring a size #20 Tapestry needle and a small packing tool.



Intermediate. Class Fee: \$55. Kit Fee: \$35.

Northern Lights – **Class Length 6 Hours.**

Dimensions: 1 ¼" x 1 ¼" x 1 ¼" H

The focus of this miniature is lashing techniques – from chevron base to inside and outside Ti-twining (lattice twining) to rim lashing. The basket is woven completely with black ash and waxed linen, with a touch of sparkly thread to accent your 'Northern Lights'. Fun to weave, beautiful to display. A variety of waxed linen color choices will be available.

Please note that this miniature basket is woven without a mold. Bring a small packer, pair of sharp scissors, a size #20 tapestry needle and your own beading light if you want additional lighting.



Intermediate/Advanced. Class Fee: \$40. Kit Fee: \$20.

May 8th and 9th Classes. continued

Leather and Lace Tote – 8 Hours **Class to be held Friday evening and Saturday**

Dimensions: 13 1/2" x 7" x 7 1/2" H

Leather and Lace, the perfect size to throw in your wallet, cell phone and a bottle of water and you're ready to go; practical but still elegant. The basket is woven with natural stales and dyed Hamburg weavers. The base is woven and filled with a continuous weave, while the sides are woven with chase twill. Students will concentrate on the twill pattern and shaping. Round rein handles complete the basket. Basket is black and natural.

Intermediate. Class Fee: \$85. Kit Fee: \$65.
Preorder preferred for kits.



Peacock Knot – 8 Hours **Class to be held Friday evening and Saturday**

Dimensions: 10 1/2" diameter x 18 1/2" H

Elegant – a splash of color and the graceful lines create a basket to display! The base is woven in a 2/2 twill and the sides are woven continuously with a 3/3 twill. After gently shaping the basket from a slight flare to a tight neck, the weaving changes to four rod wale –with a colorful Josephine knot and peacock feathers to finish in style!

Intermediate/Advanced. Class Fee: \$75. Kit Fee: only \$55. Preorder preferred for kits.



May 8th and 9th Classes. continued

Arrows – 8 Hours

Class to be held Friday Evening and Saturday

Dimensions: 10" diameter x 12" H

Arrows is a 5/5 twill from base to rim. Careful placement of stakes and weavers brings out the arrow design and careful attention to shaping brings this basket from a square base to a circular top. After applying an overlay on the rim, the basket is V lashed with waxed linen. **Pre-requisite for student: Twill Experience.** Special Tools student needs to bring: Students should bring a size #20 Tapestry needle along with their regular basketry tools.



Intermediate. Class Fee: \$65. Kit Fee: \$45. Preorder preferred for kits.

Diamonds Please – 4 Hours

Dimensions: 2 1/4" x 1" x 1 1/2" H (approximately 2 3/4" H with handles)

This one is fun!! Students may create their own twill pattern or may choose from the options provided in the pattern. Students must have twill experience. "Diamonds, please" is woven with black ash and waxed linen, and is woven on a mold to aid in shaping. You'll want to add this one to your miniature collection. Bring a size #20 tapestry needle and your own beading light if you want additional lighting.



Intermediate/Advanced. Class Fee: \$40. Kit Fee: \$25. Preorder preferred for kits.

May 8th and 9th Classes. continued

Raspberry Tea Basket - 4 Hours

Dimensions: 3" x 6" x 4" high w/handle (w/o handle 2" high)

This basket is a sweet little market, embellished with raspberries and vines. We will make basket and berries in class. This small basket is the perfect size for a stash of individually wrapped tea bags. Great gift idea!

Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Class Fee: \$35.
Kit Fee: \$20. Preorder preferred for kits.



Gretchen Cookie Tray – 8 Hours Class to be held Friday evening and Saturday

Dimensions: 13 1/2" diameter x 6 3/4" high (w/ handle)

Both beautiful and useful for serving and transporting food, this basket was designed to carry an 11" or 12" cookie plate. Starting with an oak base and dyed bright navy stakes, the basket is woven with chase weave, four rod wale, three rod wale, start top and continuous weave. Step ups will be taught. The bright navy Gretchen border is the baskets finishing touch of elegance.

In order to aid completion of this basket within the allotted class time, those registering for this class will be sent their materials and pattern ahead of time. Annetta will let each class participant know what steps she would like completed on the basket before class time on Friday evening.



Intermediate/Advanced. Class Fee: \$90. Kit Fee: \$65.
Preorder preferred for kits.