



Fall Newsletter

September, October,
November 2013

President's Message:

Greetings to all members of the NSBG!

What a summer we have had. I have loved the latest weather we have been experiencing. No fans running, no sweat running, and I can work without collapsing from the heat.

We have one teacher for our September gathering. She will be teaching a Friday night class and then again on Saturday. I hope we have a good turn out for both days.

We are collecting Memorials for Kathy Culbert at the September Guild. If you wish to donate please see Barb Teske. Kathy was a teacher who taught basket classes using all natural items from the forest. Kathy passed away after a long battle with cancer.

I want to thank Julie Wistrom for taking over Membership for Della Pleski. I also want to thank my entire board for helping me this year!!! You are all amazing!

I wish to remind the members to please refrain from wearing perfumes to all the Guild gatherings as some of us have allergies or asthma. Thank you!

Here is to a good weaving season for all of us. I am looking forward to seeing you on September 13 and 14.
Happy Weaving,

Joanne Balliette, President

Tips:

*If you have a basket with a concave bottom, while it is still damp, put it on your head and pull down gently—it will pop into shape! —Jan Ringer

*To mark antler or driftwood before cutting or drilling, use a white correction fluid pen. It can be easily seen and removed later. —Della Pleski

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 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. Thanks.

September 13th, Friday Night—5:00 Classes:

Annetta Kraayeveld is a guest teacher from Beloit, Wisconsin and will be at our guild on both Friday night and Saturday. She will be teaching four classes.



Braided Miniature:

Instructor: Annetta Kraayeveld

Cost: \$40/non-member; \$30/member

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: Intermediate/Advanced

The eye-pleasing design on this tiny basket created using a “braid” or “wave” weave. Creating variety in the pattern will be discussed and color choices will be offered. A folded rim accents the braided pattern. Woven on a mold using black ash and waxed linen. Tool box provided, bring beading light if you want additional lighting. Dimensions: 2” diameter x 1 1/2” high. Kits available.



Miniature Market Basket: Class begins at 5:00 on Friday—3-hours.

Instructor: Annetta Kraayeveld

Cost: \$35/non-member; \$25/member

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: All Levels

This little market basket is a miniature of an antique market basket. Weaving over a mold with walnut and black ash, this miniature weaves up quickly; it’s a great first miniature. Tool box provided, bring your own beading light if you want additional lighting. 1 1/2” x 2” x 3” high. Kits available.

September 14th, Saturday—9:00 a.m. Classes:



Sakura — Saturday class — 6 hours beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Instructor: Annetta Kraayeveld

Cost: \$55/non-member; \$45/member

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: Intermediate

“Sakura” means cherry blossom. Cherry is the focus of this basket: cherry base, delicate cherry spokes and cherry to accent the rim. Carefully placed copper overlays add a subtle glint to your basket. Seed beads and a few gemstone beads add a touch of finesse to the finished basket. Simply elegant! Students will focus seriously on shaping a small basket using a gentle touch. The delicate cherry spokes in this basket make it a challenge to weave. Tool box provided, bring your own beading light if you want additional lighting. Kits available.



September 14th, Saturday—9:00 a.m. Classes, Continued:

Oma's Biscuit Basket

Instructor: Annetta Kraayeveld

Cost: \$60/non-member; \$50/member

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: All Levels

Beginning with an ash base, students will use round reed to create both an outside foot and an inside rim or "lip" to hold a warming stone. Flat smoked stakes are then inserted into the base and the rest of the basket is woven. Techniques include twining, overlays, and a rolled border. Basket is woven with smoked and natural reed. Choose a brown or blue stone. Kits available.



October 11th and 12th Classes:

Tressa Sularz has taught at our guild previously. She is from New Richmond, WI. Tressa will teach one class on Friday night and one on Saturday.

Charm Basket Necklace—Class begins at 5:00 on Friday

Instructor: Tressa Sularz

Cost: \$50/non-member; \$40/member

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: All levels

Learn how to create a small basket using a knotless netting technique. This stitching technique is very versatile and enjoyable to do. A four-strand braid makes up the neckpiece allowing you to wear your basket as a necklace. Some beads will be supplied and students are encouraged to bring beads and/or charms of their own to personalize their necklace. A personal memento is great to add to your creation. Bring sharp scissors. Approximately 1" high by 1" in diameter. Kits not available.



Elegant Spiral Cathead Basket—Class begins at 9:00 on Saturday

Instructor: Tressa Sularz

Cost: \$50/non-member; \$40/member

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: Intermediate or Advanced Level

This workshop is all about shaping. The elegant design begins with a grid base layout and spiral weave with an offset on each row creating the spiral element. Weaving the cathead shape into this basket will come with ease using this instructor's technique. This basket is constructed entirely using 3mm flat oval natural rattan, with a larger half round reed rim that is lashed with waxed linen. Bring spoke weight, shears, pencil, mister. Kits not available.



October 12th Classes continued:



Holly's Bun Basket:

Instructor: Liz Scheidt

Cost: \$20.00

Weaving Level: Beginner

A functional basket with a 6" x 6" base, perfect for freshly baked rolls or to give as a gift. Two color options will be available. The napkin is not included. Can also be used as a napkin basket. Maximum of 10 students. Kits will not be available.

November 9th Classes:



Mesquite Bottomed Bowl

Instructor: Marlene Meyer

Cost: \$50/non-member; \$40/member

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: Advanced Beginner

This basket begins with a 5" to 6" round base and is 4" to 6" in height depending on the base. Students will make this very unique round basket with a wooden Mesquite base. The base is cut from a log with the bark left on it. The base is sanded and stained and finished like a piece of furniture. Beautiful! The basket will be woven to show off the base because each base is different and one of a kind. The rim is leather — lots of colors and textures to choose from. Really fun! Mesquite wood grows in the desert southwest. It is a very hard wood but beautiful in color with yellow and a golden brown color. Kits will not be available.

November 9th Classes continued:



Silverware or Mail Basket

Instructor: Jo Guttormson

Cost: \$39/non-member; \$29/member

Class size: 12 or more

Weaving Level: Beginner and Beyond

This basket will find many uses, hence the name. It is woven on a beautiful hardwood base with a few rows of color for style. Choices will be available. Dimensions: 9 x 11 x 3 1/2. Kits available



Fall Wreath

Instructor: Patty Ziburski

Cost: \$37.00

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: Intermediate

This is a woven wreath! Starting and finishing are the only challenges. It is woven with 11/64" flat oval and it takes a while to complete. You might not finish in class. All materials pictured will be included in the kit. This wreath is 13" across. Lots of time to chat over coffee. Student should have some weaving experience. Kits available.

Tips:

*Dampen a small piece of sponge to keep your lasher wet while finishing your rim. This works especially well with cane.—Shirley Adamczak

*When cutting spokes for a basket for yourself, cut an extra one—then you will be a step ahead the next time you want to weave!—Jan Ringer