

# North Shore Basket Guild

Fall Newsletter

September, October,  
November 2015

## *President's Message:*

Greetings,

As I write this, I am getting ready to go on a basket weaving adventure to the Porcupine Mountains with my good friends — Kathy Falk and Julie Wistrom. We will be sure to share our creations with NSBG members in September!

Hope all of you had a chance to do a little weaving this summer, but if you haven't, Dorothy Ferguson/Program Coordinator has set up some great basket classes for all to check out! I'm sure there is something for everyone to choose from.

Our most sincere **Thank You** to Joanne Balliette for serving as our President for the past two years. Joanne, you did a great job!

So as the song says..... See you in September!

*Sue Turnquist,*

President



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](http://www.nsbgo.org)

### **NSBG Board Members for 2015-2016**

**Sue Turnquist, President**

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**Shirley Adamczak, Newsletter**

**Patty Ziburski, Supply Ordering**

**Jan Ringer, Librarian**

**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.**

## September 12th Classes

**Shirley Adamczak and Barb Stahel,  
Duluth, MN**

### **Seagrass Market Basket**

You will twine this basket using round reed and seagrass. The handle is 6" wide x 10" tall and the basket is about 13" long by 7" wide. The round reed and seagrass alternately go over every other spoke, making it have a very neat pattern. You can stain it or leave it natural for an interesting look.

All Weaving Levels—\$30.00 No kits.

Class limit 12

**Registrations must be received by: Friday, August 28, 2015**



**Emily Derke – Duluth, MN**

Weaving the Local Landscape – 10" W x 7" H

Explore some techniques of traditional stake and strand willow basketry while incorporating a fun twist: bark! Working with willow and your choice of bark, create a unique basket that reflects our local landscape. Baskets will be about 10" wide and 7" tall, but dimensions will vary. Useful tools to bring include pruning shears, strong scissors, an awl and a knife. Some tools will be available for loan.

Material harvest and preparation will be discussed.

Advanced Beginner. \$60. No Kits. Class Limit 8.

**Registrations must be received by: Friday, August 28, 2015**



**Help Wanted:** Our guild is in need of a Program Coordinator to work with Dorothy Ferguson this year and to take over next year. Dorothy has done a wonderful job and you could learn from the best! If you are interested please consider checking out this very important position! We wouldn't have a guild without it!!! Questions? Email Dorothy at: [fergied7@msn.com](mailto:fergied7@msn.com)

**October 10th Classes****Phyllis Knutson – Amery, WI**

Woven Foot Stool or Seat

13”L x 11”W x 11”H

Weave this seat on a “Varnished Finished Colonial Footstool”. You will use 7mm flat oval reed for weaving. If you would prefer to weave with Binder Cane please specify 2 weeks in advance. Please bring regular weaving tools, and dental floss.



Advanced Beginner. \$55 (includes stool) Class Limit 10. No Kits.

**Registrations must be received by Friday, September 25, 2015.**

**Jill Scarpi – Rosemount, MN**

Shallow Lake Basket #2

Diameter: 12” – 14” Circumference: 42” – 44”

This basket is created from 5/8” flat spokes, #3 and #4 round reed for weavers, and 1/4” flat for lashing the rope that is used for the rim and the handles.

Advanced Beginner. \$45. Class Limit 10.

No Kits.

**Registrations must be received by Friday, September 25, 2015.**



**Please remember to bring a basket-related item to donate to our raffle. Money made from the raffle goes into a fund to help pay for our out-of-town teachers.**

## November 14th Classes

### **Kathy Falk – Two Harbors, MN**

#### **Beginner Pine Needle Basket**

Learn the basics of working with long leaf pine needles to coil a small basket with a birch bark center. You will learn a few basic stitches, shaping and treating pine needles with glycerin. Each basket will be unique.

Beginner. \$30. Class Limit: 6. No Kits.

**Registration must be received by Friday, October 30, 2015**



### **Jan Ringer – Brimson, MN**

#### **Holiday Market Basket**

11" Deep x 20" Long x 14" High

This is a large holiday market style basket. It has a special red, green, and seagrass insert and an interesting space dyed rim treatment.

Intermediate. \$39. Class Limit 6. No Kits.

**Registration must be received by Friday, October 30, 2015.**



**Our thanks to Patty Ziburski who has agreed to take on the task of keeping our supply cabinet stocked. She is able to buy reed wholesale and give us a better price than we could get by ordering as we have done in the past. As you know, the price of basket weaving supplies has drastically increased over the past couple of years.**