



Winter Newsletter

December 2013, January,
February 2014

President's Message:

Hi basket guild members!

Are you in the Holiday panic like me? Where oh where does the time go! We are having a great year so far. We have had several out of town teachers come to share their talents with us and more are lined up for the coming months. We had some great "press" with the article that ran in the October/November issue of THE WOMAN TODAY magazine!

Last month we had Emily Durkee teaching a class in weaving with willow bark that was so much fun! We hope she will do another class weaving with willow branches. We need some teachers to sign up for future months. Please keep this in mind and sign up today to teach a class and contact Jan Ringer right away. I will do a beginners class in the spring. Join me and help out. Only we, the members, can keep the guild going and growing.

Joanne Balliette, President

Tips:

When I am weaving a round basket base with spokes, I find it helps to lay out the spokes and tie them across with string or dental floss to keep the spokes in place and even. Then I use #2 RR for twining around the spokes. Makes for trouble-free even weaving. (Cindy Ericksmoen)

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.

December 14th Classes:



Christmas Jingle Bell Basket:

Instructors: Shirley Adamczak and Jan Ringer

Cost: \$10.00

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: All levels

A cute little gift basket, it measures 6" in diameter by 3" tall. Twelve Jingle Bells are added after it's finished by sewing them on with waxed linen. Could also be used to hold wrapped candy or even soap in the bathroom. Fill it with treasures and give to a special person!



Christmas Star

Instructor: Mark Boyce

Cost: \$5.00

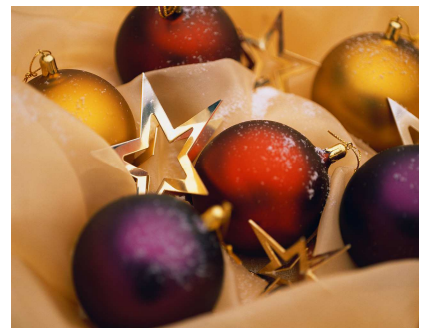
Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: Beginner

Make this traditional Scandinavian Christmas ornament. Bring 1/4" reed strips (or larger) and lots of little clips. If you don't have these, Mark will provide them. Your star can be any size depending on the size reed you use. Star shown is about 6" in diameter.

Tip:

Rim Techniques: Measure inside and outside diameters of basket and cut reed 2 1/2" longer. Round up ends and soak well. Clip rim pieces to basket and mark overlap ends with a pencil. Remove rims and scarf outside rim 1/8" to 1/4" past marking towards the long end of rim piece. The outside rim will tighten up while lashing. Scarf inside rim 1/8 "to 1/4" short of mark towards the short end. The inside rim tightens up with the ends pulling away from each other. Place the outside rim to the right side of a long side of basket if possible and start lashing just to the right of overlap. Place the inside rim overlap on the same side of the basket just to the left of the outside rim overlap. This ensures that as the rims tighten with lashing the overlaps will be able to adjust and if a little more scarfing is needed it will be easy to do. (Kathy Falk)





January 11th Classes

Round Seagrass Holder with Cover

Instructors: Kathy Falk and Sue Turnquist

Cost: \$25

Class size: Maximum of 10

Weaving Level: Intermediate

Round seagrass holder with cover. It measures 8" in diameter x 4" high. This basket will hold your seagrass and keep it tangle free! Kits not available.



Basket Woven on Mold

Instructor: Shirley Mount

Cost: Varies from \$45 to \$29. **Please see registration form.**

Class size: Maximum of 12

Weaving Level: Beginner

You must choose a size and send the correct amount of money. Please also choose a **color** of spokes you want, or if you prefer natural. Shirley recommends either natural, smoked, dark brown, red or dark green. Mold sizes are 6 1/2", 5" or 4".



Key Basket

Instructor: Della Pleski

Cost: \$35

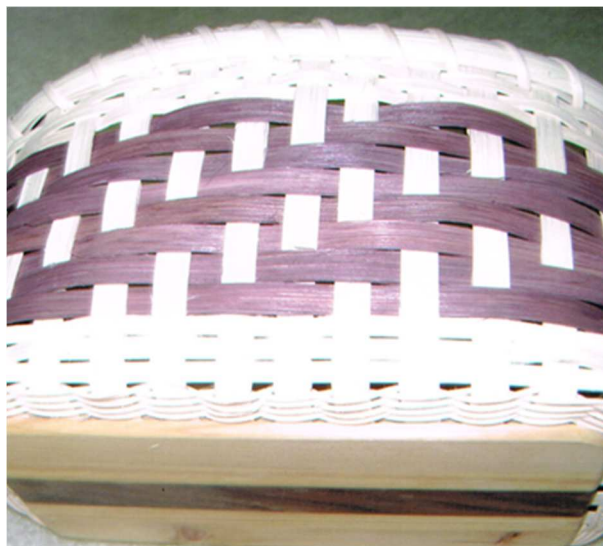
Class size: Maximum of 8

Weaving Level: Confident beginner

A classic rib basket that hangs. We will work with plain and dyed reed and seagrass to create a key basket on a 10" hoop/form. You will learn how to start/stop different materials, add ribs, and work with "short" rows. We will finish the basket with added wire, rocks or beads and feathers. Kits not available.



February 8th Classes



Stepping Up

Instructor: Cindy Ericksmoen

Cost: \$28.00

Class size: Maximum of 8

Weaving Level: Advanced Beginner, Intermediate

Useful chips, buns stash. Gorgeous segmented hardwood base, step up weave pattern. Reed is brown, not purple. Dimensions are 6" x 10" base and 6" high. Kits not available.



Chocktaw Pouch/Della's Version

Instructor: Della Pleski

Cost: \$40.00

Class size: Maximum of 8

Weaving Level: Advanced Beginner

A classic variation of an elbow basket. We start like a normal elbow basket, but then we make a secret twist that changes the basket completely. Dyed reed for contrast weaving and a birch bark insert. We will finish the basket with added wire, rocks or beads and feathers. Kits not available.

Tips:

Twine all woven bases, even if it doesn't say so in the pattern. Even one row of twining will stabilize the bottom of the basket and stop it from twisting out of shape. It will also make it easier to upstake.

An easy way to resize a pattern: if it calls for 1/2" flat reed, use 3/8". If it calls for 3/8" use 7mm or 1/4". Automatically downsized it with no calculating!! (both of the above by Della Pleski)

February 8th Classes continued:



Casserole Carrier

Instructor: Liz Scheidt

Cost: \$30.00

Class size: 12

Weaving Level: Beginner

This basket is easy to make and a perfect way to carry a 9 x 12 inch pan with a casserole or dessert to those holiday functions which are just around the corner. The matching shaker tape handles not only look nice but give the basket the support it needs to carry your pan with confidence. Kits not available.

