

North Shore Basket Guild

Fall Newsletter

December, January,
February 2014-2015

Holiday greetings to everyone.

It has been another year that our lives are flying by way too quickly. I hope you have had time to weave at home as I haven't been able to. I am looking forward to our Holiday season and being able to spend time with our families. At our Christmas gathering I would like to hear from all of you what is your favorite holiday tradition.

I am hoping this winter isn't too cold or snowy so that we have to cancel our guild gatherings. Please be sure to check your emails whenever the weather is going to be bad on a Friday before Guild and Saturday. If we cancel guild you will get an email indicating that. If you are worried about driving when the weather is bad just stay home. I would much rather you be safe and not in a ditch.

Joanne Balliette,
President

Tip:

Marking half on a hoop for baskets? Throw that tape away! I have a quicker way. Most hoops are not round, or exactly the same dimensions. When ordering, ask that they be "matched". They will come to you taped together. I will use a 12" hoop for example here. Place one hoop on your quilting mat, with the join on the 6" line. Move the hoop around a bit, until aligned the same with the 12" lines. Take your pencil and mark inside and outside of hoop on the 6" line. Repeat with the other hoop. —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.nsbq.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.

December 13th Classes:



Holiday Pin

Instructor: Carol Ankrum

Cost: \$8.00

Weaving Level: Confident Beginner

This darling pin can be filled with greenery and holiday trinkets after it is woven.

Registration is not required, just come and make one if you'd like. You can pay the instructor at the class. You can make this one and/or the one below, it's your choice.



Beaded Handle Basket

Instructor: Jan Ringer

Cost: \$8.00

Dimensions: 3" x 3" x 3"

Weaving Level: Beginner

This adorable little basket is a perfect little Christmas gift. It is woven with mulberry accents and a beaded wire handle.

Registration is not required, just come and make one if you'd like. You can pay the instructor at the class. You can make this one and/or the one above, it's your choice.



January 10th Classes

Fruit Basket

Instructor: Mark Boyce

Cost: \$30.00

Class size: Maximum of 6, no kits available

Dimensions: 8" x 8" Square on bottom, 9" to 10" in diameter at top.

Weaving Level: Advanced Beginner

This plaited (diagonal) basket is made with 1 1/2" wide black ash for the strips, and 3/4" wide black ash for the rim and lasher. It is very light weight. An alternative technique will be taught for lashing this basket. Please bring clamps (pony preferred).



Around Town Tote

Instructors: Della Pleski and Dorothy Ferguson

Cost: \$50.00

Class size: Maximum of 12, Kits available

Weaving Level: Confident Beginner

Dimensions: 5" W x 10" L x 11" D

This sturdy tote will become one of those baskets you will find essential. With a wooden base, a sturdy leather handle and generous size, this tote weaves up quickly and is very versatile. Based on Suzanne Moore's basket, it is modified to make it stronger and includes options for either twining in #2 rr or twining in seagrass for a different element of design. Caning has been added after the basket is complete, as a decoration. Basic skills are utilized and you learn how to add a false rim to attach handles. Some basket experience is beneficial, but this is a basket anyone can make and enjoy.



February 14h Classes



Up North

Instructor: Cindy Ericksmoen

Cost: \$33.00

Class size: Maximum of 12 - Kits may be available if class doesn't fill

Dimensions: 11" x 11" x 11"

Weaving Level: Advanced Beginner

This curved front basket has a rectangular oak base and is woven with a maple inserted hand painted pine cone strip. This is a great basket to set on the counter for mail or magazines, or use the added handle to hang on the wall, or in the bathroom for hand towels. Other colors for trim will be offered.



Mainly Seagrass

Instructor: Jo Guttormson

Cost: \$48.00

Class size: Maximum of 10 - No kits available

Weaving Level: Advanced Beginner/
Intermediate

Dimensions: 11" diameter s 7 1/2" tall, 14" to top of handle

A roomy basket that starts with a wooden base and utilizes several sizes of reed and techniques for interest. Ends with a wood filler and supported wrapped handle.