



Spring Newsletter

March, April, May
2016

Greetings to all-

Hope you are all finding some time to weave between shoveling and enjoying all of our lovely snow.

At our March guild meeting, we will be having a "group weave-a-thon" to make baskets for the Life House for which NSBG will provide the pattern and supplies to make up the basic basket. Members are encouraged to bring any special reed, embellishments, etc. to make these baskets special. We want to fill them with items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and brushes, razors – male & female, shaving cream, hand/feet warmers, socks/underwear, and chocolate. Baby items needed at Life House (newborn to age 4) include diapers, burp cloths, onesies, teething items, lotions, etc. Any and all donations will be gratefully appreciated.

Incorporated in 1991, Life House has provided homeless and street youth ages 14-21 with unconditional support, transitional housing, and a safe alternative to the streets for 25 years. Life House serves approximately 600 unduplicated youth and 75 of their young children. Life House is located at 102 W. First Street, Duluth, MN and to find out more about them, check out their website: <http://lifehouseduluth.org/>

Keep on weaving!

Sue Turnquist, President

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. Thanks.

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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March 12th Community Baskets—To Be Gifted to Duluth's "LIFE HOUSE"



COMMUNITY BASKETS - TO BE GIFTED TO DULUTH'S "LIFE HOUSE"

Serving Youth Ages 14-24

Lots of utility in this nice square basket approximately 7" by 7" wide and 5" high.

The sides are an over/under weave with triple twining and the bottom is accented with diagonal strips of 1/4" flat. This is a fast weave and the basket lends itself to the use of different colored reed, accents, or rim variations. The example shown uses smoked 1/4" flat, smoked triple twining, and a wrapped rim. Beginners or advanced weavers alike will enjoy making this great little basket.

NSBG will provide members with the basic pattern and basket supplies. Shirley Adamczak is generously donating colored round reed for the triple twining. Members are encouraged to bring any other materials to "build" these baskets! It would be a great time to use up some of those bags of leftovers.

The goal is to fill the completed baskets with donated items such as toothpaste, combs, deodorant, shampoo, socks, underwear (guys or gals), and baby necessities such as baby wipes, infant diapers, socks, onesies, etc. Once filled, the baskets will be dropped off by volunteer NSBG members at Life House, 102 W. First Street, Duluth, MN .

April 9th Classes**Mark Boyce — Duluth, MN**

Berry Basket - 4" x 4" square bottom, round top.

This basket is done over a standard mold using black ash. Scissors are needed and small clamps. Pounding and splitting will be demonstrated but will not be needed to complete the basket. Fresh cut dogwood will also be available for purchase. Bundles are big enough to complete a basket.

Beginner. \$35. Class Limit 10. No kits.

Dogwood - \$10 / bundle

Registration must be received by Friday, March 25, 2016

**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. Please bring ruler, small sharp scissors, awl and one – 1/2" spring clamp.

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

Registration must be received by Friday, March 25, 2016.



May 13th and 14th Classes

Roxy O'Hearn – Duluth, MN

(No picture available at this time)

Fancy Handles - Class to be Held on Saturday May 14th

Wrapping your basket handle adds a beautiful dimension to your hand-woven basket. Learn four applications for fancy handles to complete your creation.

Advanced beginner. \$20. Class Limit: 5 Minimum; 10 Maximum. No Kits.

Registrations must be made by May 1, 2016



Pam Talsky – Waterford, WI

Friday May 13, 2016 from 4:30 to 8:30 (4 hours)

India bangles

Learn to coil 2 bangle bracelets, in your choice of a large selection or colors. Start with a bangle wire that fits YOU. This bracelet idea came to me when asked to teach in India – and offer jewelry for the students to make. Comfortable to wear and fun to stack. Tools required: small sewing scissors. Ott light may be helpful.

All weaving levels. \$50.

Class Limit 6 Minimum, 12 Maximum
Kits Available.

**Registrations must be made by:
Friday, April 15, 2016**



May 13th and 14th Classes, continued

Pam Talsky – Waterford, WI

Saturday May 14, 2016 from 8am to 5pm (9 hours)

Cedar Cache

Dimensions: Length 1 ½“ up to 3 ½” Width ¼” Height 2” up to 4”

SIZES VARY – An assortment of forms will be available to custom size your own!

A great place to stash the essentials; credit card, room key, cash, phone... Learn an ancient looping technique using your choice of waxed linen colors and hand harvested and prepared Alaskan Yellow Cedar and Western Red Cedar from Thorne Bay, Alaska. The final touch will be the buckskin flap to which you will add a beaded edge and then embellish with more beads and natural finds to make it truly a one of a kind, personalized work of art! Students may accent their braided strap with beads to match the pouch. Several samples will be available to inspire you.

Tools required: a small awl, good scissors, towel and spray bottle. The rest will be provided. All weaving levels. \$95. Class Limit 6 Minimum; 12 Maximum. No kits.

Registrations must be received by: Friday, April 15, 2016

