

The Lash Word

Volume 3/Issue 2 – January 2020

Deer Creek Basketry Guild

Note from the President: Lisa Mitchell

Our Guild had a busy 2019. We celebrated our 30th Anniversary, sold out 2 Bingos and participated in Darlington Apple Festival, Fall Harvest Festival, Hands on History, and basket classes each month at Steppingstone Farm Museum. The Guild has grown to 100 members and with our website, “open to the public” basket classes, bingos, and basket selling events, we continue to perpetuate the art of basketry. This year we are excited to bring two nationally recognized instructors, Anne Bowers (February) and Gina Kieft (May), to teach at our Guild. Be sure to put the class dates on your calendars.

This year, we will also be facing the challenge of losing our meeting and teaching location at the Izaak Walton League Lodge to the State, but hopefully we will be moving to a new and improved building in Edgewood.

I hope everyone has had a good start for 2020 and that you continue to be healthy and weave lots!

Newsworthy Notes

Membership

Our membership year began in July.

- Renewing Members: \$20 for the year
- New Members: \$15 any time throughout the year (if joining in May/June, the fee covers the next year)

[DCBG Membership Application 2019-20](#)

Darlington Apple Festival

On Saturday, October 5, the Guild participated in the Darlington Apple Festival. The event is hosted by the Darlington community and draws over 75,000 attendees. It's a great day for the family with activities, vendors, music and great food. The Guild tent featured baskets by our members and basket weaving demonstrations by Lisa Mitchell, June Hersey and Louise Beyer. Marketing materials were distributed and over 13 emails were collected to promote the Guild and advertise classes and our bi-annual Bingo.

Steppingstone Fall Harvest Festival

On September 28 and 29, the Guild participated in the Steppingstone Fall Harvest Festival. The festival is Steppingstone's largest event of the year. The event is filled with demonstrations and activities for the entire family with music and various food trucks. All the farm buildings are open for visits. The Guild was lucky enough to stay out of the sun in the Carriage House. Weaving demonstrations were provided by Lisa Mitchell, June Hersey and Louise Beyer. Marketing materials were

distributed, and emails collected to promote the Guild and advertise classes.

The weaving demonstrations received a lot of interest and a few attendees sat down to weave a few rows.

Fall Basket Bingo

The Guild's Fall Bingo was held October 19. The event was sold out for another great success.

The 23 game prizes were woven and filled by members, and donations from local businesses.

The two raffle baskets were woven and filled by our members. Proceeds from the raffles totaled

\$614.00. Our door prize baskets were small elbow baskets called “Deer Heart” and were dyed various colors. The Marketplace was filled with many beautiful baskets made by nine of our members. Fifty-eight baskets were sold in the two hours that the Marketplace was open.

Bingo sales totaled \$1,638.00. Profit from the Bingo will be used to promote the Guild and its endeavor to perpetuate the art of basketry. Successful Bingos would not be possible without the many members who volunteer to weave baskets, setup, work the various jobs the day of the Bingo and clean up. Thanks to our



Bingo Raffle Basket



Deer Heart Door Prize Baskets

members who volunteered to participate in this event and to Brenda Conjour, who not only calls the bingo, but helps in so many other ways.

Our Spring Bingo will be held Saturday, April 25, 2020 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
201 Mt. Royal Avenue Aberdeen, MD 21001
Doors Open: 12 noon Games Begin: 1pm
You can pre-purchase tickets for \$15 each. Tickets will be available for purchase at the February and March Guild meetings. If you have a large party, you might want to reserve seats. For tickets or more information call 443-243-8887 or email dcbg21009@gmail.com

Begin thinking about a design for the Spring Bingo door prize basket!

Bingo Marketplace Statistics

These statistics are hard to believe! But since the Spring Bingo of 2013, Guild members have sold almost \$13,000 worth of their own handwoven baskets at the Bingo Marketplace!! From a low of \$756 at the Fall 2017 Bingo to a high of \$1,684 at the Fall 2013 Bingo. These sales represent baskets made by an average of 10 members! These statistics span 14 bingos.

As the April Bingo approaches, plan to weave some baskets to sell at the Marketplace. It's simple - the baskets need to be: made by you; tagged with an accompanying [Inventory Sheet](#) and: priced for sale (an even number calculated from the formula on the Inventory Sheet.) There is more information in your Membership Booklet and on the website. Whether you have one or one hundred, bring them to the Bingo. Don't

think they're not good enough – they are. Our patrons are looking for all kinds of baskets to use and or to gift. The Guild does not take a commission – purely a perk of your membership.

It's recommended to bring your baskets by 12 noon when the doors open. Several times we've had people come just to buy baskets. Baskets need to be picked up after the Bingo Marketplace closes.

Just think, doors open at noon and patrons can shop until 1pm; then again at intermission for another 15-20 minutes, and again following the Bingo (we stay open until the last patron leaves – usually another 20 minutes). So, within that limited time span, we are selling an average of \$925! We'd like to boost that average to at least 10 members participating – you can help us do it! Contact Louise Beyer or June Hersey if you have any questions.

Basket Bucks

Basket Bingos are a great opportunity to earn Basket Bucks, which can be used to pay for DCBG Instructor Classes or purchases at Bey-Her Baskets. Here's how you earn:

- Door prize .75 each
- Consolation prize \$2.00
- Game basket \$12.50
- Game basket filled \$12.50
- Help days \$5.00
- Tickets sold 5 @ \$1.00

30th Anniversary Party

On November 9th the Guild celebrated their 30th Anniversary. The Anniversary Committee (Louise Beyer - Chairperson, Nancy Jay, Margaret Davenport, Kathi Workman, Lisa Mitchell, June Hersey) did a fantastic job of preparing an evening to remember! It was a great way to honor our anniversary and dedicated members. Dinner was held at Giovanni's restaurant in Edgewood. Our Guild President, Lisa Mitchell, welcomed the 40 members who attended and presented a short history of the guild's accomplishments. A memorabilia table was set up with various items from throughout the years. June Hersey prepared a fantastic slide show to include pictures of guild events from over the years and video



DCBG's 30th Anniversary Basket

messages from past presidents. Kathi Workman prepared the beautiful 30th Anniversary Basket. Kits were given to each Guild attendee. Nancy Jay and Margaret Davenport provided a bingo game with basket supplies for prizes. The food was wonderful, and we were very well taken care of by the staff at Giovanni's.

Christmas Party – December Meeting

The Guild celebrated the holiday season at the December meeting. The potluck luncheon featured great dishes from our members. Our President, Lisa Mitchell presented each member with a gift on behalf of the Guild. The Guild gift was a Cube Tissue Basket kit and the pattern was donated by Bey-Her Baskets. Lisa challenged everyone with a basketry/Christmas scrambled word game. The winner's received a mug inscribed with "I love Basketweaving". Thanks to all the members who helped with the setup and cleanup of the party. We are very fortunate to have so many great volunteers.



Upcoming Classes

Anne Bowers – February 28-29 Star Basket (6 hours, \$52) or Antique Kitchen Tool Baskets (\$35 to \$45, depending on tool). This is our first retreat-type workshop with Continuation on Saturday 9am-4pm.

Kathy Beauchesne March 1st (after meeting) Nantucket Bracelets 1/4" bracelet for \$55 per person. Various bracelet kits will be available for purchase.

Gina Kieft May 15-17 – details to come.

When signing up for any of these, you must fill out the [Workshop Registration Form](#) and pay for the class prior to the event. This will ensure your place in the class and allow the instructor to provide the proper amount of materials.

DCBG – Basket Classes at Steppingstone Museum

August 24th

June Hersey taught a series of Small Market Baskets. Each student was able to weave 3 baskets choosing various color and embellishments. The 22 attendees created some unique designs.

September 21st

June Hersey taught the Seagrass Bowl. This was our first using a small bowl as a mold. An assortment of color choices was available to the 20 attendees. The basket used a combination of seagrass and reed to twine the

sides of the basket. Everyone did a fantastic job and learned a new technique.

October 26th

Louise Beyer taught a small Wine Cork basket. A wooden drilled base was used with round reed to create the spokes that held the wine cork as part of the side of the basket. The 11 attendees were able to learn another new technique utilizing round reed and corks.

November 16th

June Hersey taught a Napkin basket to be used for holding beverage and luncheon napkins. The 21 attendees were given both color and embellishment choices utilizing cane.

December 15th

Louise Beyer taught the Christmas Card Basket. The basket featured a ribbon overlay and braided rim. The 24 attendees were very accommodating with the last-minute change of venue and did a fantastic job on their braided rims.

Upcoming classes (open to members and non-members) are scheduled for February 22, March 14, April 4, May 9, June 20. Details and registration information will be emailed and posted approximately 30 days prior to the class.

Instructors Needed for Beginner Classes

Beginner classes held at Steppingstone are being scheduled for March to December 2020. If you would like to teach a class at one of the Guild's Monthly Beginner Classes, please respond to Louise Beyer (louisebeyer@comcast.net) with the month and potential dates that will work for you. Louise will coordinate with Steppingstone to reserve the facility and coordinate other details.

Kids National Basket Weaving Day

The Deer Creek Basketry Guild is proud to be a sponsor of the, "Kids National Basket Weaving Day" on June 27, 2020.



For more information, [click on this link](#). Additional details will be available on or after April 15, 2020. This grassroots effort is designed to interest the younger generation in the art of basketry! Save the date, June 27th, to participate with your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or your favorite child tag-a-long.

Basket Word Search

DCBG Word Search

Find the basketry related words. Be sure to look forward and backwards, up and down, and diagonally.

V R S G B C Y R I M K W C P A C K I N G
J G N C X P S X K C U E S P O K E S T C
E N Q H G M T O U H R E L L I F S I V R
S I T E K C U T N A N O Q U F T I F O G
A N T S Z R D C B Z G N I P A H S U V X
H I M F J N S O H W T H N K A X N C P F
C W Y L A S H I N G O K E Y S D N Z R F
U T K T O J X U J V E S A B R Q R I R F
R H U P S E T T I N G E J E V A E A R D
K C A R T N E K C I H C E S T L C E C H
I D U Z R C U R X I I D L T A S N G A R
E W E A V E R M O L D N A W S C S S N Y
S P L I C I N G C U P N D R H S T F E Q
K C O N T I N U O U S O I R A D A B P G
R I B G N C J H S A R A A R E E R W H G
F L A T O V A L A E H N G A S E T H T U
Y X P Y T V G S E J D A C V R R S J L I
W O R M I R Y R I I E O O G Y W T D V L
R E X A D W H C N S M S J V F C O E O D
I V W L V T A G C U C Z G P V G P Z F R

BASE	STAKES	SPOKES
WEAVER	TWINING	PACKING
SPLICING	UPSETTING	CUTANDTUCK
HAIRS	RIMROW	RIM
FILLER	LASHING	SHAPING
STARTSTOP	CONTINUOUS	SEAGRASS
FLATOVAL	ROUNDREED	CHASE
RATTAN	CANE	MOLD
SCARF	GUILD	FRENCHRANDING
THREERODWALE	CHICKENTRACK	NANTUCKET
REED	RIB	

Answer key found on the last page

What's Happening

Feb 2	DCBG Meeting	Izaak Walton	1pm
Feb 22	DCBG Beginner Class	Steppingstone Museum	9:30am-3pm
Feb 28-29	Instructor: Anne Bowers	Izaak Walton	Fri 5pm-9pm Sat 9am-4pm
Mar 1	DCBG Meeting	Izaak Walton	1pm
Mar 1	Instructor: Kathi Beauchesne	Izaak Walton	After our meeting
Mar 14	DCBG Beginner Class	Steppingstone Museum	9:30am-3pm
Apr 5	DCBG Meeting	Izaak Walton	1pm
Apr 24	Bingo Setup	St. Paul's Lutheran 201 Mount Royal Ave, Aberdeen, MD 21001	1pm
Apr 25	Spring Basket Bingo		Open: Noon Games: 1pm
May 15-17	Instructor: Gina Kieft	Izaak Walton	Fri 9am-4pm Sat 9am-4pm Sun 9am-4pm

Teacher Feature: Anne Bowers

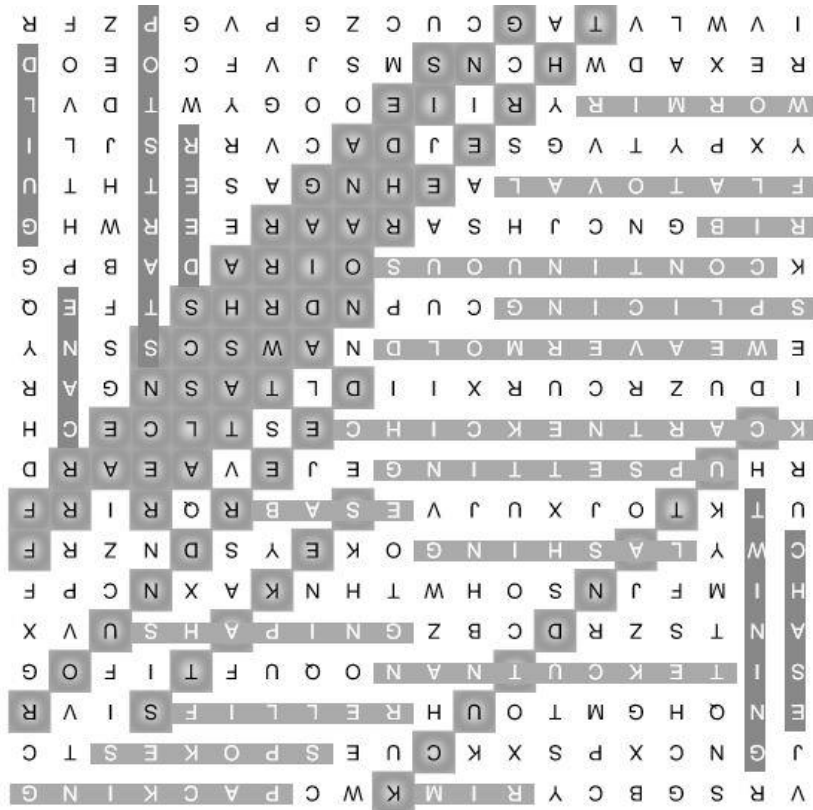


Anne is from the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia where she works in her studio designing and teaching baskets. She was a production basket maker for many years, and she brings those skills into each basket that she teaches. Ribbed basketry is her specialty, and some of her baskets have taken on a sculptural perspective in recent years. Anne has participated in many basketry exhibits, shows and has won many awards for her work. This past year she produced a few baskets on huge moose antlers to be used by a floral designer for the Philadelphia Flower Show. She is a member of the National Basketry Organization. She has taught on 3 basketry cruises, teaches basketry widely and lectures about the woven form. She is in her 38th year of weaving and is still fascinated with the woven form. This coming fall will mark her 31st year of participation in the annual Over the Mountain Studio Tour. Her goal is to make each student's class a successful one.

Guilders Weave 2020

Guilders Weave 2020 was held January 16-19, 2020 in Newport News, Virginia. It is a weekend long weaving event hosted by Tidewater Basketry Guild. This year 30 members of DCBG attended the event. The weekend was filled with fun activities: various classes (splint, sweetgrass, pine needle, Nantucket, seagrass stools, jewelry and more), raffles, a Saturday night banquet, basket swap, welcome bags, hospitality room, marketplace, and basket supply vendor K&K and more. Everyone had a great time and came back with beautiful treasures, lasting memories and a slight feeling of exhaustion.





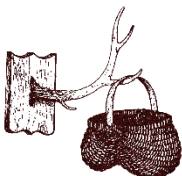
Answer Key – Word Search

The DCBG leadership team

President	Lisa Mitchell dcbg21009@gmail.com 443-243-8887
Vice President	Lesli Price lesli.price3@gmail.com 410-642-3505
Secretary	Becky Kulinski rkulinski@bcps.org 410-322-5479
Treasurer	Nancy Coffey ncoffey@gemacs.com 410-638-0274
Member-At-Large	Membership: Donna Gavin donnaalee601@yahoo.com 443-567-6158
Member-At-Large	Newsletter: Sandy Adams-Doyle sandy.adamsdoyle@gmail.com 410-375-9681
Member-At-Large	Program: Louise Beyer louisebeyer@comcast.net 410-937-3983

The following members hold non-elected positions:

Education Coordinator	Kathi Workman songbirde2@gmail.com 410-638-7047
Librarian(s)	Beverly Budnick 24babudnick@gmail.com 410-734-7906 Margaret Davenport dodge37@comcast.net 570-617-4694 Nancy Jay momjayNLJ@aol.com 410-939-5324
Historian	Angela Cole oinkoinkaj@comcast.net 443-306-7203
Marketing	June Hersey jhersey@zoominternet.net 717-309-9958
Website	June Hersey (Temp)



The Lash Word is a publication of the Deer Creek Basketry Guild. Next publication is set for April 2020. Send submissions for inclusion to: sandy.adamsdoyle@gmail.com or mail to: DCBG, PO Box 514 Bel Air, MD 21014