



Welcome to our newsletter! Here is where you will find the latest happenings, events, and news for the Ohio Basketweavers' Guild. Check our [Facebook](#) page for the latest updates, and visit the [Ohio Valley Basketweaver's Guild](#) website for more information.

A word from our President:

OVBG was busy at year's end!

September had the Nantucket basket class and Gathering of the Guilds, October was the snowman hat class/open weave and the Oxford Lane library beginner basketweaving class, and November had the pine needle class and craft show. We also connected with a few folks about the guild at the New Richmond HS craft show.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the annual holiday party at Georgann's beautifully decorated home.

Thanks to everyone who participated in all these events. It is exciting to be a part of this wonderful guild.

I look forward to this year's fun filled schedule.

Best,

Margie

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to our new members,

Molly Mitchell

Bonnie Krist

Libby Glade Welsh, Erica Fitzgerald, Kyle Keigan, and Beth Bridgeman

We are pleased to have you join us.

We look forward to sharing your basket weaving journey!



Upcoming Guild Events:

Check your email for the latest updates!

- **Board Meeting/Guild Meeting & Open Weave-Finish your Nantuckets!**

Date: 1/17

Location: Bright Lions Club,
2160 Lamplight Dr, Lawrenceburg, IN

*please bag your own lunch

- February 21: Valentine's Basket, taught by Sue D.
- March 21: Vase Basket, taught by Shawn & Vicky
- April 18: Seagrass Vessel or Twill Basket
- May 9 - 10: Appalachian Festival
- May 16: Beginner Weaver Class- Napkin Basket
- June 6 - 7: visiting teacher Mary Price
- July 18: Guild Picnic, Open Weave, and Reed Dyeing, hosted by Olivia and Ben R.
- August: TBD
- September 19: TBD, taught by Cookie
- October 17 - 18: visiting teacher Anne Bowers
- November 21: Evergreen Tree or Carolina Snowflakes, taught by Margie
- December 5: Guild Holiday Party, hosted by Georgann B.

OVBWG 2026 Board Members:

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Margie Hayes

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From our Guild Historian, Kim:

In January 1990, 30 passionate basket weavers gathered in the basement of the Star Bank in Mariemont, Ohio to form what would become the Ohio Valley Basketweavers Guild with 28 members. Our early years were marked by excitement and growth. We hosted renowned weavers for exclusive member workshops, then expanded to statewide conventions where master teachers welcomed all skill levels. Mary Lou Volking and Judy Dominic, guild members, organized a local conference, the Midwest Basketry Focus, where we learned from legends like Dorothy Gill Barnes, JoAnn Kelly Catsos, and Sandy Whalen. They taught us to weave with natural fibers such as bark and vines, oak, and willow.

In 1993, we proudly exhibited at the Carnegie Art Center, showcasing the work of 21 guild members. Some members joined immersive workshops such as the one held in West Virginia, working with Tom and Connie McCauley learning to harvest oak and hickory bark and crafting baskets from those materials. The Guild also sponsored Tom and Connie to a “First You Start with a Tree” class in Cincinnati. In 1994, we welcomed Flo Hoppe, the queen of twining, and Fred and Kay Kohler, filling our homes with exquisite Nantucket style baskets.

True to our mission to preserve basketry, educate, and inspire, we began demonstrating at the Appalachian Festival over three decades ago, sharing techniques with the public and offering members a venue to sell their work.

**Did you have fun making your
Nantucket?**

**We have a library of molds
available for guild member use.
Contact Vicky for details!**

