Woven Spokes November/December 2026



The Basket Art Guild meets approximately six times a year in Decatur, Illinois.

All workshops are held at the Long Creek Community Center unless otherwise stated.

We also host workshops that are taught by accomplished basket artisans.

The Basket Art Guild was established to perpetuate the art of basketry and to stimulate public interest, appreciation, and knowledge of basketry.

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- **Have something for the newsletter? Send it in to Bonnie!** bonnierideout17@gmail.com
- **Be sure to check out our Facebook page!**
- **Time to register for the Christmas Weave and Workshop!**
- **Time to Vote!**



So Much News!

Grab a coffee, tea, or your favorite beverage—this newsletter is packed with highlights and exciting things ahead!

First, relive the fun of our first-ever Workshop Extravaganza. We had such a great time, and we're looking forward to more! You'll also find details about our Christmas weave and workshop coming up the first weekend of December.

Ready for more weaving and good company? More open weaves are scheduled at Mi Casa in Mt. Zion, Illinois. Our first gathering was a lot of fun! A big thank-you to Bev Dondeville for securing the location.

Have your say! The election ballot is included in this issue, and we've made voting easy. Cast your vote for the new board that will take office in 2027.

Keep the fun going—renew for 2027! Don't miss the wonderful events we have planned. Take advantage of our Early Bird special: pay your dues by January 31, 2027, and your membership is just $20. What a deal!





Basket Art Guild Events

2026

BAG Annual Christmas Weave
December 5, 2026
Long Creek Community Center

Details in this newsletter & on our website!

BAG Weave with Bonnie Rideout
December 6, 2026
Long Creek Community Center

Details in this newsletter & on our website!



2027 Open Weave Dates

Sunday, January 24th at 1pm
Sunday, February 28th at 1pm
Sunday, March 21st at 1pm

Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant
1045 N. State Hwy, 121, Mt. Zion, IL

Mi Casa is graciously allowing us to use their back room for free. We just need to purchase food/drinks. Bring a project and have some fun!

Let Bev know you will be attending!
(217) 972-5114 or Bdondeville@yahoo.com



Visit our website!
For details and to register for any of our workshops visit our website at **www.basketartguild.com**. Information for any of our events will be posted as soon as it is available!

2027

BAG Workshop with Marjorie Kennedy
April 24, 2027
Long Creek Community Center

Stay tuned for more info soon!

BAG Weave with Bonnie Rideout
April 25, 2027
Long Creek Community Center

Stay tuned for more info soon!

BAG Workshop with Pat Moore
June 12 - 13, 2027
Long Creek Community Center

Stay tuned for more info soon!

BAG Workshop with Sandy Bulgrin
August 14 - 15, 2027
Long Creek Community Center

Stay tuned for more info soon!

BAG Workshop with Terri Feutz
October 16-17, 2027
Long Creek Community Center

Stay tuned for more info soon!

BAG Annual Christmas Weave
November 13, 2027
Long Creek Community Center

Stay tuned for more info soon!

BAG Weave with Bonnie Rideout
November 14, 2027
Long Creek Community Center

Stay tuned for more info soon!

BASKET ART GUILD

www.basketartguild.com

President's Letter

Hey everyone, first, I want to thank everyone who voted for me as President.

It has been a very rewarding experience. I learned a lot about the way things work with our bylaws. I have had such a good time writing letters for the newsletter, conducting meetings, and just having fun meeting new people.

Becky King

Membership Dues



Renew your BAG membership for 2027 so you don't miss any workshops! Annual dues are $25, but you can pay just $20 if you submit your 2027 dues before January 31, 2027.

You can find the membership form on our website or on page 12.

Don't delay, send in your completed membership form and dues today!



Time to Vote! The Ballot is on page 10!



Do you know what makes a great newsletter? YOU! Be sure to send in projects you are working on, upcoming events that may interest BAG members, tips and tricks you may have picked up at a retreat - you get the idea!

We want to hear from you! Send to Bonnie at: bonnierideout17@gmail.com



The Basket Art Guild would like to welcome the following New member to the guild. We hope to see you soon!

Pamela Larrick
Karen Kotecki
Sara Ross



www.basketartguild.com











Wisconsin Weave Guild, Beloit, WI

The Wisconsin Weave Guild meets at St. Paul's Church in Beloit, Wisconsin, and offers regular weaves and sessions with guest instructors. Guest instructors scheduled for 2027 include ***Terri Fuetz*** on **May 17** and ***Bonnie Rideout*** on **June 21**. For more information, visit the guild's Facebook page. They're a wonderful group!

Land of Lincoln Basketweavers Association



Save the dates for 2027!

Spring Fling will be held April 3rd. The Starved Rock Weaving Day will be held June 7th at Starved Rock State Park in Utica, IL and Camp Tuck-A-Basket will be held in Normal, IL September 10-12, 2027. Be sure to visit our website for details about each event. www.llbwa.com



The National Basketry Organization is a non-profit organization that unites people interested in basketry to provide education and to promote basket making. Founded in the late 1990's, the organization now has approximately 600 members, most of whom live in the United States and Canada. Although most of NBO's members are basket makers, membership includes collectors, gallery owners, scholars, craft and art schools and museums.

Visit www.nationalbasketry.org for more information.

MISSOURI BASKETWEAVERS GUILD
Visit www.basketweavers.org for more information
Find them on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/MissouriBasketweaversGuild/ .

QUAD CITIES BASKETWEAVERS GUILD
For more information about the Quad Cities Basket Guild contact Susan Walters, President at qcbasketryguild@gmail.com.
Phone: 309/781-7228.

IOWA BASKETWEAVERS
For more information about the Iowa Basket Weavers contact Pamela Brown at pamela.brown@countryfinancial.com or Maribeth Woolsey at mwoolsey117@hotmail.com.

BLOOMINGTON BASKETWEAVERS (BLOOMINGTON, IL)
The Bloomington Basketweavers meets once a month on the 4th Monday night from 6 - 9 pm at the Bloomington Public Library, Bloomington, Illinois. Weavers alternate "teaching" duties. Contact Jennifer Schrof at 309-862-1663 or jenpurdue@comcast.net or Mary Ann Ford at 309-663-4926 or maf82350@gmail.com.

SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS BASKET BUDDIES (O'FALLON, IL)
This new guild will meet at 1 pm on a Saturday, once a month, in the basement at Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, 1205 N Lincoln Ave, O'Fallon, IL 62269. Contact us for specific meeting dates. We currently have 8 members and are growing! Meetings are open to all basket weavers. Dues are $15 per year.
Facebook page is: **Southwestern Illinois Basket Buddies**.
For more information, contact Charla Morton on 618/604-3292, or by email: sw-ilbasketbuddies@basketweavers.org.



Don't see your local guild listed?
Drop us a line and we will add it!
Email, Bonnie at bonnierideout17@gmail.com

"May you never be to grown to search the skies on Christmas Eve" - Unknown

Woven Spokes

If you would like to contribute to our newsletter please send information and or pictures to Bonnie Rideout at **bonnierideout17@gmail.com. The more you send in the more interesting the newsletter is!**

BAG is on Facebook! Be sure to check our Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/groups/Basketartguild

Membership

Not a member? Dues are $25/year. The membership form is in this newsletter and on our website.

Early Birds! If you send in your dues BEFORE January 31st, they are only $20!

Website

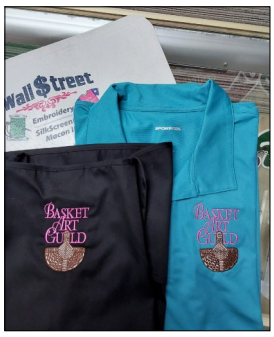
Visit our website at any time for up to date information on meetings and events. www.basketartguild.com

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From our Webmaster—

All of our registration forms, membership form & newsletters can be found on our website.

Any questions about our website, please contact Christine at 217/521-2339.



Bag Gear

Bag Gear is available through Wallstreet Embroidery & Silk Screening at 109 N. Front Street, Macon, IL 62544.

If interested, contact them directly at 217/764-3501.



Treasurer's Report as of November 5, 2026

Beginning Balance = $3,681.58

Income

$260.00 (26 Registrations, Extravaganza Workshop)
$ 75.00 (3 Memberships)
$335.00 Income Total = $335.00

Expenses

$225.00 (Facility Rental, Extravaganza Workshop)
$ 12.30 (Check Works)
$237.30 Expenses Total = $237.30

Ending Balance = $3,779.28

Current Membership is 43.
2027 BAG Membership runs from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027.
Time to renew your dues! BONUS - if dues are paid BEFORE January 31, 2027, they are only $20. Don't delay, mail them in today!

"Twinkle bright, stars alight, Christmas makes the world feel right" - Anonymous

Highlights from our first Workshop Extravaganza!

Many thanks to everyone who made this first Workshop Extravaganza a fun, successful event! Did you notice I said “first”? We had so much positive feedback we are thinking about another one in 2027. Is there something you would like to see offered? Contact Bev Dondeville, our Workshop Chair.























"Friendship isn't a big thing - it's a million little things" - Paulo Coelho

2026/2027 Basket Happenings

December 5	**BAG - Annual Christmas Weave, Long Creek, IL** Details in this newsletter and on our website! www.basketartguild.com
December 6	**BAG - Basket Weave with Bonnie Rideout** Details in this newsletter and on our website! www.basketartguild.com
2027	
January 9 - 10	**Cabin Fever, Owatonna, MN** For more information visit https://www.weavinwinona.com/
January	**Guilder's Weave, Newport News, VA** For more information visit www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org
January 21 - 24	**Texas Basketweaver's Association, Houston, TX** For more information visit www.texasbasketweavers.com
January 29 - 31	**GBA Annual Convention, Duluth, GA** For more information visit https://www.georgiabasketry.com/
February 19 - 27	**Basket Cruise** For more information visit: www.basketweavingcruise.com
February 25 - 27	**Winter Weave, Willoughby Hills, OH** For more information visit www.winterweave.com
March 4 - 6	**WTWKY, Falls of Rough, KY** For more information visit https://www.wtwky.com/
March 11 - 14	**NCBA 2027 Convention, Raleigh-Durham, NC** For more information visit www.ncbasketmakers.com
April 3 - 4	**LLBWA'S Spring Fling Event, Normal, IL** For more information visit www.llbwa.com
April 16 - 19	**Florida Tropical Weavers, Orlando, FL** For more information visit https://ftwg.org/
April 24	**Wolf River Spring Event, Shawano, WI** For more information visit www.wolfriverbasketryguild.com
April 24	**BAG - Marjorie Kennedy, Long Creek Community Center, Decatur, IL** Details coming soon! www.basketartguild.com
April 25	**BAG - Bonnie Rideout, Long Creek Community Center Decatur, IL** Details coming soon! www.basketartguild.com
April 30 - May 1	**Iowa Basketmakers, Des Moines, IA** For more information contact Barb Bouley at 515/250-9763 or email bouleyb@gmail.com
June 12 - 13	**BAG - Pat Moore, Long Creek Community Center, Decatur, IL** Details coming soon! www.basketartguild.com

Know of a basket happening?
Send information to Bonnie at bonnierideout17@gmail.com!

Time to Vote!

Election Ballot

The following people have been nominated to serve on the Basket Art Guild Board:

President:	Julie Cundiff	Write in:_____
Vice President:	Karen Brown	Write in:_____
Treasurer:	Julie Cundiff	Write in:_____
Secretary:	Christine Poland	Write in:_____

You may vote in person at the December Christmas Weave on **December 5, 2026**, or submit your ballot using one of the methods below.

Ballots submitted by mail, text, or email must be received by **December 1, 2026.**

Three ways to submit your ballot:

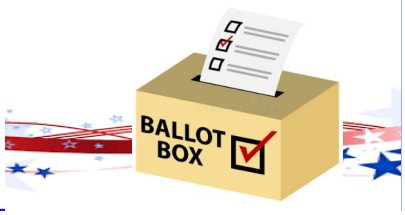
Mail: Send your completed ballot by mail.
Text: Send a photo of your completed ballot to Christine at 217/521-2339.
Email: Send a photo of your completed ballot to Christine at christinepoland@hotmail.com.

Ballots will be counted and the elected board members announced during our Annual December Guild meeting. Newly elected officers will begin their terms on January 1, 2027.

Email, text or mail your votes to: (They must be received no later than December 1)

Christine Poland
26254 E. 2200 North Road
Mt. Zion, IL 62549

Questions? 217/521-2339
christinepoland@hotmail.com



Thank you to our advertisers who help support The Basket Art Guild!

Fellowship

Our guild consists of weavers of all different skill levels and experience. Our meetings allow all of us to learn new techniques, hone our skills and discuss basketry. Much can be learned by an exchange of ideas by others who share a love of basketry.







Our advertisers are featured in our newsletter, our Facebook page and on our website with a direct link to their business website.

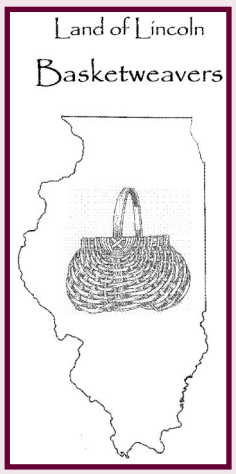
Would you like to advertise with the Basket Art Guild? Just contact Marilyn Scarbeary for more information!
Marilyn can be reached at marilynscarbeary@gmail.com or 815/673-3165.

Bonnie's Baskets

Bonnie's Baskets Central Illinois Classes

BAG member and advertiser, Bonnie Rideout with ***Bonnie's Baskets*** will be offering many classes local in Central Illinois in 2026. Listed below are November and December classes. Visit her website at www.bonniesbasketsil.com and follow her on Facebook under Bonnie's Baskets for details and more class listings!

Friday, November 20th	The Farms Folk School, Monticello, IL	Simple Elegance
Saturday, November 21st	Lincoln Land College, Springfield, IL	Bagel Basket
Monday, November 23rd	Bloomington Weavers, Bloomington, IL	Amethyst Frost
Saturday, December 5th	Basket Art Guild Christmas Weave, Long Creek, IL	
		Sugar 'n Spice
		Midnight Mischief
Sunday, December 6th	Basket Art Guild, Long Creek, IL	
		Snow Much Fun
		Amethyst Frost
		Open Weave
Friday, December 11th	The Farms Folk School, Monticello, IL	Snow Much Fun
Saturday, December 12th	Lincoln Land College, Springfield, IL	All Hearts
Saturday, December 19th	Hometown Grounds, Tuscola, IL	Christmas Card Basket



Land of Lincoln Basketweavers Guild

LLBWA is our state guild. They hold three events a year plus weaving opportunities for brand new weavers.

Be sure to visit their website for detailed information on all upcoming events. Visit www.llbwa.com for detailed information.

Spring Fling
April 3, 2027

Starved Rock Event
June 7, 2027
Starved Rock Lodge
Utica, IL

Camp Tuck-A-Basket
September 10-12, 2027
Community Center
Normal, IL



Not sure if you are a current member of BAG? Check with Marilyn Scarbeary. She will let you know! marilynscarbeary@gmail.com

Basket Art Guild Membership

The Basket Art Guild membership runs from *January 1st to December 31st*.

Membership Dues for 2027 are $25.
Early Bird! If you send in your dues prior to January 31, 2027, it is ONLY $20!
You will receive your newsletter via email.
Newsletters are also available on our website www.basketartguild.com.

Have you renewed your membership yet? Not sure? Contact Marilyn and she will let you know. If you need to make any changes on contact info, please fill this out and send to Marilyn.

Name _____

Business name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Make checks payable to The Basket Art Guild

Send to: **Marilyn Scarbeary**
42 Rosemont Lane
Streator, IL 61364-1069

2026 CHRISTMAS WEAVE

DECEMBER 5, 2026

10am - 5pm

Registration and details available at www.basketartguild.com

Let's Weave Some Holiday Magic!
Join us for a merry day of creating, sharing, and holiday cheer!

10 a.m. — Angels & Holiday Cheer
We'll kick off the fun by making angels similar to the one pictured, then gather for lunch. Bring a snack or dessert to share - the more treats, the merrier! No charge!

1–5 p.m. — Weave Something Wonderful
Choose **"Sugar & Spice"** or **"Midnight Mischief,"** pictured, and weave a little holiday magic.

Your Project, Your Pace
Prefer to "Open weave"? Bring a project of your own and enjoy a cozy day of weaving and fellowship.

A Little Shopping, Too!
Bonnie's Baskets will also be set up to vend, so you can browse while you're here. Visit www.bonniesbasketsil.com for pre-orders!

Come for the crafting, stay for the company—we hope you'll join us for our yearly holiday festivities!
Please contact Workshop Chair, Bev Dondeville at 217/972-5114 to register.

You do not have to be a member to join us!





"Sugar & Spice", $35
8 1/2" L x 5 ½ H x 5" H



"Midnight Mischief", $28
5 1/4" L x 4" W x 3 1/2" H

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THE WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT:
LONG CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER
2610 Salem School Road, Decatur, IL 62521





BASKET ART GUILD CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026

9am - 5pm

Registration and details available at www.basketartguild.com

Join the Basket Art Guild for a fun day of weaving and fellowship with Bonnie Rideout of *Bonnie's Baskets* at the Long Creek Community Center in Decatur, IL
Sunday, December 6th from 9am-5pm.

Choose from two holiday projects: **"Snow Much Fun"** and **"Amethyst Frost."** Prefer to "Open Weave"? Bring a project of your own to work on while enjoying the company of fellow weavers!

Toolboxes will be provided for use during class. *Bonnie's Baskets* will also be set up to vend. You can pre-order from Bonnie, too! Visit her website at **www.bonniesbasketsil.com** to browse and contact Bonnie to arrange your pre-order.

Everyone is welcome, you don't have to be a guild member to attend! Pre-registration is required. Lunch is on your own - bring a sack lunch or there are plenty of nearby restaurants!

Questions? Please contact Workshop Chair, Bev Dondeville at 217/972-5114.

We hope you'll join us for a creative day filled with holiday spirit!



"Snow Much Fun", $45
4 3/4" H x 7" W x 12" L



"Amethyst Frost", $45
9" L x 6 ½" W x 6 ½" W

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LONG CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER
2610 Salem School Road, Decatur, IL 62521



We will have a basket out for voluntary donations to help cover the cost of the room rental.