

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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The Basket Art Guild meets approximately every other month 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.

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Special points of interest

- Have something for the newsletter? Send it in to Bonnie!
bonnierideout17@gmail.com
- Be sure to check out our Facebook page!
- Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year!





Friendly Reminders

The board would like to remind members to **please register by the deadlines given for each event**. This not only helps us but also helps the teacher to have the materials prepared in plenty of time for the event.

A lot of time and effort has been put in to planning these events for our members. If we don't have enough people registered by the deadline, events are cancelled. Which no one wants!

It has come to the guild's attention that members have been calling workshop teacher's directly. Members are asking the teachers if they can weave baskets offered on different days than they are offered. **Please don't do that!** Changing the workshop schedule can be a hardship on the teachers and the event coordinators. We hope you understand.

We want to keep offering quality events for our guild!

Any registration questions should be directed to our Treasurer, Marilyn Scarbeary at marilynscarbeary@gmail.com or (815) 673-3165.

We appreciate your cooperation with this request.



Sheree Bingheim Workshop

April 25th - 26th
Long Creek, IL

Visit www.basketartguild.com for details and registration information!

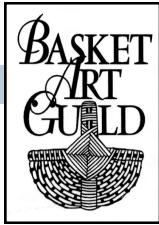
The deadline to register is April 1st

Sheree Bingheim is coming to our guild April 25th and 26th for a fabulous two day workshop! Visit our website for the details and to view the brochure. Hope to see you there!



www.basketartguild.com





Basket Art Guild Events



BAG Weave with Sheree Bingheim

April 25 & 26, 2026

Long Creek Community Center

Time to register! The brochure can be found on our website. The deadline to sign up is **April 1st**.

Pictured: Boot Scootin' (*top*)
Hanging Hope (*bottom*)



Be sure to visit the website to see the other basket offerings!



BAG Weave with Jeanne Dudley

August 23 & 24, 2026

Long Creek Community Center

Stay tuned for more info soon!



Our Workshop Chair, Bev Dondeville is working hard on the rest of the program for 2026! Be sure to renew your dues now. You won't want to miss out on any of the fun events being planned. The membership form can be found on page 11 of this newsletter and our website, www.basketartguild.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!

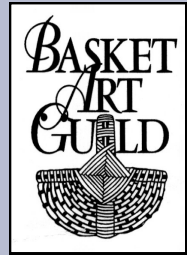


A Note From Our President

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas. We spend so much time stressing and getting ready for the holidays and it's over in a blink of an eye.

There won't be any stress when you come to our classes. The teachers are great and always willing to help out if you're struggling.

We learn new techniques and make new friends.
I hope to see you this year! Becky



Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your dues yet, now is the time!
You don't want to miss out on any BAG workshops in 2026.
Dues are only \$25/year.

You can find the membership form on our website and on the last page of this newsletter. Don't delay, send them in today!

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!

Illinois Fiber Festival - March 7, 2026

Welcome to the third annual Illinois Fiber Festival!

We hope to see you **Saturday March 7th 2026** at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, Illinois from 9am-4pm (vendors, class times may vary).



There will be over two dozen vendors showcasing the best of the best of fibers. They'll be something there for everyone including yarn, roving, fiber batts, rug yarn, finished goods, yarn bowls, and CLASSES.

Our offered course schedule is impressive but limited.
Please register ASAP to ensure your spot.

Please visit <https://jubileefarmsclinton.com> for course descriptions and to register.

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

Iowa Basket Weavers Guild



The Iowa Basket Weavers Guild will be hosting Lorealea Roberts **April 24 and 25, 2026** at the First Church Open Bible in Des Moines, IA. Contact Barb Bouley for details at bouleyb@gmail.com or 515/250-9763.

East Tennessee Basket Weavers' Guild



Save the date! The East Tennessee Basket Weavers' will once again be holding their retreat **November 4 - 7, 2026** in beautiful Greeneville, TN. You will have an amazing view of the mountains while staying at the lodge.

Be sure to visit the East Tennessee Basket Weavers' Facebook page to stay up to date on details. You won't want to miss this one!

Domas Studios, Assumption, IL



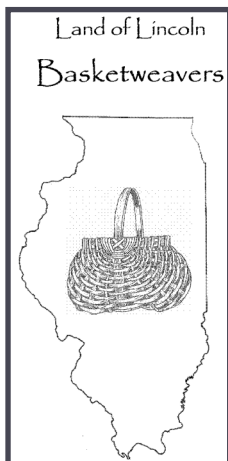
Domas Studios is located in Assumption, IL and is owned by artist Grace Snively. Domas is creating a place where artists, writers, makers and dreamers across Central Illinois can gather, learn and grow.

To check out the details for classes, visit domasstudio.com.

Be sure to follow them on Facebook!

BAG member Bonnie Rideout will be teaching there **February 7th, April 19th, and July 25th**. Visit the Domas Studios website for details.

Land of Lincoln Basketweavers Association



Save the dates for LLBWA's 2026 Events!

Spring Fling - Cancelled

The Starved Rock Event will be held **Monday, June 1** at the Starved Rock State Park Lodge in Utica, IL.

Camp Tuck A Basket will be held in Normal, IL **September 11 - 13**.

Check their website for details as they become available. 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 gcbasketryguild@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 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 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

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!



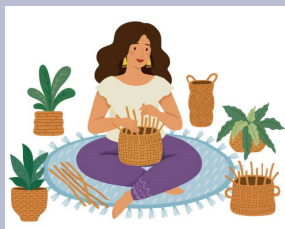
BAG is on Facebook!
Be sure to check our Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Basketartguild>

Membership

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

Website

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



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 December 27, 2025

	Beginning Balance = \$3,284.61
Income:	
	\$ 375.00 (15 Memberships)
	\$ 40.00 (Room rent 11-9-25)
	\$ 496.12 (Kits, Nov. Weaves)
Income Total:	\$ 911.12
Expenses:	
	\$ 297.45 (Kits 11-9-25)
	\$ 200.00 (Long Creek Community Center - Nov 8-9)
	\$ 164.51 (November meal & Expenses)
	\$ 20.00 (Returned check)
Expenses Total:	\$ 681.96
	Ending Balance = \$3,513.77

Basket Happenings

2026

January 10 - 11	Cabin Fever, Owatonna, MN For more information visit https://www.weavinwinona.com/
January 15 - 18	Guilder's Weave, Newport News, VA For more information visit www.tidewaterbasketryguild.org
January 22 - 25	Texas Basketweaver's Association, Dallas, TX For more information visit texasbasketweavers.com
January 29 - February 1	South Carolina Weave In, Greenville, SC For more information visit https://basketweaversofsc.com/
February 26 - 28	Winter Weave, Willoughby Hills, OH For more information visit winterweave.com
February 27 - March 1	GBA Annual Convention, Duluth, GA For more information visit https://www.georgiabasketry.com/
March 5 - 7	WTWKY, Falls of Rough, KY For more information visit https://www.wtwky.com/
March 12 - 15	NCBA 2025 Convention, Raleigh-Durham, NC For more information visit www.ncbasketmakers.com
March 21 - 22	LLBWA'S Spring Fling Event, Normal, IL For more information visit www.llbwa.com
April 16 - 19	Florida Tropical Weavers, Orlando, FL https://ftwg.org/
April 25	Wolf River Spring Event, Shawano, WI For more information visit www.wolfriverbasketryguild.com
April 24 - 25	Lorelea Roberts Workshop, Iowa Basketmakers, Des Moines, IA For more information contact Barb Bouley at 515/250-9763 or email bouleyb@gmail.com
April 25 - 26	BAG - Sheree Bingheim, Long Creek Community Center, IL Details coming soon! www.basketartguild.com
May 1 - 3	Spring Event, Basketweavers Guild of Bedford County, PA For more information contact Pat Winters at 717/679-2081
May 12 - 16	Stowe Basketry Festival, Stowe, VT For more information visit www.stowebasketryfestival.com
May 18	Bonnie Rideout Workshop, Wisconsin Weave Guild, Beloit, WI For more information contact Deb Simon at dasmithrdh@aol.com
June 1	LLBWA's Starved Rock Weaving Day, Utica, IL For more information visit www.llbwa.com
June 9 - 13	Bluegrass Area Basketmaker's Seminar, Carrollton, KY For more information visit https://www.babasketmakers.org/
June 26 - 28	Weavin' in Winona, Winona, MN For more information visit https://www.weavinwinona.com/



Bonnie's Baskets Central Illinois Classes

BAG member and advertiser, Bonnie Rideout with **Bonnie's Baskets** will be offering many classes local to Central Illinois in 2026. Listed below are February and March classes. Visit her website at www.bonniesbasketsil.com and follow her on Facebook under [Bonnie's Baskets](#) for details and more class listings! You can also sign up for her monthly newsletter at <https://www.bonniesbasketsil.com/newsletter/>

Friday, February 6 th	The Farms Folk School, Monticello, IL	Country Catch-all
Saturday, February 7 th	Domas Art Studio, Assumption, IL	The Bagel Basket
Saturday, February 21 st	Hometown Grounds Coffee, Tuscola, IL	Country Catch-all
Saturday, February 28 th	Lincoln Land College, Springfield, IL	Country Catch-all
Saturday, March 21 st	Lincoln Log Cabin, Lerna, IL	Country Catch-all
Tuesday, March 24 th	Prairie Fruits Farm, Champaign, IL	TBD
Saturday, March 28 th	Parkland College, Champaign, IL	Touch of Spring
Sunday, March 29 th	Prairie Fruits Farm, Champaign, IL	TBD



What's New at NBO?

As 2025 comes to an end, all of us here at NBO are grateful to you, our supporters, members, and readers of the Over/Under. We've enjoyed sharing news and events along with all kinds of Basketry information we think will be of interest to you, and we look forward to continuing to provide you with updates on the weaving world in 2026!

Make sure to visit our website: nationalbasketry.org. There is plenty of wonderful information and resources for you. Interested in learning about photographing your art? Here's a link to an NBO Presents video on ["How to Photograph Your Baskets"](#). Have you seen this inspiring NBO Presents video featuring Pat Hickman titled ["Baskets Holding"](#)? Take some time to enjoy it over the holidays as a gift to yourself.

Let us know if you have moved or changed contact information - email [Membership Updates](#).

Not a member of NBO yet? There is no better time to join! [Join NBO Here](#). We are updating our website constantly with new events and content! You can view our Basketry Calendar at nationalbasketry.org/events.

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.



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.



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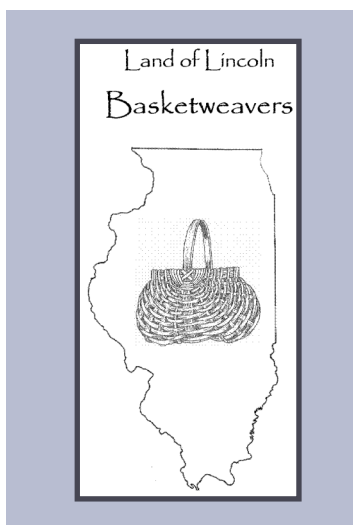


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Land of Lincoln Basketweavers Guild

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.

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Cancelled

Starved Rock Event
June 1, 2026
Starved Rock Lodge
Utica, IL

Camp Tuck-A-Basket
September 11 - 13, 2026
Community Center
Normal, IL



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

Basket Art Guild Membership

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

Membership Dues for 2026 are \$25.

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.

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