



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

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.

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- Have something for the newsletter? Send it in to Bonnie!  
[bonnierideout17@gmail.com](mailto:bonnierideout17@gmail.com)
- Be sure to check out our Facebook page!
- Time to register for the Sheree Bingham Workshop!





## 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](mailto:marilynscarbeary@gmail.com) or (815) 673-3165.**  
We appreciate your cooperation with this request.



### Sheree Bingheim Workshop

April 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>  
Long Creek, IL

Visit [www.basketartguild.com](http://www.basketartguild.com) for details and registration information!

The deadline to register is April 1<sup>st</sup>

Sheree Bingheim is coming to our guild April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 you 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 12 of this newsletter and our website, [www.basketartguild.com](http://www.basketartguild.com).



### **Visit our website!**

For details and to register for any of our workshops visit our website at [www.basketartguild.com](http://www.basketartguild.com). Information for any of our events will be posted as soon as it is available!



## A Note From Our President

Hello everyone! I hope you are all ready for spring. My flowers are starting to peek through the leaves. It's always exciting to see the garden come alive again after winter.

Sheree Bingheim is our teacher for the first class of this year. Her baskets look so unique. Sheree brings creativity and passion to her work, making each basket a true piece of art. You will have a great experience learning new techniques and meeting new people. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, there's something for everyone to enjoy. I hope to see you there in April!

*Becky King*

## 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!

## Illinois Fiber Festival - March 7, 2026

Welcome to the third annual Illinois Fiber Festival!

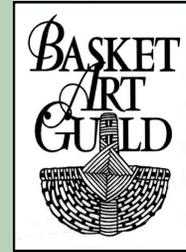
We hope to see you **Saturday, March 7th 2026** at the McLean County Fairgrounds in Bloomington, Illinois from 9am - 4pm (vendors, class times may vary).



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.



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](mailto:bonnierideout17@gmail.com)



Copper Façade  
Sheree Bingheim Workshop  
Saturday, April 25th  
[www.basketartguild.com](http://www.basketartguild.com)

## Iowa Basket Weavers Guild



The Iowa Basket Weavers Guild will be hosting Lorelea 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](mailto: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



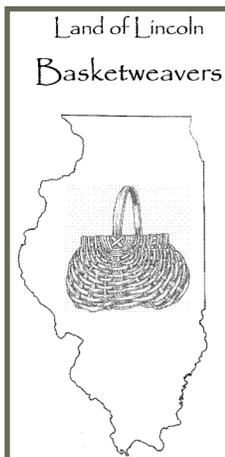
Domas Studios is located in Assumption, IL and is owned by artist Grace Snively. Domas is creating a place where artists, writers, makers and dreamers across Central Illinois can gather, learn and grow.

To check out the details for classes visit [domasstudio.com](http://domasstudio.com).

Be sure to follow them on Facebook!

BAG member Bonnie Rideout will be teaching there **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](http://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](http://www.nationalbasketry.org) for more information.



**MISSOURI BASKETWEAVERS GUILD**

Visit [www.basketweavers.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:pamela.brown@countryfinancial.com) or Maribeth Woolsey at [mwoolsey117@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jenpurdue@comcast.net) or Mary Ann Ford at 309-663-4926 or [maf82350@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 February 22, 2026

	<b>Beginning Balance = \$3,513.77</b>
<b>Income:</b>	\$ 275.00 (11 Memberships)
	\$ 325.00 (Bingheim Registrations)
	\$ 100.00 (Kits, Nov. Weaves)
<b>Income Total:</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	\$ -0-
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	\$ -0-
<b>Expenses Total:</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>
	<b>Ending Balance = \$4,213.77</b>

2026

# Basket Happenings

- March 5 - 7  
WTWKY, Falls of Rough, KY  
For more information visit <https://www.wtwky.com/>
- March 12 - 15  
NCBA 2026 Convention, Raleigh-Durham, NC  
For more information visit [www.ncbasketmakers.com](http://www.ncbasketmakers.com)
- March 21 - 22  
LLBWA'S Spring Fling Event, Normal, IL  
For more information visit [www.llbwa.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:bouleyb@gmail.com)
- April 25 - 26**  
**BAG - Sheree Bingheim, Long Creek Community Center, IL**  
**Details are on the website! [www.basketartguild.com](http://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](http://www.stowebasketryfestival.com)
- May 18  
Bonnie Rideout Workshop, Wisconsin Weave Guild, Beloit, WI  
For more information contact Deb Simon at [dasmithrdh@aol.com](mailto:dasmithrdh@aol.com)
- June 1  
LLBWA's Starved Rock Weaving Day, Utica, IL  
For more information visit [www.llbwa.com](http://www.llbwa.com)
- June 9 - 13  
Bluegrass Area Basketmaker's Seminar, Carrolton, 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/>
- July 15 - 18  
Tennessee Basketry Association, Cookeville, TN  
For more information visit [www.tennesseebasketryassociation.org](http://www.tennesseebasketryassociation.org)
- July 30 - August 2  
Missouri Basketmaker's Convention, Lebanon, MO  
For more information visit  
<https://sites.google.com/basketweavers.org/missouribasketweaversguild/home>
- August 23 - 24**  
**BAG Workshop with Jeanne Dudley, Long Creek, IL**  
**Details coming soon!**
- September 11 - 13  
LLBWA's Camp Tuck a Basket, Normal, IL  
For more information visit [www.llbwa.com](http://www.llbwa.com)
- September 10 - 12  
Heritage Basketry Fall Weave, Xenia, OH  
For more information visit [www.heritagebasketryguild.com](http://www.heritagebasketryguild.com)
- September 17 - 21  
Arkansas Basketweavers Club, Celebration of Weaving, Greenland, AR  
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<p><b>Instructor:</b>  <b>Jón Ricci</b>  <i>Tapestry Weaving – Simple Frame Loom</i>  <b>May 11-17</b></p>	<p><b>Instructor:</b>  <b>Annetta Kraayeveld</b>  <i>Sculptural Ply-Split Braiding</i>  <b>October 12-18</b></p>	<p><b>Instructor:</b>  <b>Annetta Kraayeveld</b>  <i>Exploring Paper Basketry</i>  <b>October 5-11</b></p>	<p><b>Instructor:</b>  <b>Linda Scherz</b>  <i>Waxed Linen and Weaving Infusion</i>  <b>October 19-25</b></p> <p><b>Instructor:</b>  <b>Emily Dvorin</b>  <i>“Transordinary” Approach to Sculptural Basketry</i>  <b>Dates:</b>  <b>Oct 26 - Nov 1</b></p>
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**Weavin' In Winona**

**Weavin' in Winona**  
 June 26—28, 2026  
 Visit [www.weavinwinona.com](http://www.weavinwinona.com) for details!



## What's New at NBO?

Make sure to visit our website: [nationalbasketry.org](http://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](http://nationalbasketry.org/events).



## Help Wanted

The **Macoupin County Historical Society** is holding an Olde Tyme Arts Conference (Our second annual) on October 3rd and 4th this year. This is a chance for the public to sign up for different classes on the arts, crafts, and professions that are being lost to our technology. I would love to invite you to do a class or more on basket weaving. If interested in teaching a basket weaving class, contact Rodney Eichen at 217/370-3692.

## From the Missouri Basketmakers



We have been contacted by Melissa Ginther of Warrensburg, Mo. She grows cut flowers and woody perennials. She is considering growing willow and would like to know if there is a market for it in our guild. If you would like to buy willow from her, her contact information is:

**Melissa Ginther from Ruthie Mae Blooms, Inc.**

Email: [hello@ruthiemaeblooms.com](mailto:hello@ruthiemaeblooms.com)

Phone: 660/909-7962



### Join Us for the 2nd Annual “Boone in June” Weave-In! June 4 - 6, 2026

Boone United Methodist Church, 471 New Market Boulevard, Boone, NC  
For questions, contact Teresa Tingle at [tinglerteresa@yahoo.com](mailto:tinglerteresa@yahoo.com) or  
JoAnna Fonville at [fonv0574@gmail.com](mailto:fonv0574@gmail.com).



Champaign, Illinois

If you're searching for a fun and creative activity in Central Illinois, don't miss Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery. They have an exciting lineup of classes including mosaic, cooking, photography, stained glass, and basketry! Whether you're a beginner or seasoned artist, there's something for everyone.

Bonnie Rideout will be teaching two basketry classes each month from March through August, giving you plenty of opportunities to learn new skills and meet fellow enthusiasts. Sign up soon to reserve your spot and experience the vibrant community at Prairie Fruits Farm & Creamery!

<https://www.prairiefruits.com/upcoming-events>



### Farmhouse Blessings

Sheree Bingheim Workshop

Sunday, April, 26th

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### 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.



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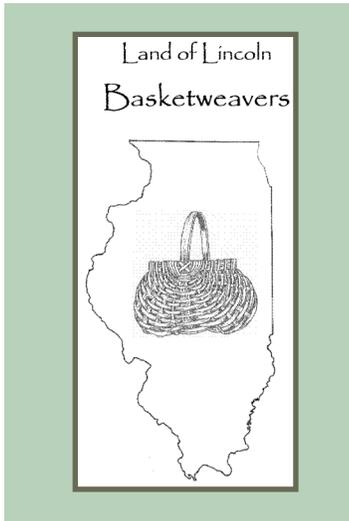
## Bonnie's Baskets

### Bonnie's Baskets Central Illinois Classes

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

You can also sign up for her monthly newsletter at <https://www.bonniesbasketsil.com/newsletter/>

Saturday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	<a href="#">Lincoln Log Cabin</a> , Lerna, IL	Country Catch-all (Sold out!)
Tuesday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Prairie Fruits Farm</a> , Champaign, IL	Coaster Basket
Saturday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Parkland College</a> , Champaign, IL	Touch of Spring (4 seats left!)
Sunday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Prairie Fruits Farm</a> , Champaign, IL	Love is in the Air
Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<a href="#">The Farms Folk School</a> , Monticello, IL	Touch of Spring
Tuesday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Prairie Fruits Farm</a> , Champaign, IL	Higher Love
Saturday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Hometown Grounds Coffee</a> , Tuscola, IL	Touch of Spring (2 seats left!)
Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Lincoln Land College</a> , Springfield, IL	Touch of Spring
Sunday April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">Domas Art Studio</a> , Assumption, IL	The Long Way Home (Original & Spring)



# 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](http://www.llbwa.com) for detailed information.

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June 1, 2026  
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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](mailto: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](http://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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