

## 2019 Featured Teachers

### **Sandy Atkinson (Lennon, MI)**

Sandy Atkinson began weaving in 1983 when she was home with her four daughters. In 1985 she and her husband Steve opened Atkinson's Country House, where she could teach basket weaving and sell supplies. The success of the business grew into a nationwide mail order company. Sandy did a five year series with U of M, PBS-TV on basket weaving. Series three, four and five were produced by Steve and Sandy. Sandy continues to work at the basket studio in Lennon, Michigan. She enjoys traveling around the USA teaching basket making, teaching in over 20 states.

Website: [www.sandyatkinson.com](http://www.sandyatkinson.com)

*FR-6-20, ST-8-42, SN-4-53*

### **Steve Atkinson (Lennon, MI)**

Steve Atkinson worked for GM for 34 years. He retired in 2000 and joined his wife Sandy at Atkinson's Country House. He is in charge of packing and shipping, plus anything else that needs doing. He also took up woodcutting and cuts most of the woodwork for the shop. Steve took up seat weaving several years ago and really enjoys coming up with new patterns to weave. He builds all of his own seat frames. He has taught in over 20 states.

Website: [www.countrybasketweaving.com](http://www.countrybasketweaving.com)

*TH-4-6, TH-4-7, SN-4-54*

### **Jan Beyma (Wilmington, NC)**

Jan has been teaching and weaving baskets for over 30 years. She has taught at NCBA, GBA, KBA, PA, Stateline, Guilders Weave and TBA conventions, seminars and for her local Port City Guild. She enjoys weaving Nantucket baskets. She loves to stimulate the interest of basket weaving and sharing weaving tips she has learned over the years, while also learning new tips from her students. She considers herself a non-traditional Nantucket weaver as she finds common items to use as molds for her classes. She will usually incorporate a twill weave of some kind into her baskets.

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*TH-4-9, FR-8-25, ST-8-44, SN-4-55*

### **Dianne Gleixner (Brookfield, WI)**

Dianne began weaving baskets in 1987 and teaching in 2004. She enjoys weaving ribbed baskets, Nantucket style baskets, twills, and anything else with a challenge. She has written and published over 60 patterns. Dianne has taught in many states for their local guilds or state organization. She is honored that her baskets have won numerous awards at basket weaving conventions around the country.

Website: [www.diannegleixnerbaskets.com](http://www.diannegleixnerbaskets.com)

*TH-4-11, FR-8-27, ST-6-36, SN-4-58*

### **Debbie Hurd (Garfield, AR)**

Debbie began weaving over 30 years ago at a community education program in Arkansas. She retired from teaching first grade reading and is now active designing new baskets, traveling, and just having fun weaving! She has taught in many states for conventions, seminars, small groups and guilds. She also taught on the Basket Weaving Cruises. She and Candace Katz co-own the business, Bases To Weave. Weave something new, learn something new and pass it on to someone new.

Website: [www.basestoweave.com](http://www.basestoweave.com)

*TH-2-1, FR-8-23, ST-6-35, SN-4-52*

### **Julie Kleinrath (Grand Junction, CO)**

Julie has been weaving baskets for 28 years and teaching for 25. The author of a book about weaving on wooden bases, Julie also owns a store in Grand Junction, CO where she teaches, sells finished baskets and supplies. Julie has taught in over 35 states and at sea twice. Teaching beginners is her specialty. Julie loves experimenting with new materials and designs.

Website: [www.wovendesigns.com](http://www.wovendesigns.com)

*TH-4-12, FR-8-29, ST-6-37, SN-4-59*

### **Sharon Klusmann (Tallmadge, OH)**

Sharon Klusmann has been weaving, designing and teaching basketry for 33 years. You can see 7 pages of her original designs on her website. Sharon not only teaches basketry from her home studio in Tallmadge, OH but at national conventions and guilds throughout the country. A new addition is her husband Tom's White Ash Base business. Find his bases and price list on Sharon's website. Special design requests are always welcome.

Website: [www.SharonKlusmann.com](http://www.SharonKlusmann.com)

*TH-4-13, FR-8-30, ST-6-38, SN-4-57*

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### **Karen Kotecki (Dousman, WI)**

Designing, weaving and teaching basketry is Karen's artistic passion. Basketry has taken her around the US, into Canada and onto the High Seas. She feels lucky to be able to share her passion and to pass on what she has learned to keep this great art form going. It's true what they say; there are too many baskets and not enough time and she wouldn't have it any other way. Her license plate holder says it all, "I'd Rather Be Basket Weaving."

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*TH-4-15, FR-8-31, ST-6-39, SN-4-60*

### **Mary and Jimmie Earl McKinzie (Washington, IL)**

Mary's love of baskets led her to weaving classes, soon involving her husband Jimmie Earl. Now weaving together for over 20 years, both are juried members of the Illinois Artisans Association. Mary is Past-President of LLBWA in Illinois. Students are surprised to discover that Mary and Jimmie Earl both teach, but quickly appreciate the extra instruction this unique teaching duo provide. They enjoy designing, weaving and teaching basketry at home, at guilds and conventions in IL, MO, IN, OH, KY, TN, OK, KS and NC, and on the Basket Cruise.

Website: [www.mje2weave.com](http://www.mje2weave.com)

*TH-4-14, FR-6-21, ST-8-47*

### **Pam Milat (Southport, NC)**

Pam has been designing and weaving baskets for 14+ years. Retired in 2016, Pam is now full throttle into sharing and teaching her love for basket weaving and other heirloom crafts. She grew up in the suburbs of Kansas City, MO designing, crafting, sewing and painting in multi-medias from an early age. After a 16 year stint in Central Florida, she moved to Southport NC and got bit by the 'basket bug' in 2004. She is a member of the North Carolina Basket Assoc. and Wilmington, NC based Port City Basket Makers Guild for which she has served as President and designs their annual Basket Raffle brochure. Pam teaches at the annual Port City weave-in and during 2018 she was honored to teach at Stateline (IN), Upper SC (Greenville, SC), Bluegrass Area Weaving (KY), Missouri Basket Guild (MBG) convention and the KBA Convention (KY). Pam also teaches weekly basket weaving sessions near her home at the Leland NC Cultural Arts Center. In addition to baskets, this grandmother of two, loves to crochet, cook, read and dabble in all other creative crafty things.

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*TH-4-17, FR-8-32, ST-8-49*

### **Pat Moore (New Haven, MO)**

Pat made her first basket in 1999 with friends at her church. The class was taught by her English-born friend. Pat took classes for 6 months. After moving to Washington, MO, she began basket weaving classes at the vocational school where she worked. She currently has a student base of 72 students who come to her each month and some twice a month. She enjoys making and teaching all types of baskets and likes to help students create a basket that suits their needs. Pat also canes chairs, and teaches students to cane using the strand method and web caning.

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*TH-4-10, FR-8-26, ST-8-45, SN-4-56*

### **Debbie Mroczenski (Waukesha, WI)**

Debbie started weaving in 1992 at a PTO meeting. She has shared her skills with family, friends and taught at 4-H. In addition, she has taught at East Troy Basketry in Wisconsin, Canada, IL, Jabez, MI, MN, MO, WV and Stateline (IN). In 2014 she won an award in the professional/teacher category at the Michigan convention and 2016 at the Missouri Convention. She enjoys all types of weaving. She finds basket weaving a wonderful way to unwind and relax. She is looking forward to meeting and sharing her designs with all of you.

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*TH-2-4, FR-8-33, ST-6-41, SN-4-63*

### **Marilyn Parr (Stanton, MI)**

Marilyn was introduced to basket weaving about 40 years ago. Little did she know the journey it would take her on! She started out a student at the Association of Michigan Basketmakers. Five years ago, she taught for the first time at Crossroad Weaving Guild in Okemos, MI. From the encouragement that she received, an adventure has begun! She enjoys working with wood bases and designing unique leather handles for her baskets. This has also brought her in touch with local Amish gentlemen who take her ideas from paper and into reality!

Website: [www.4loveofbaskets.com](http://www.4loveofbaskets.com)

*TH-4-16, ST-8-48, SN-4-62*

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### **Cindy Pauchey (Walters, OK)**

Cindy is retired art teacher with 28 years of experience. Weaving entered her life 34 years ago. Since she has done many art shows selling gourds and baskets. Her first goal was to weave baskets. At the time she had a quilt shop in Walters, OK. It was there that she ordered a book on basket weaving and fell in love! Soon she needed something more out of her personal progress. When she moved to the country, she started growing gourds. After several years, she had an "aha" moment of incorporating basket weaving onto gourds. She could now add a sculptural quality with her gourds and baskets intertwined.

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*TH-4-18, FR-8-34, ST/SN-12-50*

### **Kathleen Petronzio (Beverly, MA)**

Kathy started weaving in a local class while living in North Carolina, and fell in love with basketry. She quickly expanded her education while in Japan with her husband and sons. Kathy was invited to study with local master weavers and quickly began teaching classes. She is influenced by her love and intricacy of Japanese basketry as well as the beauty, tradition and usefulness of Nantucket and Shaker basketry. Kathy has and continues to exhibit in shows across the Northeastern United States, both group and juried art exhibits and teaches in Massachusetts, Virginia and North Carolina.

Website: [kathypetronzio.com](http://kathypetronzio.com)

*FR-8-28, ST-8-46*

### **Bonnie Rideout (Decatur, IL)**

Bonnie's first basket was woven in 1995 and she quickly became hooked. In 2006 she started her business, "Bonnie's Baskets" teaching others how to weave. That led to selling basketry supplies, baskets and embellishments at craft shows and art shows. Shortly after she began designing her own baskets, which she absolutely loves to do! In addition to teaching locally, she has taught at the Missouri Annual Convention, the Woven Circle Basket Retreat in Kansas City, LLBWA's Spring Fling Event, the Starved Rock Weaving Retreat in Richmond, Indiana, and the West Virginia Basketmakers Association convention.

Website: [www.facebook.com/Bonniesbaskets](http://www.facebook.com/Bonniesbaskets)

*TH-2-2, TH-2-3, FR-6-22, ST-6-40, SN-4-61*

### **Cathy Sylvester (Independence, MO)**

Cathy Sylvester teaches basket classes, designs and creates patterns, and sells kits from her Tanglewood Baskets studio in Independence, MO. Cathy has taught classes at previous MBG Conventions, the Oklahoma Weavers Weekend, Missouri Town 1855, Powell Botanical Gardens, and other venues around Jackson County, MO. Her baskets are exhibited and sold at the Amana Colonies in Iowa. Cathy is a retired middle school teacher who especially loves traditional reed baskets and has a passion for teaching and promoting the craft.

Website: [www.tanglewoodbaskets.com](http://www.tanglewoodbaskets.com)

*TH-4-5, FR-6-19, SN-4-51*

### **Laura Lee Zanger (Augusta, GA)**

Laura Lee Zanger has been designing baskets and writing patterns since October 2000. She has been teaching on the basketry convention circuit since 2002. She enjoys expressing her creativity in the southeastern Indian twill techniques of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chitimacha and Caddo. Laura Lee has also written basketry poems and instructional books. Her goal is to enlighten everyone on the thrill of twill, weaving in the southeastern Indian traditions of the single and double woven baskets, mats and trays. Laura Lee has made large mats and baskets for Caddo Mounds State Historic Site in Alto, Texas.

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*TH-4-8, FR-8-24, ST-8-43*