



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD

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Important Stuff!

Hi All,

Carol and I have decided to call a joint board meeting for the Guild! This will be a transitional board meeting.

We've scheduled this board meeting for January 4, 2003, at 10:30 AM. The meeting will take place at Carol's house (if you need directions, let Carol or me know).

At this point we have many topics to discuss! So.....it looks like a full day! Come prepared to spend the day with your fellow weavers. (Yes,...you'll be having lunch with the Guild). This is going to be a major brain storming session! The future of the Guild depends on this meeting! Please bring your ideas for the future growth of the Guild!

If you are leaving an office, please bring any pertinent information to hand over to the incoming officer.

If you have any questions about this meeting or if you are unable to attend this meeting, please let me know as soon as possible!

Deb Roberson

Presidential Musings....

As 2002 draws to a close so does my term as president. It's been great to see our membership grow. I want to thank everyone for all their friendship and support. All month long I look forward to going to Guild.

I think Deb Roberson will be a great president for us. She has some fabulous ideas. I'm sure that you will all join me in supporting her in any way that we can.

Linda Clifton is working hard for programs for the coming year. We'll be seeing some positive changes with more all day meetings and different locations. It should make meetings more accessible to those further away.

Good luck, Deb. You are going to be great!

I would like to send a special thank you to everyone that sent a good thought or a prayer during my recent illness. The cards and emails lifted my spirits every time I looked at them. Still do! Recovery has been slower than I care for but I have come very far and it is slow and steady progress. Last weekend was just a small bump in the road. I hope to be weaving soon. I'm planning to be at the January meeting (keeping my fingers crossed). I have really missed my weaving friends and hope to see many faces there! Thanks again.

Carol

The Poetry Corner..

Oh....Ode to Round Reed

by Laura Lee Zanger

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There once was a poor basket maker,
Who had a real pain in the ache-er.
The object of her displeasure
Was a coil of round reed to measure.

Now we all sympathize with good reason.

We've been there done that in our season.

The more you pull, it knots up
Like a serpent preparing to sup.

Her dilemma is clear to us all,
The fact, she could possibly fall.
If she slipped on that mass
She'd be buried to her..... neck.

And never reappear
Till convention was near.
Then she would pull out her shears
Without shedding a tear.
And would take that reed snake,
She would cut it into stakes.
The whole world it would quake!!!!
Cause you can't keep a good basket maker down.



*May this year of new days
be filled with
sweet blessings for you.*

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Upcoming Programs...

January 12 - Holiday Party.

Please bring food and a basket wrapped for exchange. We will be making Angel Pins. Angel Pin supplies include a small amount of #1 round, #2 round, and 11/64" flat oval. Dianne Pearce will do the heads and have them for sale.

February 9 - Easter Basket.

Marilyn Julius has created an Easter Basket similar to one that MaryAnn Gross made at her church last year.

Materials include:

- 8" slotted round wooden base
- 10" square notched handle
- 1/2" flat dyed blue (or other color you choose) reed for spokes
- #2 dyed blue (same as spokes) round reed for start of weaving
- 1/4" space dyed reed for weavers (should include blue color or spoke color you choose)
- rim reed that includes 3/8" flat, 1/2" flat oval, sea grass, 1/4" lacer
- ceramic tie-on (actually woven into the side of the basket).

Marilyn will have her creation at the January meeting for you to see.

March 9 - Open Weave Day.

Come work on any project you wish. Get help with those problem areas!

March 15 - The Country Seat.

The Country Seat in Kempton, PA will host the Guild for a class. Information on Page 4.

And Speaking of Programs...

Linda Clifton is the new program chair for the Guild. (And yes, she is accepting sympathy cards!) Linda is requesting that everyone send her any ideas they may have for a meeting topic - a skill they want to learn, a basket weaver they want to know more about, a style of basket they want to weave, etc. etc. Linda will be planning the meetings starting with the April meeting and wants all the ideas anyone can provide. Remember, the Guild IS the membership and together we can make it exciting.

A Gentle Nudge...

Membership dues for 2003 must be paid by February 28 in order for your name to be on the membership list that will go out to all Guild members. Your check for \$15.00, payable to CPBWG can be mailed to Suzette Humer, 104 Milltown Road, Landisburg, PA 17040-9306.

New Board Members for 2003 are as follows:

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*Wishing you a great day and
a year of dreams come true!*

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The Rave Reviews Are In...

(Reprinted with permission from the Deer Creek Basketry Guild Newsletter)

A Weaving Odyssey was held by the Central Pennsylvania Basket Weavers Guild earlier this month. I attended along with four members of our Guild. It was a three day affair, with six or seven classes going at a time. I made a double-walled bean-pot basket with Sharon Klussman from Ohio. The inner wall is bright red (and so were my hands). The fancy double rim was challenging. The "bean-pot" handle set-it off nicely.

My second class was a driftwood ribbed basket taught by Anne Bowers from West Virginia. She had set the primary ribs in the driftwood, and taught us how to set the others. She brought 53 (yes, 53! We counted them!) different materials for us to use as weavers. What fun that was, seeing how the different materials worked up!

The best thing about attending a big weaving event like this is to be able to work with different teachers and try out their different methods and ideas. It is also fun to look around and see all the variety of baskets that are being produced. Making new friends was an added bonus. I hope you have the opportunity to participate in a similar event sometime. – Ann McConaughy

(Reprinted with permission from the High Country Basketry Guild Newsletter)

The Central Pennsylvania Basket Weavers Guild's 2nd weaving weekend was a big success, in my opinion. I attended, Sep 13th-15th along with several other HCBG members. It was in Palmyra PA, at a big church with lots of space, friendly people, a huge fellowship hall, great lighting, 3 sets of sinks (!!!) - even the weather was perfect.

The guild's organization and planning really showed. They brought in 7 talented teachers, including "our" Anne Bowers. They offered a mix of classes, and tried to plan for everything. In addition to the teachers' marketplace, the two vendors were "our" Cathy Cupp Basketry & Supply, from Elkton, VA, and Country Seat, from Kempton, PA. Talk about one-stop shopping!

If the Central PA Guild decides to hold the event again next year, I'll send in my registration as early as possible. - Laurie Selmer

Editor's comment : Hats off to all those who contributed to making the Odyssey Weekend the outstanding event that it was. You done great!

MEETINGS:

1:30 – 4:30 PM 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

EAST SHORE LIBRARY, 4501 ETHEL STREET, HARRISBURG

The library is located at the rear of the Colonial Park Mall, near the intersection of Interstate 83 and Route 22 (Jonestown Road). Please park in the Mall parking lot at the rear of Boscov's. The meetings are in Room A on the lower level of the library.

Guild Website : <http://basketry.homestead.com>

*May the best of everything be yours:
Good Health, Good Friends, Good Cheer!*

The Country Seat Class - March 15

Information provided by Angie Wagner from The Country Seat

The Guild will have three choices that day, a mini Osier Basket, a spiral or striped Little Double Rod Dish. All three are woven from the same materials and the same way. Just variations on the number of spokes, etc. The Country Seat will provide the dyed reed and the willow.

The materials needed are: natural #3 round reed (10 spokes 26" long and bring an extra piece or two - flexible but NOT spongy) natural #2 round reed (flexible weavers) natural very flexible #1 round reed (a few long pieces).

Tools needed: Basket shear fid or awl with tapered shank, bent nose pliers (or regular pliers), towel, and water container.

The Country Seat is normally open from 9 - 1 on a Saturday, but will open a little earlier on that day. The class will start at 9:30 and we should be done by around 1:00. Some people will finish faster than others, but we'll try to get everyone done by then (round reed classes tend to take longer than flat reed). The day of class, students should enter through the solid steel door to the left of the store door. Please park on the left side of the parking lot. We will NOT break for lunch, but there are several places nearby for after class.

The Country Seat can do 12 students comfortably but they can also bring in an extra table if we need it and be able to accommodate up to 16 - 18 students.



"The Fine Print" :

To reserve your space you must let Marilyn Julius know on or before March 1st. Email Marilyn at gmjulus@cplx.net or call her at (717) 292-3218. Please be considerate of your fellow Guild members and don't reserve a space unless you really are planning on attending.

The Country Seat website at www.countryseat.com has directions if you've never been there before. We'll also have a carpool sign up sheet at meetings prior to March 15th.

Pictures of the baskets will be posted to the Guild website in the near future.

(And yes, "fid" is a real word. I looked it up in my Funk & Wagnalls.)





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Deb Roberson
Chairman,
2003 A Weaving Odyssey

Way to go Donna...

Central Pennsylvania Basket Weavers Guild was again represented in the Public Broadcast Service Auction this spring. We are very pleased to announce that Donna Mentzer was awarded a Judges Choice Award for her basket -

"Journey to Courage" - one of only 11 such awards. Linda Clifton and Elaine Longenecker also contributed baskets. These are the only donations that I was aware of. If I missed anyone, I apologize and say kudos to you as well!!!

The Weaver's Lament

The sink is full of dishes
The beds are all unmade,
Forgotten are the wishes
of my family, I'm afraid.

My poor husband has no shirt,
I really should do some!
Laundry and a little work,

how I wish that it were all
done!
But I'm busy at my workbench,
And as happy as a queen
for I'm busy making baskets,
And baskets are my thing.

- author unknown-



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Membership Application

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ # Years Weaving _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City/State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Individual Membership (\$15.00/Year)

Mail completed application to: Suzette Humer, 104 Milltown Rd, Landisburg, PA 17040-9306



Guild Classes

May 10 - 9 a.m. - Space-Dyed Tote - with Linda Moore

Space-Dyed Tote by Patti Simmons
 Materials needed:
 3/4" Flat - 5 spokes @ 49", 13 spokes @ 38" 5/8" Flat - 4 spokes @ 25" 5/8" Flat - 1 lb. space-dyed #3 Round #7 Round (or seagrass) for rim filler
 5/8" Flat Oval 1/4" Flat
 2 - 7" span round swing handles
 Cost of pattern for participants \$2.00

I have approximately 10 lb. of 5/8" flat, commercially dyed, space-dyed reed in various colors. I will make up kits with all materials needed for anyone desiring that convenience.

Color selection will be on a first-come basis. Cost of kit - \$35.00

I will order handles-\$5.00 apiece and patterns on April 28.

I will need to be contacted by that date by anyone interested in taking this class.

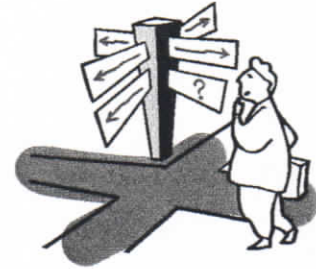
Linda Moore - 717-632-2314 - mygrandy@hotmail.com

May 10 - 9 a.m. Feathered Bowl - with Elaine Longenecker

1/2" flat for spokes
 #2 round for twining
 #4 round for 4-rod coil and chase weaving (need a good bit)
 1/4 flat for chase weaving and lashing
 3/8 flat for rim row
 1/2 flat oval for rim seagrass
 3/16 flat oval for feathering (need a good bit)

(patterns will be available for \$2.00)

Elaine: (717) 545-8859 or Longbruc@worldnet.att.net



Which Program do I want?... Why not ALL of them!

Let Linda know if you're interested in the space-dyed tote class "

Let Elaine know if you're interested in the feathered bowl.

Class Directions

From I-81 - Take Exit 80, South to Route 22 (about 1 mile). Turn left (east) onto Route 22, proceed for approximately 1 mile to Gravel Hill Road (green sign that says: Palmyra 6 miles), turn right (south) onto Gravel Hill Road. Follow for 4.5 miles to white church on right (Gravel Hill United Methodist Church.

If you are traveling on Route 422, go to the "square" in Palmyra (2 blocks on diagonal corners), turn north onto N. Railroad Street and continue for approximately 1.5 miles to white church on left. (Gravel Hill United Methodist Church.



Carol Says...

Below is the tentative schedule. Linda is continuing to work very hard on it. It is subject to change.

As you can see there are open slots for volunteers to lead an all day basket class. Pick your favorite basket and consider volunteering to lead a meeting.

I did it once and it wasn't so bad. People were very helpful when I got stuck. I even learned 1-2 easier ways!



Guild Schedule

- May 10 Sat Location: Gravel Hill UMC - 9 a.m.
Leader/basket: Elaine Longenecker & Linda Moore
- June 8 Sun Location: 1004 Harriet Street, Carlisle
Business meeting: 1:30 p.m.
Speaker/ demo: Carol MacNeil's dye party & picnic
- July 12 Sat Location: Middleburg, hostess Lyn Levan -
Leader/basket: Jeff Shields / Leader/basket: Linda Clifton
- Aug 10 Sun Location: East Shore Library - 1:30-4:30
Business meeting
Speaker/ demo: Suzette basket tie ons
- Sep Weaving Odyssey weekend/no regular meeting
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- Dec 14 Sun CANCEL
- Jan 10 Sat Location: Quakertown Area Kathy Stone hostess
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- Feb 04 Sun Location: East Shore Lib 1:30-4:30
Business meeting
Speaker/ demo: Colleen Skelton
- Mar 13 Sat Location _____
Guest Teacher: Patricia Yunkes - Butterfly basket

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Looks like a
great program...
let's fill in those
empty spaces!



Carol Says...Make My Day!

"We're just dyeing to see you there!"

Sunday, June 8 from 1:30-?? is the infamous dye party and picnic.

Bring plenty of reed to dye. The Guild supplies the dye and the food. No need to rush home. Stay as late as you wish. Dye enough reed to last the whole year! Lots of daytime hours means lots of dying hours.

Directions: from I-81:

Take Exit 52 South, take right off of the ramp.

At the 7th light, take a right onto Calvary Road (approx 4 miles)

Take 1st right off Calvary Rd onto Harriet Street.

1004 is the first house on the left.

Have you heard the one about...

Before soaking spokes of the same length, bundle together and mark length on one end. It makes laying out the base a little easier.

TIP: You only need to mark the center of one spoke of each length. Use 2 marked spokes as the centers and then just line up the ends.

Here's a tip... just for you



Patchtown Days...

Eckley Miners' Village is located in Weatherly, PA which is nine miles east of Hazleton off Rt. 940. We need to have the booth manned from 10 to 5 on both days. There is no limit to the size of our booth!

Right now, Elaine Longenecker, Jean Foutz, and Linda Clifton

are planning on camping in Hickory Run State Park and attending the event both days.

If anyone else is interested (I know there were a few undecided people), let Jean Foutz (jlfoutz@att.net) know by June 1 so I can tell them how many tables and chairs we need. This sounds like fun!



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Musings...

It's been so great to see a large number of members at our meetings this year! If you missed our meeting last month, you missed a real treat! This was our first all day meeting and many terrific baskets were created. I'd like to give a special thank you to Elaine Longenecker and Linda Moore who led everyone in creating the Feathered Bowl and the Space Dyed Tote. Keep watching the newsletter for more of our exciting programs.

The Odyssey committee is hard at work trying to make this Odyssey the best ever! Look for updates in this newsletter. If any committee member asks for your assistance, please lend

a hand!

It's that time of year again! The nominating committee is gearing up to fill the slate of officers to be presented at the August meeting. Many thanks to Jean Foutz and Elaine Longenecker for volunteering for this task! If you're asked to run for an office, please consider it! Even better . . . why not volunteer? We're an informal group with a motto of more fun than work! Step up and help keep our Guild strong!

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting. Until then, have fun with all of your weaving projects!
Deb



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Leader/basket: Linda Clifton - Swing-handle Pie Basket
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Guild Classes

Classes start at 9am at the Paxtonville United Methodist Church - Bring a brown-bag lunch.

Saturday July 12 in Middleburg. The hostess is Lyn Levan. Directions on next page. There is a choice between 2 baskets. Here's the supplies.

Swing handle Pie Basket led by Linda Clifton. Please go to www.llbwa.com/tips/patterns/swingpie.asp and print out the pattern. Linda made some changes. Linda's is much nicer than the picture. This list has the changes that Linda made. Linda will have some handles available for sale that day. Basket is 12" in diameter x 6 1/2" to basket edge.
7/8 FF spokes
1/2 Ff for weavers and foot
3/8 FF for curls
3/4 FO for rim
#3RR

1/4 FF for lashing
1" ash stencil strip
Seagrass for rim filler
12" swing handle.

Checkerboard Carryall by Patti Hawkins and led by Carol MacNeil.

It is large. 12 x19 x 8" h. I gave my niece one and it holds a double afghan. I will have patterns for sale that day.

1/2" FF all spokes and weavers
some dyed and some natural
7 mm or 3/8 FF for base fillers
11/64 or 3/16 FF for retainer-
1 row around base
5/8 FO for rim
#7RR for rim filler
7mm or 1/4 FF for lashing
2 bushel handles 4" across
closed notch approx 4" long
below notch.

Here's the spokes so you can gauge how much to dye. 6-- 40" pieces 12-- 32" pieces. Also dye enough 1/2" for 8 weavers.
(these are the dyed spokes)



Swing-handle Pie Basket



Checkerboard Carryall

August 10 - Basket Tie-ons at East Shore Library

Bring the following:

- Sculpey III modeling compound (clay)
- rubber stamps and stamp pads (archive is best)
- exacto knife or other craft knife
- rolling pin / aluminum foil / waxed paper / cookie sheet / cookie cutter* / emery board / water-based varnish and brush**

You also needed is a spray fixative. if you have and want to bring, please do. I will bring a can with me - it is expensive and not something you will want to buy if you'll never use it again!

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**a water-based varnish and brush are needed but you may prefer to wait and varnish at home - your choice!

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Anyone who does not have an item(s) on the above list and would like me to bring, just let me know!

Suzette

basketsandgoodies@pa.net or (717) 789-4596

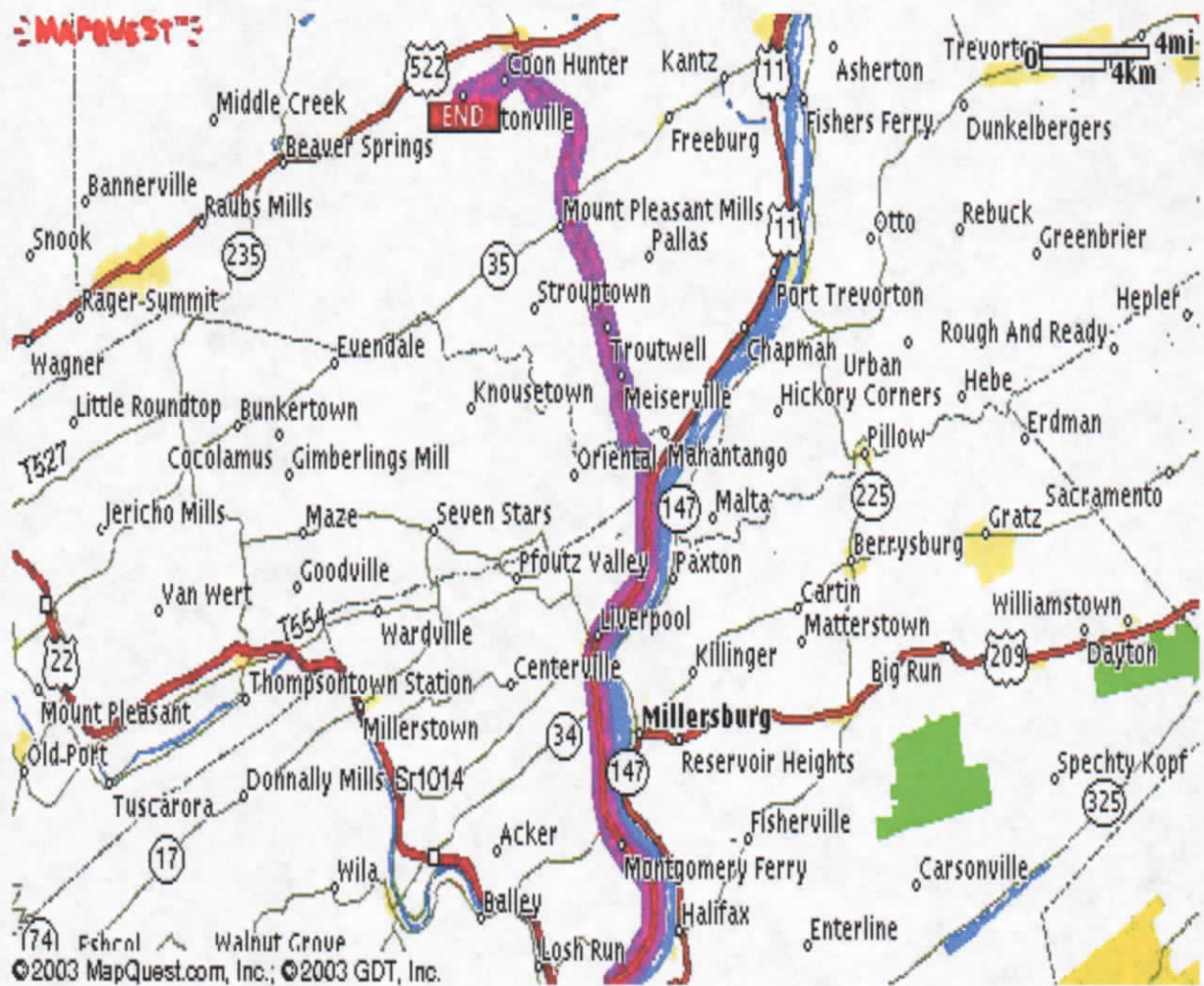


Directions to Paxtonville

Directions to Paxtonville United Methodist Church:

Take US 11/15 North, turn left on PA 104 and travel for approx 13.5 miles, Turn left on Paxtonville Road and travel approx. 2.4 miles, Turn right on PA-3009, travel 2/10 of a mile and the church is on the right.

You may turn right into the parking lot either before the house prior to the church (There is a sign at that driveway) or immediately after the church - both will take you to the parking lot in back. You will probably have to enter through the double steel doors (to the right of the glass doors).





2003 Weaving Odyssey...

"We had quite a few donations from businesses last year. Please check with your employer and other businesses in your area if they are willing to donate."

Please help your guild (and Suzette)! We are in need of items to use as door prizes and to fill our goodie bags. We are hoping that each member will be able to contribute to this. At this time, we are figuring on needing 75 goodie bags, but each bag does not need to be the same so any number of donated items will be greatly appreciated. Items do not have to be "basket" related. Some examples from other years (and just a few ideas) include: small tubes of hand lotion, travel size toiletries (from hotels), hard candies, small tablets, pencils, cable ties, sandpaper, band-aids, nail files, tissues, etc. Put on your thinking cap and see what you come up with! Basket patterns that you bought and no longer want are great along with those handles that you have no idea what you bought them for!! Look through your basket supplies and around the house - donate to us what you haven't used! If you donate it - I'll use it! Larger items will be used as

door prizes, but they don't have to be expensive! Last year I paired up quite a few smaller items to make one door prize and everyone who came, received a door prize!! It was great! We had quite a few donations from businesses last year.

Please check with your employer and other businesses in your area if they are willing to donate. I have letters that you can give to any businesses that you contact - just let me know who you are contacting so I don't also approach them! Check with relatives and friends - you might be surprised who is willing to help out! We can also use monetary donations which I would then use to purchase items to help fill the bags or complete door prizes.

All donations can be given to me, Suzette Humer, at any meeting, or you can contact me at (717) 789-4596 or basketsandgoodies@pa.net for more information.

Odyssey Silent Auction

The 2003 Weaving Odyssey will host a Silent Auction. The auction will begin on Friday morning and will conclude with the close of classes on Saturday.

Winners of the auction items will be announced during the Saturday evening banquet. The Odyssey committee is currently seeking donations to put in the silent auction. Items currently donated include a hand woven basket filled with garden-themed items, a beaded basket bracelet and beaded basket charmers. We are hoping to have 12 to 15 items to bid on during the auction. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Dianne Pearce at rdpearce@cvn.net



Welcome New Members!

*"Please
update your
membership
roster"*

Carol Askew
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A recipe to die for...

JUMBO CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

2 1/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter or margarine
2/3 cup smooth peanut butter
1 cup gran sugar
1 cup light brown sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 bag choc chips
1 1/4 cups chopped pecans
Heat oven to 325
Combine flour, soda, and salt in bowl
Beat together butter, peanut butter
and both sugars until light and
fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla. Stir in
flour mixture, chips and pecans

Using 1/4 cup
measure drop
dough onto large
ungreased cookie
sheet about 2"
apart.

Bake in 325 oven
15 to 17 min until
golden brown
Remove from oven
and cool 3 min
before removing
from cookie sheet.

Makes about 24
large cookies.

*"Elaine brought
these cookies to our
May Meeting - they
were awesome!..."*

*Thanks Elaine
Longenecker "*



Dyeing at Carol's



"Trying to decide what color to use and takin' a little R&R while the reed dries."

Miscellaneous...

Library Info:

Due to budget cuts, the library may close on Sundays. If this becomes a reality, we will need to find a new Sunday meeting place.

Everyone please start thinking of alternative locations in case we have to go elsewhere!

Membership Brochure:

The new membership brochure is now available. Copies will be at all Guild meetings and from Dolores Seasholtz. Be sure to pick up a few to take to shows, ect.



"Proud Big Tote Weavers in May 2003"

We're on the Web!

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<http://basketry.homestead.com>



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD NEWSLETTER

NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2004

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Member-at-Large: Carol MacNeil	nana@macneil.ws	717-240-1276

WITF

The WITF *Gallery* art auction is scheduled for April 16 – 18, 2004. Our guild has not donated since the 2001 auction as our members seem to have lost interest in this cause. *Gallery* is their biggest fund raiser, and the proceeds are critical to help keep public broadcasting on the air in Central PA. Won't you consider weaving a basket to donate this upcoming year? Our guild has not received information about this, I'm assuming since we haven't contributed the last few years, but you may go to their web site at www.witf.org to find out more about it. I would fill you in myself, but unfortunately, I seem to be having problems with the site! In past years, we needed 7 baskets in order to qualify for a "guild donation" and each basket had to have a minimum value of \$40.00.

Deadline for submissions is March 15 so if you are willing to donate, baskets will need to be brought to our February meeting. Please think about this and we will discuss it at the January meeting. If you are willing to help out but cannot attend the January meeting, please contact either Jeff Shields (shieldsj@mindspring.com or 717-774-3508) or Suzette Humer (basketsandgoodies@pa.net or 717-789-4596).

A GATHERING OF CENTRAL PA FIBER & NEEDLEWORK GUILDS

The Keystone Lace Guild is hosting this event on Saturday, February 28, 2004 at the Swatara Church of God Gymnasium, 4860 Lindle Rd., Harrisburg. It sounds like an exciting day with displays, demonstrations, make-it/take-it projects and more! There is also a soup & bake sale and door prizes. For more information on this, go to their web site at www.keystonelaceguild.org and click on "gathering of guilds".

We had been asked by the Lace guild to participate in this event but with the shuffling of mail between board members, it seems to be lost! It's a little late now to participate this February, but think about this for 2005. It would be a wonderful and fun way to meet folks from other guilds and also inform the community about our guild.

DISPLAY AT NEW CUMBERLAND LIBRARY

At the request of the New Cumberland Library, we will have our baskets on display there for the month of November, 2004. Please think about how you will be able to help with this. Are you willing to bring a basket for the display? Are you able to help set up or tear down the display? Another wonderful opportunity for us!

NORTHEAST BASKETMAKERS GATHERING 2005

The Northeast Basketmakers Guild is holding its third basketry event on April 8 – 10, 2005 at the Best Western/Sovereign Conference Center in West Springfield, MA. I'm sure we will receive more information at a later date, but mark your calendar if interested in this event.

For teaching proposal forms, contact Sharon Culberson at hltpgdns@aol.com or 401-624-8171.

2004 DUES

To renew your membership with our guild, please send your check for \$15.00 (payable to CPBWG) by December 31, 2003 to our treasurer:

Suzette Humer, 104 Milltown Road, Landisburg, PA 17040-9306

Please include your name, address, phone and email address.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2003

9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

The Guild meeting will be held at the York Town Craft Center, 639 North Franklin Street, York, PA with Deb Roberson hosting.

FROM HARRISBURG -- Take I-83 south to Rt. 30 east. Turn right at the 4th traffic light (Sherman Street). Turn right onto Olive Street (the 1st road after the overpass). Turn left at the 3rd stop sign (Franklin Street). The building is an old fire hall on the left. Park in the grass lot beside the building.

We will have our annual basket swap and ask that you bring your basket gift-wrapped. Also indicate on the inside of the package who the weaver is! You do not have to participate in the swap to attend the meeting but we strongly encourage you to do so.

Our lunch for this day will be "pot luck"! Please bring a dish of your choice to share with fellow members. Available for our use is a refrigerator, stove/oven, and microwave. Soda and paper products will be provided for lunch.

There are two baskets to choose from for this meeting. They are pictured at the beginning of the next page, the Garden Harvest Basket on the left and the Seagrass Sewing Basket on the right.

If you choose to make the Garden Harvest Basket, you will need to have it made all except the rim, which we will do that day. Supplies needed for this basket are:

7mm or 1/4" flat oval

1 round

2 round

3/16" flat oval (I have used 3/16" flat)

1/4" flat

8" x 8" square handle w/attached oval wooden base

Both the pattern and handle/base can be ordered from www.daisiesbaskets.com or by calling The Daisies Corp. at 800-263-4458. The pattern, Garden Harvest Baskets by Debbie Richards is \$4.50 and listed under "patterns". The handle/base is the medium size and is listed under "kits" for \$7.95.

if you choose not to make this basket but are interested in learning how to do the Modified Gretchen Border, just bring a round or oval basket (with an even number of spokes), that you have completed all but the rim and lots of # 2 round reed. The basket needs to end with 2 rows of # 2 round twining at the top (not a rim row) and spokes tucked.

Any questions on the Garden Harvest Basket, contact Suzette Humer at basketsandgoodies@pa.net or 717-789-4596.

The other choice is the Seagrass Sewing Basket by our own Deb Roberson. Supplies needed for this basket are:

1/8" flat (natural and dyed)

1/4" flat (natural and dyed)

3/8" flat

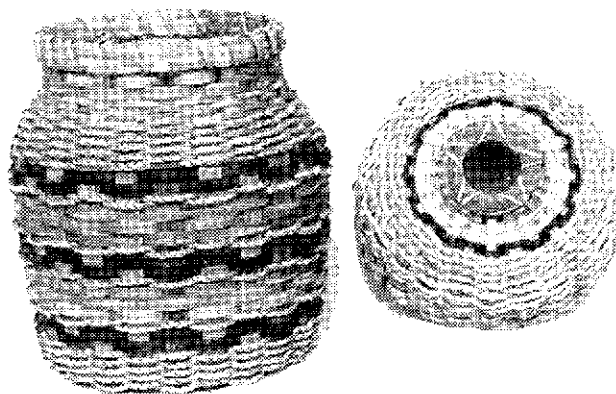
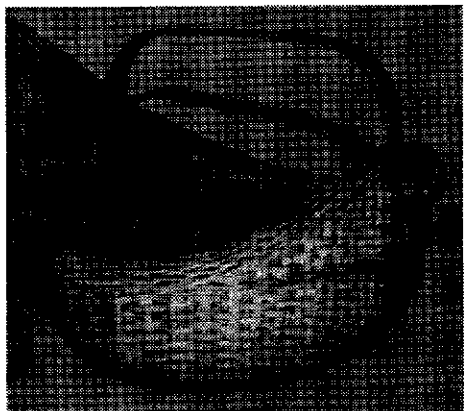
1/2" flat

1 twisted seagrass

loose strands of seagrass

carriage fine cane

The pattern is \$3.00 or you may choose to purchase the kit for \$25.00. If interested in taking this class or for any questions about it, please contact Deb by Jan. 8 at DRAnotherChoice@aol.com or 717-755-8185.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2004 1:30 PM TO 4:30 PM

This meeting will be held at the East Shore Library with a "show 'n tell" by Colleen Skelton of baskets she has collected in her travels and a talk about various weavers. Feel free to bring a basket along to work on – a good time for one that you may need help with! Colleen or another member may be able to give the needed guidance.

The library is located at the rear of the Colonial Park Mall, near the intersection of I-83 and Rt. 22. Please park in the mall parking lot at the rear of Boscov's. The meeting is in Room A on the lower level.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2004 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

This meeting will be held at the Gettysburg Foursquare Church, 330 West Middle Street, Gettysburg, PA with Billie Stanford as hostess.

Directions: take Rt. 15 South to Gettysburg – York St., Rt. 30 West exit
Follow Rt. 30 to the square. Go $\frac{3}{4}$ way around square to Baltimore St.
Go one block to light at Middle St. (Rt. 116) and turn right. The courthouse will be on the corner.
At second light on Middle St., turn left onto West St.
Go one block and at STOP sign turn right, then right again at the first alley (before townhouses).
[If you miss the alley, go past the townhouses and then turn right. This will also bring you into the church parking lot.]
the church will be on the left behind the townhouses – parking lot is on the side of the church

Billie will have maps at the January and February meetings and if you need help that day, you may reach her on her cell phone at 717-968-1372.

Our guest teacher for the day is Patricia Yunkes and we will be weaving the Butterfly Basket. To view the basket, go to the web site at pennswood.net/~patbaskets/patternsregularbask2.html To register for this class, you must send your check for \$68.00, made payable to Patricia Yunkes and dated 3-13-04, to: Billie Stanford, 69 Spruce Drive, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Registration closes February 21, 2004.

Pat will take a minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 14. If the class fills, you will be put on a waiting list in case of any cancellations. When you attend class that day, the guild will reimburse you \$30.00 for the cost. If you are registered and do not attend, the guild will not reimburse you.

You are on your own for lunch this day. There are several places close by to eat or you may pack a lunch. The church kitchen has a stove, refrigerator and a microwave.

Pat, who is a smoker, needs a home to stay in Friday night, March 12. Do we have a guild member who would be willing to allow her to stay in your home? If so, contact Billie at bstan4d@earthlink.net or 717-334-9427. Hopefully, someone will step forward or the guild may have to pay to put her in a hotel. In the event of extreme bad weather, she would also stay Saturday night.

AND NOW A SNEAK PEEK FROM OUR FRIENDS AT COUNTRY SEAT!!

Free Class, Saturday, May 8, 2004 (student provides materials).

The Guild will have their choice of two footstools. Footstools must be purchased prior to the day of class and assembled/ stained/finished. Mention the Guild class when ordering.

New England footstool kit -guild price \$10.00 (reg. \$13.50) - includes smoked flat reed.

#301 Oak footstool, frame only -guild price \$15.00 (reg. \$17.00) -student provides seating material (approximately 1 coil -flat reed, binder cane, slab rattan, flat fiber).

All students will be weaving a splint seat, but they can purchase the materials of their choice.

Tools & supplies needed: towel, water bucket, reed cutters (or shears, etc.), hand held stapler, Elmer's white glue, tweezers, needle nose pliers (or bent nose pliers), flat edged screwdriver (or Weave rite D or F), rubber tipped spring clamp with 1" opening.

Class to begin at 9:30 AM, will finish around 1 PM.

It is possible that not all students will finish in the time allotted, but they will leave with the knowledge needed to complete the seat at home.

Store will open at 8:30 for early shopping.

Donna will not have extra help that day, so will have to leave class to answer the phone (please be patient).

See you in May.

The Country Seat

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BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR A WONDERFUL AND JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

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Presidential Musings

2003 A Weaving Odyssey was a wonderful success! Isabel did her best to wreck the weekend but you can't keep a good basket weaver down! The Odyssey committee worked hard and followed that olde addage "the show must go on!" Many beautiful baskets were created and I believe everyone had a great time!

It's that time of year again! At the October meeting a slate of officers will be presented (and nomination accepted from the floor). Step up and hlep keep our Guild strong. Run for an office or better yet, volunteer for one of the many positions.

A membership renewal form is included in this newsletter. Please remember that membership dues are to paid before December 31.

Due to budget cuts at the state level, the library may be closing one or two days a week. More than likely Sunday will be one of those days. Therefore, we as a Guild may need to find another location for our Sunday afternoon meetings. Please look around and bring suggestions for an alternate location.

I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting. Until then, have fun with all of your weaving projects!

Deb

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee, consisting of Jean Foutz and Elaine Longenecker have been hard at work compiling a slate of officers for the 2004 calendar year. To date, the candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer are:

For President: Jeff Shields
For Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer:
Billie Stanford
Suzette Humer

At the October meeting, nominations from the floor will be accepted. A member may nominate herself/himself, or may nominate another member, with permission. If you want to nominate but will not be at the meeting, make your wishes known to Jean Foutz or Elaine Longenecker, who will present your nomination.

Shortly after the October meeting a special mailing will go out to all the members. We will include some information regarding the nominees and what they would like to add to our Guild, plus a ballot for your vote. You may include any suggestions for our 2004 officers. Ballots MUST be received at or before the November 8 meeting.

Since our members are widely scattered the voting can be done by mail. The ballots will be opened and counted in the presence of the general membership at the November meeting.

Questions about the election? Ask:

Jean Foutz at 717-838-6563 or

jlfoutz@worldnet.net

Elaine Longenecker at 717-545-8859 or

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GUILD SCHEDULE

Below is a tentative schedule. Linda has been working hard to fill our schedule and find interesting projects for us to weave. This schedule and or locations are subject to change.

October 12 (Sunday) 1:30 to 4:30

Location: East Shore Library

Leader: Elaine Longenecker

Program: painting on baskets

November 8 (Saturday) 9 AM to 5 PM

Location: Sunbury City Hall

Hostess: Beth Kremer

Leader: Jean Fisher/Mary Hancock

Program: Baby Cradle

December 14 (Sunday)

NO PROGRAM SCHEDULED

January 10 (Saturday) 9 AM to 5 PM

Location: Quakertown Area

Hostess: Kathy Stone

Leader: Suzette Humer

Deb Roberson

Program: to be announced

Including our annual swap and party

February 4 9 (Sunday) 1:30 to 4:30

Location: East Shore Library

Leader: Colleen Skelton

Program: Demo/discussion on traveling to basket related sites

March 13 (Saturday) 9 AM to 5 PM

Location: looking for volunteer

Guest Teacher: Patricia Yunkes

Program: Butterfly basket

2003 A WEAVING ODYSSEY

The Odyssey was a great success again this year! All that attended had a wonderful time and left with beautiful baskets and lots of stories to tell! The food was delicious. Everyone who attended will definitely remember this event!

Our class pattern books were coveted by all. The winners were:

*Friday's Book - Mimi Jackson
Saturday's Book - Sherral Nelson
Sunday's Book - Joanne Sheriff*

The raffle was an addition to the Odyssey this year. We didn't really know what to expect from the raffle but the items that were donated went way overboard! We needed 2 8" tables to display all of them. Our students and teachers really got the fever! Our raffle generated well over \$700.

Raffle winners were:

Judy Gavliniski, Roma Cynajko, Nan Weismantel, Suzette Humer, Myrt Bachman, Debbie Zvanut, Lynne Laughman, Elizabeth Ferrence, Linda Moore, Lora Elkins, Claire McElroy Grubb, Lori Hopkins, Alecia Ghilarducci, Myrt Bauchman, Colleen Skelton, Sue Reinhart, Judy Appleby and Tamara Przylepa

We still have a few Odyssey aprons available. If you are interested in purchasing an apron contact Billie Stanford at bstan4d@yahoo.com

As Chairman of door prizes/goodie bags for our Weaving Odyssey, I extend a BIG THANK YOU to our guild members who so generously donated. Every contribution was wonderful and aided greatly to the success of our event. We received many nice compliments on our door prizes and goodie bags. Thank you, thank you, thank you to the following members for your kind donations:

June Blake, Susan Snively, Jeff Shields, Suzette Humer, Dianne Pearce, Jean Fisher, Elaine Longenecker, Deb Roberson, Carol MacNeil, Judy Appleby, Colleen Skelton, Linda Clifton, Linda Moore.

I certainly hope I didn't forget anyone!

Suzette



A happy group of students proudly showing off their nearly completed baskets on Friday afternoon.



Anne Kelly and Dianne Pearce hard at work on their basket, A Tisket a Tasket a Basket in a Basket



Linda Clifton, Susan Snively and Dianne Pearce working on The Diamond Rimmed Twill Basket



Jeff Shields and Susan Snively working on the rolled border of the Spiral Illusions basket

THE REVIEWS ARE IN

Thank you and the members of your guild for an absolutely fantastic weekend. I don't know how you do it, but it gets better every year!!! I had a wonderful time and learned so much. I appreciate all of the time and effort put into your very successful event.

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*I have to comment on all the great teachers at the PA weave in! I was proud to be in such good company! All in all I have to give highest commendations to the instructors there. I also have to give highest marks to Deb and her committee, this was one of the best run functions I have ever been to. I really enjoyed it, and hope I can go again next year. Any dates yet?*

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Just wanted to say thank you for all your hard work to make the Weaving Odyssey happen as scheduled, in spite of unusual circumstances. I thoroughly enjoyed my third year - it is great to be a student and learn new things.

I appreciate your efforts. I know it involves many people who do much planning - your efforts are very worthwhile.

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*I thoroughly enjoyed the Odyssey. Know that I think it was a great success and that y'all had Isabelle running scared. I loved having ample space and good lighting even when the location had to change. By the way, that was the best save! You and your committee handled that very efficiently and I doubt there were any complaints. Kudos to everyone!*

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**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION . . . . .**

*Guild meeting times and dates are listed in each newsletter. All members are encouraged to submit articles, weaving tips and cool weaving website addresses. Submissions for the next newsletter must be received by December 1.*

*Submit your articles, tips and website addresses to Carol at [Nana@MacNeil.ws](mailto:Nana@MacNeil.ws)*

*Articles may be submitted as text within your email or as an attachment in a MS Word format.*

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**MEETINGS. . . . .**

*Try to make all the meetings.*

*A group is only as strong as the sum of all of its parts.*

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION**

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*Your check for \$15.00 (payable to CPBWG) and this form can be mailed to: Suzette Humer, 104 Milltown Road, Landisburg, PA 17040-9306*

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