



## CPBWG NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

December is here, bringing all the excitement, anticipation and celebrations that fill our calendars. "Keep calm and weave on" through this busy time.

2022 was filled with guild opportunities to gather, weave and fellowship. CPBWG resumed our monthly weave workshops and the spring retreat during 2022. The September Odyssey Convention was once again the highlight of the year. The guild extended its outreach initiative by offering a "one day only" beginner basket class during the convention. Joanne will repeat teaching this basket for our general membership in January. Now we all can have the opportunity to make the wine basket with a glass saddle.

Once again this year our guild members were very generous with their time and talents. Individuals completed legacy baskets (begun by Dorothy Scheiman) for the Odyssey raffle, made 24 baskets filled with personal care items for The Parsonages, and donated baskets to the Love, Inc charity auction. Thank you to everyone who participated in these projects.

The 2023 calendar of guild events is included in this newsletter. Be sure to sign up by the stated deadlines so that you don't miss out on the fun! We will kick off 2023 with the guild's annual January weaving party. More information is found in the newsletter.

Best wishes to you all. See you in January!

*Sharon*

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# ***Guild News***

## **2022 Guild Schedule**

**Saturday, January 7, 9-4:** Wine Basket and holiday luncheon. Joanne Sheriff will be teaching a double wine basket. We will also have our annual holiday luncheon and gift exchange. The guild will provide lunch goodies. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring along a basket related gift or a gift you think a basket weaver would like (check your stash for patterns, handles, etc.!) Gifts should be valued in the \$5-10 range. Deadline to register is December 10. See p. 14 for registration form.

**Saturday, February 11, 2023:** Marilyn Julius and Becci Melcher are teaching a Galvanized Divided Tote designed by Kathy Petronzio. Registration info is on p. 15.

**Saturday, March 11, 2023:** Mary Annunziato will be teaching wooly carrots and grape hyacinths. See p. 16-17 for sign-up details.

**April 28-30, 2023:** CPBWG Annual Retreat at the Gitt Library, Hanover, PA. This year's teacher is JoAnn Kelly Catsos. More information will be emailed in March.

**Saturday, May 20, 2023:** Debbi Zvanut will be teaching a Cherokee type basket at Gravel Hill Church in Palmyra. More info in the next newsletter!

**Sunday, June 11, 2023:** Annual Dye Party.

**Saturday, July 15, 2023:** Service Project baskets and headband.

**Saturday, August, 12:** TBD

**September 14-17, 2023:** A Weaving Odyssey, Gettysburg, PA

**Saturday, October 14, 2023:** Bread basket.

**Saturday, November 18, 2023:** TBD

***As always, you are welcome to attend any Guild weave and work on your own project.***

***Newsletter Note:*** The newsletter is published four times per year, in March, June, September, and December. Any news, photos, etc. must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month of publication. Submissions and ideas are always welcome. Contact Suzanne Williamson at [sgw59@comcast.net](mailto:sgw59@comcast.net).

**Service Project Update:** Thank you to all guild members who wove baskets and/or donated money for our 2022 service project. A total of 24 filled baskets was delivered to The Pasonages/Love, INC of greater Hershey. Each basket contained the following items: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, notepad, pencil, playing cards, puzzle book, tissues, hand sanitizer. The baskets will be distributed to individuals who stay at The Parsonages while a family member is being cared for at Hershey Medical Center.

If you have suggestions for future service basket donations, please contact Suzanne at [sgw59@comcast.net](mailto:sgw59@comcast.net).



Paul Liepert, manager of The Parsonage, and Suzanne Williamson with some of the donated baskets.

Below are some of the 24 baskets woven and filled by guild members.



### FOR SALE

Paula Evelhoch is offering her stash of basket supplies for sale to our members. She has a variety of colored reed, natural reed, seagrass, wire handles, and wooden handles. Prices are negotiable. She lives in Mechanicsburg. Members may contact her via her email if interested: [pke\\_craftaholic@hotmail.com](mailto:pke_craftaholic@hotmail.com)

## The Coracle: A Summer Weaving Project?

By: Stephanie C. Hamel

Since antiquity, tiny bowl-shaped boats, woven from flexible twigs and covered with animal skins, have traveled in the waterways of the world. Herodotus described them on the rivers near Babylon around 400 B.C.; Julius Caesar and his soldiers, impeded by lack of bridges, built similar boats to cross rivers, and Pliny the Elder reported that Britons sailed to a nearby island to collect “white lead in boats of osier, covered with sewed hides” (79 A.D.)

Called coracles, these and their larger cousin, the corrach, answered the need for a quick method to cross water: they relied on just a few materials- all which were at hand-and were rather simple to construct. Their frames were made of fast-growing and flexible woods, the types which grow near water, such as willow. The coracle usually accommodates only one person with one paddle, and was confused in the early written literature with the currach, which is more boat-shaped, can fit many more people or cargo, can have steering and several oars, and is covered by multiple hides sewed together.

Coracles float high on the water, like corks, and so are ideal for fishing in shallow, rocky waterways, which is probably why they remained in use for so long in Wales and Ireland. A coracle cannot be paddled on the side, like a canoe, as it will spin in circles, but it was versatile, even being used, as late as the 1960s, to help herd sheep across a shallow British river, to wash them prior to shearing. In Wales, coracles are still used to catch salmon: two of them floating down the river with a net stretched between. The BBC (British Broadcasting Company) has an article with photos on its website of men in coracles retrieving the lost footballs-kicked accidentally into the river-from nearby matches. Yet these types of boats were found worldwide: the Lewis and Clark Expedition reported that Native Americans stretched bison hides over wooden frames to traverse flooding rivers as well. They are an ancient example of woven works.

In 2003, the magazine, *Mother Earth News*, published a story by Maine willow weaver, Stanley Joseph, who, when carrying his homemade laundry baskets into the local laundromat, had received a chance remark that his round baskets seemed to be miniature versions of a coracle, which the commenter’s uncle owned in Ireland. Intrigued by the statement, Joseph researched the boats, discovered their history, and decided to construct one himself. Reading the article then, I was fascinated. The process didn’t seem difficult; I wanted to make one...someday.

The oval replica made by Joseph began with 32 ribs of soaked, 8-foot willow shoots of 1 inch diameter. The fat ends were poked into equally-spaced holes in the ground, as staves, then thinner willows were woven into these in an over-and-under pattern, to a height of 6 inches. When flipped over, this would create a gunwale or rim of the boat, but first, the upright ribs were bent to the opposite sides of the oval and all were lashed together, wherever the frame crossed another willow rib. This created an openwork lattice hull, on which heavy stones were laid on top to flatten and shape, before the covering was added.

Traditionally, the size of a coracle was determined by the size of its animal hide covering, but over the centuries, as the industry and agriculture in Wales and other places changed, the materials for covering the coracles changed as well. Flannel wool replaced animal skins, and calico then replaced the flannel. The advantage of the fabric weighing less, and thus diminishing the boat’s weight by more than half, was offset by the need to waterproof the cotton covers. Like Moses’ mother, who covered her papyrus-and-reed basket with bitumen and tar, the fabric-covered boats of Europe could be coated with tar. In the article, Stanley Joseph used sail canvas, attached with waxed linen thread, to the hull frame, and then varnished with a



waterproof concoction. A wooden seat was added, stretching from rim to rim, and a traditional chest strap attached, so that the owner could carry the coracle on his back.

Twenty years after reading the *Mother Earth News* article, I still am intrigued by this example of practical woven work. I live on a lake and own a kayak, but I am thinking of building my own coracle. It sounds like a great weaving project for several of us, especially if we refuse to use an animal hide. Anyone care to join me next summer?

References:

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"The Surprising History of Britain's Strangest Boat",  
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## UFO Challenge Update



Congratulations to August winner Becci Melcher and October winner Samantha Richards. Their baskets are shown below. If you would like to participate in the 2023 UFO challenge see page 11-12 for the sign up information.







## October UFO Baskets





# November UFO Baskets



## Odyssey 2023: Love and Let's Weave



Odyssey Committee: Debbi, Pam, Suzanne, Joanne, Becci, Darlene, Marilyn, Nancy, Donna, and Sharon. (missing from photo: Betsy and Jan)



2022 Odyssey Instructors: Jan Beyma, Mary Annunziato, Annetta Kraayeveld, Angie Wagner, Joanne Sheriff, Kathy Petronzio, Joyce Smith, Mary Skillings, Mary Price, and Vickie Echols. (missing from photo: Denise Bendelewski, Candy Barnes, Dave Barnes)



President Sharon Schaeffer presents the annual Odyssey scholarship to Kelley Syarto.



Joanne Sheriff and raffle emcee Jude Gallaher.





Kathy Petronzio instructing students on Madras Planter.



Angie Wagner demonstrates her Rush Footstool.



Annetta Kraayeveld demonstrates weaving with paper.



Mary Price leads one of her classes.



Vickie Echols demonstrating pine needle techniques.

## October and November Guild Classes

Instructor Pam Wilson works with Marie and Bob at the October guild weave.



Students show off their October class projects.



Mary Annunziato works with Darlene on twirling her pine boughs in November.



Darlene and Kim work on their storage baskets.



Left to right: Dianne, Becci, Betsy, Lynne, Donna, and Mary work on woolly pinecones and boughs.







## 2023 UFO Challenge

**Complete those unfinished baskets you have been avoiding, make a basket from a kit or pattern you want to try, or make one basket to contribute to our July service project.**

Complete baskets to fit your schedule. You **do not** have to decide which baskets you will make when you register to participate. One finished basket is due by the end of the month for **February, March, April, May, June, July, August, October and November**. Members who complete a verified basket are eligible for a **monthly drawing for a \$10 guild gift certificate** good for future guild workshops or Odyssey fees.

A **grand prize** will be drawn at the end of the year from the entries completed. Participants receive one entry for each completed basket. Two names will be drawn to split the winning prize money (all the money from the UFO Challenge sign-up). The more members who sign up, the bigger the "kitty". The more baskets you complete, the more chances you have to win.

Sharon Schaeffer will continue to serve as the 2023 UFO record keeper. She will record each participant's baskets as they are completed. To verify that you have completed a basket, send a digital photo of your basket to Sharon, either to her cell phone # 410-967-4482 or to [swschae@gmail.com](mailto:swschae@gmail.com).

**Sign up to participate NOW ! The cost to participate is \$10.00.**

Complete the registration form below. Make checks payable to CPBWG. Send your registration and payment to Sharon Schaeffer - 1643 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster, MD 21158.

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### 2023 UFO Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\$10.00 registration fee: cash or check # \_\_\_\_\_



## Individual 2023 UFO Records

\*\*\* Keep this form for your record \*\*\*

<i>Basket #</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Basket Description</i>	<i>Date image sent to Sharon</i>
1	February			
2	March			
3	April			
4	May			
5	June			
6	July			
7	August			
8	October			
9	November			
			<i>Grand total Baskets submitted =</i>	

## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS' GUILD MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year.

Send your check payable to CPBWG to: Donna Kumpf, 517 Windy Way, New Cumberland, PA 17070

You can contact Donna if you have membership questions at [kumpf4@comcast.net](mailto:kumpf4@comcast.net) or (717) 440-6249.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING, EVEN IF YOU ARE A RENEWING MEMBER.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PREFERRED PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: all of the guild's newsletters, notices, and communications are sent via email. You can also access the newsletter on our website: [www.centralpabasketguild.com](http://www.centralpabasketguild.com)

Members receive quarterly newsletters (March, June, September, December) sent by email. Please notify us if your email has changed, or if you have not received newsletters. Newsletters are also posted on our website: [www.centralpabasketguild.com](http://www.centralpabasketguild.com)

**Double Wine Basket with Joanne Sheriff**  
**Saturday, January 7, 2023, 9AM-4PM**  
**Camp Hill Giant**

Guild member Joanne Sheriff will be teaching this beautiful double wine basket, complete with wood saddle that will hold two glasses (glasses not included). Cost for the class is \$28 and extra kits will be available for \$23. A variety of accent colors will be available. Deadline to sign up is December 10.

*The guild will also be having our annual holiday luncheon and gift exchange. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring along a basket related gift or a gift you think a basket weaver would like (check your stash for patterns, handles, etc.!) Gifts should be valued in the \$5-10 range.*



**Make checks out to Joanne Sheriff and mail with the form below to:**

**Joanne Sheriff**  
**31 Bridle Path Way**  
**Rising Sun, MD 21911**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Double Wine Basket @\$28= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Extra Kit @\$23= \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL=** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please date checks for January 7, 2023.**

**Registration must be received by December 10!**



## Galvanized Divided Tote

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

**9AM to 4PM at East Berlin Community Center**

Marilyn Julius and Becci Melcher will be teaching this beautiful galvanized divided tote designed by Kathy Petronzio. Woven with space-dyed reed, the tote measures 12" x 8" x 5 ½" high with handle. The cost is **\$30** which covers the cost of the base and insert. The guild will provide the reed.



Please complete the registration form below and send it along with your check made out to CPBWG to Suzanne Williamson. Registrations must be received by December 5, 2022.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your \$30 check made out to CPBWG to:** Suzanne Williamson  
289 Grant Drive  
Hanover, PA 17331

**Checks must be received by December 5, 2022.**

Questions? Email Suzanne at [sgw59@comcast.net](mailto:sgw59@comcast.net)

## Carrots and Grape Hyacinths with Mary Annunziato

Saturday, March 11, 2023

10AM-3PM

At Camp Hill Giant Grocery Store

Mary Annunziato will be teaching carrots and grape hyacinths at our March meeting. Get ready for spring and learn to fringe and twirl carrot tops to add to the twirled carrots.

**Carrot class will be from 10-12** and the **grape hyacinth class will run from 1-3**. The grapevine wreath and the metal bunny that are pictured with the carrots will be available, but need to be pre-ordered on the form below. The carrot kit will make 3 carrots and the grape hyacinth kit will make 8 flower stems.



Make your **checks payable to Mary Annunziato**. Send this registration form along with your check to

**Suzanne Williamson**

**289 Grant Drive**

**Hanover, PA 17331**

**Deadline to sign up is March 1.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Carrot pattern and kit @\$13= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ extra carrot kit @\$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grape Hyacinth pattern and kit @\$13 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ extra grape hyacinth kit @\$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ grapevine wreath @ \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ metal bunny @ \$6 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_



## **Directions to Venues**

### **DIRECTIONS TO GRAVEL HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 131 GRAVEL HILL ROAD, PALMYRA, PA 17078**

**FROM INTERSTATE 81:** Exit 80 (Grantville), take 743 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 reads: 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.

**FROM Route 422:** Go to the “square” in Palmyra, turn north onto North Railroad Street, continue approximately 1.5 miles to white church on left.

### **Directions to East Berlin Area Community Center (EBACC): 405 North Ave. East Berlin, PA 17316**

From Route 15—if coming from north or south take route 234 to East Berlin. (Heidlerberg/East Berlin exit), PA 234 East, go 8.2 miles. Turn left onto Fourth St., then left onto North St.

From PA turnpike, take the Gettysburg/ Route 15 exit, follow 15 South and directions above.

From Route 83 and points east or north, take Exit 35 then...

Head southeast on PA-177 S; turn right to stay on PA-177 (9.6 miles); Continue onto PA-74 N/Carlisle Rd (1.5 mile); Continue onto York St. (0.2 miles); Continue onto Wellsville Rd. (0.9 miles); Slight right to stay on Wellsville Rd. (1.9 miles); Turn left onto Kralltown Rd. (2.1 miles); Turn left onto Davidsburg Rd (0.4 miles);

Turn right onto Red Run Church Rd. (1.5 miles); Turn left onto PA-194 S (2.8 miles); Turn right onto North Ave. (0.3 miles) destination will be on the right. East Berlin Area Community Center 405 North Ave. East Berlin, PA 17316

### **Directions to Giant Grocery store (community room), 3301 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011**

**FROM ROUTE 581:** Take exit 5 to Camp Hill; merge onto 11/15 North. The Camp Hill shopping mall will be on your left. Giant Grocery store is located at the end of the Mall. You can turn left at Trindle Road, then left into the parking lot at Giant.

**FROM ROUTE 15 (south of Harrisburg):**

Take route 15 North to Camp Hill. In Camp Hill, turn left on Trindle Road, and then left into the parking lot at Giant.

**FROM York and south:** Route 83 North to 581 Interchange, follow 581 West to exit 5 (Camp Hill), follow directions above.

**FROM Interstate 81 (Harrisburg and East):** Near Harrisburg, follow 83 South. After crossing the Susquehanna River, continue straight onto Route 581. Take exit 5 to Camp Hill, merge onto 11/15 North. The Camp Hill shopping mall will be on your left. Giant Grocery store is located at the end of the Mall. You can turn left at Trindle Road, then left into the parking lot at Giant.

**FROM PA. TURNPIKE:** Either exit Harrisburg West and take 83 (directions above.) Or exit Mechanicsburg, and follow 15 North (directions above).