

CALL FOR INSTRUCTORS
Central Pennsylvania Basket Weavers' Guild
2026 WEAVING ODYSSEY September 17-20, 2026

The Central PA Basket Weavers' Guild is accepting teacher proposals for jurying for the 2026 Weaving Odyssey, our annual convention held at the Aspire Gettysburg Hotel, Gettysburg, PA. Instructors who are selected will have classes to teach each day. Classes will be scheduled as follows:

- **Thursday**, 9-17-26: 2 to 4-hour class (starting at 6:00 pm). A 12-hour class can be scheduled for Thursday/Friday.
- **Friday**, 9-18-26: 8-hour class (8 am – 5 pm) or 6-hour class (9 am – 4 pm)
- **Saturday**, 9-19-26: 8-hour class (8 am – 5 pm) or 6-hour class (9 am – 4 pm). A 12-hour class can be scheduled for Saturday/Sunday.
- **Sunday**, 9-20-26: 2 to 4-hour class (starting at 8 am)

Basket proposals are **DUE BY February 1, 2026**. Jurying will take place in March, and you will be notified as soon as possible. All submissions must be your original creation.

- Complete a separate application form for each basket. You may download the pdf on our website to fill out and print: www.centralpabasketguild.com or make copies of the attached forms.
- Please send several choices for each: 4, 6, and 8-hour classes.
 - 2, 3, or 4-hour class can be submitted for Thursday and/or Sunday.
 - 6 or 8-hour class can be submitted for Friday and/or Saturday.
 - Be as accurate as possible in stating your total class time requirement. Each basket should be completed within the scheduled time **with each student's baskets finished or nearly finished**. If you know a basket cannot be finished within the time frame, be sure to emphasize that!
- **PLEASE** include **prerequisite skills needed**, the materials used, techniques taught, and any special tools needed (beyond usual weaving tools) that are not supplied by you.
- You may teach two baskets with **similar** techniques at the same time. Please specify which baskets; pairing an 8-hour and a 6-hour basket would allow a staggered start (8 am and 9 am).
- You, as the instructor, must determine your class fee, taking into consideration **ALL** of your associated expenses. We are pleased to provide your lunches on Friday and Saturday as well as your dinner on Saturday evening.
- All selected instructors are asked to donate a completed basket or a basket kit with pattern (for our silent auction AND one pattern for each class you are teaching (for our daily door prize).

BASKET PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS – DUE BY FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Mail the application forms and basket photos (one form per submission) to the address below and include a short biography. **Include one or more printed photos of each basket you are submitting.** If you are selected, you will be instructed how to send high quality digital photos soon afterwards.

Send proposals to: Becci Melcher, 3370 Taunton Drive, York, PA 17402

Don't wait.....go ahead and send it in before you forget!!!

Any questions, please call or text Becci Melcher at 717-434-4694.

Thank you, Betsy Mullineaux and Becci Melcher, Co-Chairs 2026 Weaving Odyssey

2026 Weaving Odyssey – Teacher Biography

(You only need to complete this page once)

Name:		Cell Phone:	
Street Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Email:			
Website (if applicable):			

Each teacher will have one extra table at their work area.

We offer Marketplace on Friday evening, so ALL teachers have an opportunity to vend.

For teachers who are teaching all 4 days – if you would like to vend **in addition to** Marketplace, please check here: **(this is subject to availability)**. If available, you will have two tables for vending as part of your class space. **There is absolutely NO vending during class time unless you have an extra person to help.** Teachers cannot be interrupted during class time.

Please attach or type a short biography below:

CLASS EXPERIENCE LEVELS: Please use the following as guidance. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND that you include prerequisite skills to help students choose baskets within their weaving levels.

BEGINNER: Has little or no weaving experience with the material being used, and basic skills need developing.

ADVANCED BEGINNER: Still a beginner but ready for something more challenging; understands the basic skills such as twining, start/stop weaving, and lashing.

INTERMEDIATE: Is skilled at basic techniques with material being used. Most weavers who have made several baskets of differing styles and materials will fall into this group. Choose classes from this level that will allow you to fine tune a particular skill or work on developing another. This level is also recommended for students who may be more advanced in other areas but have not made a basket of a particular style or material.

ADVANCED: You have mastered all skills and are ready to try new techniques, fibers, shaping, and creative methods. These classes are for weavers whose skills are already developed in many areas. Remember that you may have advanced knowledge and great skill in one area and yet be a “beginner” in another area.

**2026 Weaving Odyssey
Instructor's Basket Proposal Application**

Please include this page with each basket proposal along with a basket photo.

Teacher's Name:			
Title of Basket:			
Class Fee:	\$	Dimensions of Basket:	

Number of hours to complete basket in class: 2 hrs. 4 hrs. 6 hrs. 8 hrs. 12 hrs.

Experience Level: Beginner Advanced Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Number of Students: Minimum: Maximum is 12. If less, specify:

Basket Description: *Please print clearly or attach a typed description to this page.* Include details such as the materials being used, techniques being taught, special tools needed (glue, battery-only lighting, etc.) that are not provided by the teacher. List any pre-requisite skills needed. Type basket description below:

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