



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD

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Proposed By-Laws Changes

Attached is a copy of the CPBWG By-Laws with several proposed changes. One proposed change from the previous By-laws is the addition of two more members-at-large, for a total of 3 members-at-large. Another proposed change to the by-laws is the addition of a duty of the Treasurer to “maintain the current membership roster.” Proposed changes are underlined.

Please use the ballot below to vote on the By-laws as written and mail it by March 31 to Dianne Pearce.

2005 By-Laws Ballot

Please return ballot by March 31 to:

Dianne Pearce
745 Mummasburg Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

I approve of the proposed By-Laws as written.

I do not approve of the proposed By-Laws.

Member name/address:

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005

**at East Shore Library,
Harrisburg, PA**

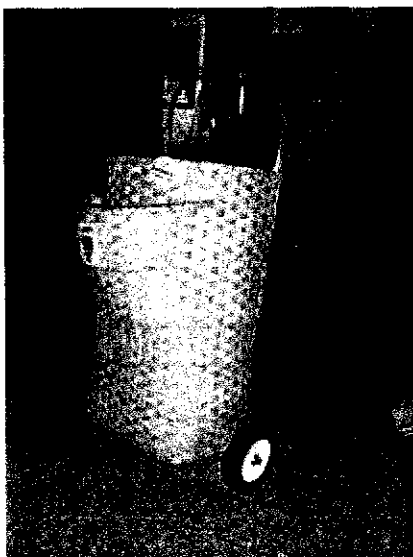
MEETING TIME: 10:00-5:00

Carol's Cart Basket

Instructor: Carol MacNeil

Guild member Carol MacNeil will be instructing Carol's Cart Basket. She will put together a kit that will include everything for the basket but not the reed. Carol's husband will cut the pieces that need to be cut and drill the bases for us. When the basket is finished it will be easy to assemble. The kits will cost \$30.

Please notify Carol by March 31 if you are planning to weave this basket, in order to allow her husband enough time to fix everything up for us! Email Carol at nana@macneil.ws or phone her at 717-240-1276.



Carol's Cart Basket

Here is a list of what you need to bring:

5/8 flat for stakes ~ 40 pieces at 27" long
5/8 flat for pocket ~ 11 pieces at 16" long
1/2 flat for weavers
1/2 flat oval for rim (pocket)
#2 or #3 RR for twining
5/8 flat oval for rim
1/4 flat oval for lashing
seagrass for rim filler

The pattern called for a tapered plastic trash can, 45 quart or 13 gallon (one and the same) to be used as a mold. I opted not to use one. Feel free to bring one if you are more comfortable using one.

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2005

**at East Shore Library(tentative),
Harrisburg, PA**

MEETING TIME: 1:30-4:30

Basketmaker's Rolodex

Instructor: Lyn Levan

Guild member Lyn Levan will be teaching Deb Blair's Basketmaker's Rolodex. This black ash basket was in the Summer 1993 issue of Just Patterns. Our guild has been given permission to copy the pattern for use IN THIS CLASS ONLY. Copies of the patterns will be provided, and the guild will order the black ash. Guild members must PRE-REGISTER for this basket so we will know how much black ash to order. Material fee will be \$12. Please contact Lyn Levan (jllevan@hotmail.com or 570-837-2131) by April 25th if you want to make this basket.

SUNDAY, June 12, 2005
GUILD PICNIC AND DYE PARTY
1:30- ????
Carol MacNeil's House

Carol MacNeil has again graciously offered her house for our Guild picnic and dye party. The guild will provide dye and food - bring plenty of reed to dye!

Carol MacNeil's address:

1004 Harriet Street, Carlisle, PA

Phone: 717-240-1276

From I-81: Take exit 52 South, turn right at end of ramp. At the 7th light (approximately 4 miles), turn right onto Calvary Road. Take first right off Calvary Road onto Harriet Street. 1004 is the first house on the left.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tentative programs for April 2005 to April 2006 are listed on page 4. This information is provided for general planning purposes. The latest newsletter and/or our website will have the most current information as well as any changes - please check before attending a meeting!

CPBWG MEMBERSHIP LIST

The current guild membership list for 2005 is enclosed, with members' addresses, email and phone numbers. Please notify Susan Snively if any of the information is incorrect, or needs to be updated. Please remember that **this information is for guild purposes only**. This information should not be released for solicitation or for publication or distribution outside of the Guild.

GATHERING OF GUILDS

On Saturday, February 26, CPBWG took part in the 3rd annual Gathering of Guilds. It was held at the Swatara Church of God in Harrisburg and consisted of Central PA fiber and needlework guilds and a Crafter's Market. It was well attended. Many people stopped by to admire the baskets on display and pick up membership information. We even acquired a new member! Dianne demonstrated. Billie, Suzette, Jeff and Carol were on hand to answer questions. It was nice to see what else is out there. Many guilds had "make it and take it" available. Hopefully we can do that next year. It was a fun day for all involved. Keep it in mind for next year and join the fun!



Suzette, Dianne and Billie at the Gathering of the Guilds.

2005 WEAVING ODYSSEY!

The Weaving Odyssey committee met in February to review the baskets that were submitted, and narrow the field for the Odyssey basketry workshops. Look for your Odyssey brochure to arrive before May!

Remember to mark your calendars for the 2005 Weaving Odyssey to be held September 16, 17 & 18, 2005 at Gravel Hill United Methodist Church, Palmyra, PA.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVER'S GUILD

PROGRAM SCHEDULE APRIL 2005 - APRIL 2006

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION	TEACHER(S)
2 0 0 5				
April 30	10:00 - 5:00	Carol's Cart Basket	East Shore Library, Harrisburg	Carol MacNeil
May 15	1:30 - 4:30	Basketmaker's Rolodex (Black Ash Basket)	East Shore Library, Harrisburg *	Lyn Levan
June 12	1:30 - ?	Picnic & Dye Party	Carol MacNeil's Home	None
July 9	9:00 - 5:00	Twill Market Basket / Beginner Quatrefoil Basket	Middleburg	Lyn Levan / Anne Kelly & Second Teacher
August 14	1:30 - 4:30	Michigan Convention Gift Tote Basket	East Shore Library, Harrisburg *	Billie Stanford
September 11	1:30 - 4:30	Veneer Strip Painting	East Shore Library, Harrisburg *	Jeanne Auman
October 8	9:00 - 5:00	Pine Needle Baskets (Part 1)	Gettysburg	June Blake
November 13	1:30 - 4:30	Election / Speaker	East Shore Library, Harrisburg *	None
2 0 0 6				
January 14	9:00 - 5:00	Party / Swap / Grandma & Me Totes Basket	East Shore Library, Harrisburg *	Dianne Pearce
February 12	1:30 - 4:30	Pine Needle Baskets (Part 2) & Open Weave	East Shore Library, Harrisburg *	June Blake
March 12	1:30 - 4:30	Star Of David Basket	East Shore Library, Harrisburg *	Bob Broome
April 21-23	Weekend Retreat ** (Friday - Sunday)	Traditional Nantucket / Second Basket	Camp Hebron, Halifax	Gayle Mosier / Second Teacher

The information provided here is for general planning purposes. Check the latest newsletter and/or our website before attending a meeting.

* - Tentative. East Shore Library may only be reserved in 3 month increments. Any changes to location will be announced in newsletter and on website.

** - The Weekend Retreat is in preliminary planning stages. All information is tentative and subject to change. More news coming soon.

Programs Website - <http://basketry.homestead.com/programs.html>

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SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, July 9, 2005

Location: PAXTONVILLE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH -
MIDDLEBURG, PA

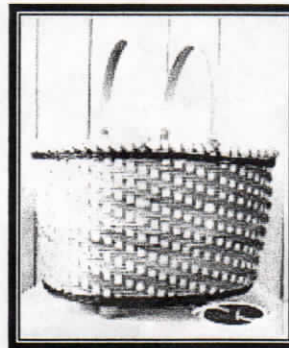
MEETING TIME: 9:00-5:00

Two Basket Choices – See Below

This meeting will offer a choice of 2 projects:
Tranquility Basket or Beginner Quatrefoil Basket.

Deadline to register for either of the classes and to order materials is Sunday, June 26. ****Please note that **no** extra materials or patterns will be ordered.

TRANQUILITY BASKET by Sherian Cody
Leader – Lyn Levan



Basket size: 16" x 10" x 12" high

Materials List:

- 8" x 12" oval slotted base
- 2 - 10" round notched swing handles
- 4 - 1-1/4" round wood balls - feet
- #2 - natural - bases twining
- #3 color - triple twine
- 3/8" flat stakes (cut 56 @ 16")
- 1/4" flat oval smoked reed - weavers
- 1/2" flat - rim row
- 5/8" flat oval - rim
- 11/64" flat oval (smoked or natural) - lasher
- sea grass

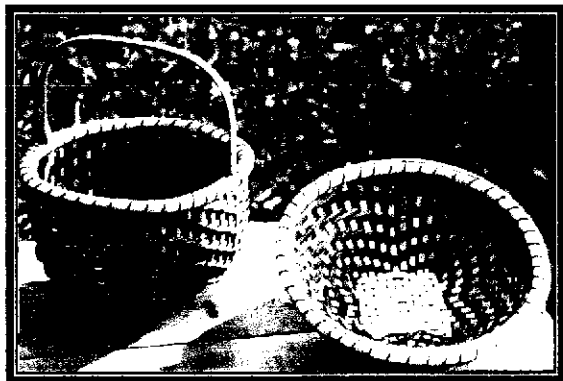
Pre-registration by June 26 for this basket is required for Lyn to order the base, 2 swing handles, and 4 wooden ball feet as well as the pattern for \$22.

Please Email (jllevan@hotmail.com) or call Lyn (570-837-2131) to register.

BEGINNER QUATREFOIL BASKET

by Susan Coyle

Leaders - Anne Kelly and Jeff Shields



Basket size: 6"-7" diameter x 4-1/2" high
Bowl size: 7" diameter x 2" high

Materials List:

- 3/16" flat oval - spokes (cut 22 @ 18" and 1 @ 14")
- 11/64" flat-oval (dyed) - weavers
- 1/4" flat (cut to 3/16") - rim row
- 3/8" flat oval or half round - rim
- #6 round - rim filler
- waxed linen thread
- 6" or 7" Shaker handle (optional)

Pre-registration by June 26 for is required so that necessary copies of the pattern may be ordered (cost \$4.00)

Email /call Anne (kellybaskets@adelphia.net - 814-466-6851) or Jeff (shieldsj@mindspring.com - 717-774-3508) to register.

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).

AUGUST GUILD MEETING

August 14, 2005

EAST SHORE LIBRARY

HARRISBURG, PA

1:30-4:30

We will be making the AMB 2003 Convention Gift Basket II at the August 14 guild meeting. The idea is to make and fill the basket with items as a donation to a worthy cause.

We will be donating items to the Tender Care Pregnancy Center here in Gettysburg. **The guild is asking that each person donate the reed for the basket and a few items to fill them.** The guild will supply the shaker tape needed for the basket. The basket measures 8 x 3 1/2 x 6 so the items can't be too large. They can be for the baby or the mother.

Materials List:

- 5/8 flat - 7 @ 22" and 3 @ 27"
- 1/2 flat - 2 @ 16"
- 1/2 or 3/8 flat oval for the rims
- 3/16 or 1/4 flat or flat oval (lashing)
- seagrass for rim filler.

Weavers can be 1/4, 3/8 or 1/2 natural and dyed as desired. As you can tell there isn't much of a pattern for this basket - design it as you go.

If you have any questions call or email Billie Stanford at 717-334-9427 or bstan4d@earthlink.net.



SEPTEMBER GUILD MEETING

September 11, 2005

1:30-4:30

East Shore Library, Harrisburg, PA

Veneer strip painting, Jeanne Auman

More information in the Sept. newsletter or online.

WEEKEND WEAVING RETREAT UPDATE

The weekend weaving retreat for next April is a go! Dates are April 21-23, 2006 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon). The location is Camp Hebron (www.camphebron.org), which is located outside of Halifax, PA. The camp is a short distance north of Harrisburg. We will be staying at the Hillside Villa, which offers motel-style rooms with private baths. All meals are included. Cost to attend is yet to be determined. Stay tuned for complete details in the September newsletter.

REMINDER

This is just a reminder about our Guild web site at <http://basketry.homestead.html>. If you have lost your newsletter, you can find the current copy there. We strive to keep the information on the web site as current as possible, so it's always a good idea if you have questions about meeting times or locations to check there first. Also, if information has been changed since it was published in the newsletter, it is posted to the web site as soon as available.

2005 A BASKET WEAVING ODYSSEY

Registrations are well under way and doing well! If you haven't registered yet, do it soon!!! The Odyssey information is available on the website.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Clearville, PA 15535-5026

814-784-5327

shawm@pennswoods.net

Cherilyn Braun

7300 Huron River Drive

Dexter MI 48130

SEAT CANE / RUSH INFORMATION

We often receive requests for information about someone who does chair seat repairs or weaving. One resource we have found is Greg Santay of Gettysburg. His information states that he does furniture restorations including cane/rush, splint/weaving, stripping and repairs. His phone is 717-642-5964 and his email is santay@blazenet.net.

If anyone in the guild has information about others who do cane or rush seats, feel free to contact Donna Kumpf, newsletter editor and we will be sure to pass that information along to the membership.

Association of Michigan Basketmakers

2005 Convention Public Days

Friday, October 28th and Saturday, October 29th

9 am to 5 pm each day

Non-members - \$5 each day

AMB Members - FREE

Grand Traverse Resort, Acme, MI

'Hands Weaving Memories'

Visit the Exhibit Room to view the memorable baskets and shop the Pattern Room (cash only) for those patterns you don't want to forget! The Vendors will have all you need to get your hands weaving some new memories! For more information, contact Nancy Carlson ambnanc@power-net.net or (989) 772-3069 OR Pam Talsky pamtalsky@wi.rr.com (262) 534-2478.

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Sunday, September 11, 2005
Dauphin County East Shore Library,
Harrisburg, PA
1:30 – 4:30
Leader: Jeanne Auman
Veneer Strip painting

Materials List: (see details below)

Strip of veneer (any size will do, but larger than 3/4" is best, the length should be at least 2 feet, can be as long as you want)
Art brushes - #1 liner brush and #4 round
Acrylic paints
Small container for water (a cool whip container works well)
Paper towels

Please bring art brushes if you have them. Jeanne will bring her own supply for those who do not want to purchase brushes. You do not need to buy expensive art brushes; you should be able to purchase a brush for about \$3 at any craft store (Michael's, A.C. Moore, etc.) Buy brushes for acrylic paints, but not a bristle brush used in oil painting. If you are really brush challenged, Donna Dewberry brushes are fine. They may be more expensive.

If you have acrylic paints you can bring them along. Jeanne will have paints, so there is no need to go out and purchase any. If anyone has a picture of a border that they really like they can bring it along and Jeanne will try to help them to paint it.

NOTE: As we had a small turn-out for the August meeting (make and fill a basket to donate to the Tender Care Pregnancy Center in Gettysburg); we did not yet donate the baskets. If anyone else would like to make a basket and/or donate mother or baby items to this very worthy cause, **please bring it to the September meeting.** Thank you!

OCTOBER GUILD MEETING

Saturday, October 8, 2005

Location: Four Square Gospel Church,
Gettysburg, PA (directions below)

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Pine Needle Baskets

Leader: June Blake

June Blake will lead us in making pine needle baskets. PLEASE email or phone Jeff Shields (shieldsj@mindspring.com) **before September 24** if you will be attending. June will need some time to make the bases for one of the baskets we'll be making.

Some advance preparation is necessary for this class (See important note below). The coils of pine needles are held together by sewing, either with needle and thread or with raffia. Different effects depend upon the base construction.

We will learn to do three bases - one that begins with a coil, one that starts with a slice of black walnut shell, and one with a wood base. The pine needles used are very long - 12-18", and can be gathered in the South or purchased from basket suppliers. Check with your favorite supplier for pine needles and black walnut shell pieces availability. Many of the major vendors carry them. One source on the Internet to find raw materials as well as all things related to pine needle basketry may be found at The Pine Needle Resource Links: Suppliers and Groups website at <http://www.geocities.com/pineneedlegroup2002/resources.html>. You will need about 5-6 ounces of pine needles, plus five black walnut shell slices.

(Note: Donna Kumpf will be ordering pine needles and walnut slices from Country Seat in mid-September, contact her if you'd like to order and split costs. Email kumpf@toast.net

June will supply wood bases, sewing needles and thread and measuring gauges reasonably, at cost. This class is suitable for all skill levels. June will also conduct a follow-up or move-ahead class at the February 12th Guild meeting for those interested!

IMPORTANT: Prior to the meeting the lumpy growth ends of the needle clusters must be removed, either by scraping with a scissors blade or by cutting off (June recommends cutting these off). The needles must be soaked flat in boiling water for 30 minutes, and then kept damp in plastic bags wrapped in a towel. Don't keep them damp for more than a day or two or they will be mildewed. Dry them and start over.

Directions to Four Square Gospel Church in Gettysburg: Take Route 30 West from Route 15 North or South. Follow Route 30 to the town square; go 3/4 of the way around the square, then 1 block to the right on Middle Street (Route 116 West). (The courthouse is on the corner where you make the right turn.) The church is located at 327 West Middle Street. You may find a map of the church location on the Web at

<http://www.gettysburgfoursquare.org>



NOVEMBER GUILD MEETING
Sunday, November 13, 2005
Dauphin County East Shore Library,
Harrisburg, PA
1:30 – 4:30
Meeting / elections and
"Trash to Treasure"

Our November meeting will feature a trash to treasure exchange of anything related to basket weaving. We all have things that we don't use: patterns, tools, embellishments, handles, reed (maybe that mauve and chartreuse space dye isn't what you expected), even baskets (complete or incomplete). Take a look around your weaving area and you will have many more ideas. Maybe it was a gift, an impulsive buy or something you have used in the past but no longer need. Gather them together and place them in a box or bag so no one can see what is inside. On November 13, Anne Kelly will lead us in an activity that will enable you to get rid of your "trash" send everyone home with new "treasures". If you have ever done something like this as a White Elephant gift exchange, you know that it can provide a lot of laughs.

NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee is seeking people to consider being candidates on the Board for next year. If you would be interested in being an important part of the Guild, please don't wait for Linda Moore or Lynne Laughman to contact you: you can contact them and volunteer your services!

The slate should be presented at the September meeting and voted on at the November guild meeting. Please consider volunteering!!!

**2005 WEAVING ODYSSEY
COUNTDOWN!!!!**
September 16, 17, 18, 2005

Final details are being completed as I write - let's hope that the weather cooperates this year!!!

Anne Kelly would like to give a hearty "thank you!" to all guild members who have contributed to the Odyssey raffle and welcome bags! Also, if you would like to contribute anything towards the raffle and/or welcome bags, it's not too late! Please bring it to the September meeting on September 11! Email Anne at kellybaskets@adelphia.net if you will be bringing anything.

WEEKEND RETREAT
APRIL 21 – 23, 2006

The Guild's Weekend Retreat scheduled for April 21-23 next year at Camp Hebron (just north of Harrisburg) is in the final stages of pre-planning. Full information about the retreat will be distributed to members within the next few weeks including registration information. A great weekend is being planned. We think you'll agree that the wait for complete details was worth it!

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Happy Holidays!

2006 GUILD BOARD MEMBERS

By unanimous vote, the current guild board officers will continue to serve in 2006:

Dianne Pearce – President
Billie Stanford – Vice president / secretary
Treasurer – Susan Snively

Other positions were selected at the November meeting:

Nominating committee- Jean Foutz
Program Chair - Anne Kelly
Librarian - Joyce Stitely
Newsletter Editor - Donna Kumpf
Members at Large - Carol MacNeil, Suzette Humer, and Jeff Shields

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Volunteers Needed!

Please contact Program Chair Anne Kelly as soon as possible to be included on the program committee. The committee will meet to plan Guild programs for the upcoming year. Anne's email address is kellybaskets@adelphia.net

2005 A Weaving Odyssey Success!

This year's Odyssey was another success! The variety of baskets was astounding – from delicate beaded baskets to sturdy hand-hewn oak baskets and many others in between, all were gorgeous. We had no hurricanes to deal with this year (please see Laura Lee Zanger's poem on page 3). The meals were disappointing, and the Odyssey committee apologizes for that, and would like to assure attendees that next year's Odyssey will have definite improvements in that area! Feedback from attendees indicated that (other than the meals), most attendees were happy with their baskets and instructors. Hope to see you all next year!

**JANUARY 2006 GUILD
PARTY / SWAP / BASKET WEAVING**

January 21, 2006 9:00 to 5:00
Gravel Hill U.M.C., Palmyra, PA
Grandma & Me Totes
Instructor: Dianne Pearce

We will have our annual post-holidays party. The Guild will provide lunch.

We also will have our basket swap, for those wishing to participate. Please bring your basket gift-wrapped and include your name on the inside!

Please contact Dianne by January 6 so we know how many will be attending this meeting, to aid us in planning lunch as well as letting Diane know how many patterns to bring. Her email is rdpearce@cvn.net or phone her at 717-337-1646.

Dianne will be instructing two totes.
Supplies are as follows:

Grandma Tote - 14" x 7" x 13" high

2 -4" spread bushel basket handles
5/8" FF (stakes & weavers) Stakes, cut 10 @ 40"
7mm FO (stakes) Cut 10 @ 40"
3/8" FF (weavers)
1/2" FF (weavers & fillers) Fillers- cut 6 @ 26"
#3 RR (weavers/rim stakes) Rim stakes cut 40 @ 40"
1/4" FF (weavers)
Dye: 1/2" FF color/s of your choice, enough for 5 rows

Me Tote- 12" x 5" x 10" high

2 -3" spread bushel basket handles
3/8" FF (stakes/fillers/weavers) Cut 10 @ 24" and 6 @ 16"
1/4" FO (stakes) Cut 10 @ 24"
1/4" FF (weavers)
#2 RR (weavers/rim stakes) Cut 40 @ 34"
11/64" FF weavers
Dye: 1/4" FF color/s of your choice, enough for 5 rows
Option- can use walnut & cherry wood strips instead of dyed reed.
Dianne Pearce will supply the patterns.

FEBRUARY GUILD MEETING

February 12, 2006
1:30-4:30

Dauphin County East Shore Library
Harrisburg, PA
Pine needles, part 2 / Open Weave

We will have June Blake as instructor to continue instruction for pine needle baskets. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON WEAVING PINE NEEDLE BASKETS, you must email Jeff Shields so that June knows how many to plan for. ALSO, be sure to prep your pine needles a day before. See page 3 of this newsletter for a review of how to do this.

It is also an Open Weave if you've already woven your pine needle baskets, or desire to work on something else!

MARCH 2006 GUILD MEETING

March 12, 2006
1:30-4:30

Star of David Basket
Instructor: Bob Broome

1/4" flat reed: Cut 9 spokes, 24" long. Dye a favorite color.

#2 round reed : One piece at least 6 feet in length. Dye same color as the 9 spokes.

The following can be dyed a walnut color or left natural:

1/4" flat reed: Cut 12 spokes, 24" long.

1/4" flat reed: 50 feet for weaving sides.

#2 round reed: 18 to 22 feet for false rim.

1/2" flat oval : One piece for the outside rim, at least 38" long.

1/2" flat oval : One piece for the inside rim, at least 36" long

1/4" flat reed: One piece for lashing, about 8 feet.

Sea grass: One piece for rim filler , 36" long.

Other helpful items: 8 clothespins, shaver to shape the end of the rims, Spoke weight, and your usual weaving tools. A supply of extra reed will be available if needed.

Spring Fever Weekend **Weaving Retreat**

There are still a few available spaces for the weekend weaving retreat to be held April 21-23, 2006 at Camp Hebron near Halifax, PA. If you are interested, please register as soon as possible to make sure there is still room. Registration information may be downloaded from the Guild website at <http://basketry.homestead.com> and clicking on the "Weekend Retreat" button. If you need the information sent to you, contact Jeff Shields at 717-774-3508.

PINE NEEDLE PREPARATION:

Prior to the meeting the lumpy growth ends of the needle clusters must be removed, either by scraping with a scissors blade or by cutting off (June recommends cutting these off). The needles must be soaked flat in boiling water for 30 minutes, and then kept damp in plastic bags wrapped in a towel. Don't keep them damp for more than a day or two or they will be mildewed. Dry them and start over.

NANTUCKET WEAVING CRUISE

Carnival Cruise Lines will host Joni Dee Ross to teach 2 Nantucket Baskets during a 7 day cruise. The Cruise on Carnival's ship "Triumph" departs August 26, 2006 from Miami, and is a 7 day cruise with ports of call including San Juan, St. Thomas/St. John and St. Maarten. For information, contact Sonny Duplantis at holidaytravel@cox.net.

PENNSYLVANIA WE COME TO SEE

By Laura Lee Zanger
September 12, 2005

Pennsylvania we come to see
Basket weaving at Odyssey.

Each year we come, we come from home,
But we never really come alone.

In 2003 the wind and rain
Of Isabel, her wrath not tame,

Our power gone, she ran us out
Of motel and church. What's that about?

Our generator, at home you see,
Steve said, "I wished I brought it with me.

Next year, perhaps, we'll bring it along
So we won't sing The Power's Out Song."

In 2004 came Ivan's wrath.
Flooding made us find a new path.

Each day of Odyssey brought fear.
Do we cross the creek here, here or here?

The generator weighs us down.
If the bridge should break I fear we'll drown.

So 2005 we came prepared
Wondering if Ophelia would run us scared.

Will she stay offshore or come inland?
Will 2005 Odyssey go on as planned?

We have faith in y'all, your talents proven,
But hurricanes just keep us movin'.

We're prepared this year, unlike the rest.
Steve's up to the challenge. Will he pass the test?

[Here we enjoyed Steve Zanger modeling the latest
Odyssey fashions. They are a must for all fashion
conscious weavers coming to Pennsylvania in
September].

DIRECTIONS:

DAUPHIN COUNTY

East Shore Library

Harrisburg, PA

Take **Interstate 83** North to Colonial Park exit. The library is located at the rear of the Colonial Park Mall, near the intersection of Rt. 83 and Rt. 22. The meeting is in the Lower Level of the Library. Please park in the Mall lot near the rear of the Boscov's store.

GRAVEL HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PALMYRA, PA

From I-81: Take Exit 80, south to Route 22 (about 1 mile). Turn left (east) onto Route 22, proceed approximately 1 mile to Gravel Hill Road. (Green sign says 'Palmyra 6 miles'). Turn right (south) onto Gravel Hill Road and follow for 4.5 miles to white church on right.

From Route 422: Go to the "square" in Palmyra, turn north onto N. Railroad Street, continue approximately 1 ½ mile to white church on left.

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