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President's Message

As this year rapidly comes to a close, it's time to remember, reflect and look to the future.

Once again, the guild hosted a full year of weaving events – from monthly weaving gatherings featuring a variety of instructors and baskets, the spring retreat, the dye party and of course, the Odyssey Convention. Next year will be no different. A calendar of events is included in this newsletter. We will kick off 2024 with the guild's January weaving party held at the East Berlin Library.

The September Odyssey Convention was a success due largely to the hard work of Becci Melcher and Betsy Mullineaux, co-chairmen and all the Odyssey committee members. They work hard all year long to prepare the best 4-day weaving experience possible. Thank you to all who contributed to the event.

During the guild business meeting held after the Odyssey banquet, the 2024-2026 slate of officers was elected. A special thanks goes to Becci Melcher for her years of service as the guild treasurer as she steps down from this position. Darlene Laughman will serve as the new treasurer. All other officers and executive board members will continue for another term. If you are interested in getting more involved with the guild leadership team, just let me know! We welcome new ideas to keep our guild thriving and growing.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

See you in 2024

Sharon

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Guild News

2024 Guild Schedule

Saturday, January 6, 9:30-4:00—Apple Basket and Holiday Party held at the *East Berlin Library* (NEW LOCATION!): Guild member Joanne Sheriff will be teaching an apple basket. Registration information can be found on p. 13. In addition, we will be having our annual holiday party. The guild will provide a main dish. You should bring your own beverage and if you would like, a small snack, dessert, or side dish to share. If you would like to participate in a gift exchange bring a wrapped gift that you think a basket weaver would enjoy in the \$5-\$10 range. (Look in your stash for handles, bases, patterns, etc.!) Deadline to sign up is Dec. 28. Please bring a sheet of plastic that will fit under your water container to protect the library's floor!

Saturday, February 17, 10:00-4:00—Autumn's Cawing at the Camp Hill Giant: Guild member Mary Annunziato will be teaching this woolly sunflower with a crow and gourd. Registration can be found on p. 14. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 1, 2024.

Saturday, March 16, 9:30-4:00—at the East Berlin Library: Guild member Marilyn Julius will be teaching a trash can basket. See p. 15 for more information.

April 25-28, Spring Retreat held at the Gitt Library, Hanover, PA: This year's retreat has been extended by one day! It will run from Thursday 4/25 through Sunday 4/28. Kathy Petronzio will be teaching a variety of classes. Information will be emailed in February or March.

Saturday, May 18, 9:00-4:00—at the Camp Hill Giant: Look for more information in the March newsletter.

Sunday, June 8, 1:00-4:00—Annual Dye Party at the home of Marilyn Julius: Look for more info in upcoming newsletters.

Saturday, July 13, 9:00-4:00—Service Project baskets at the Camp Hill Giant: More information will be in a future newsletter

Saturday, August 17, 9:00-4:00—at Lake Heritage: Guild member Samantha Richards will be teaching a water sprayer cover. Look for registration information in a future newsletter.

Thursday, September 19-Sunday September 22—A Weaving Odyssey: Held at the Aspire Hotel in Gettysburg. Information will be posted to the web site in mid-April.

Saturday, October 12, 9:00-4:00—at the Gravel Hill Church in Palmyra: Guild member Mary Morgan will be teaching a Hexagon Base Basket. More information to come.

Saturday, November 9, 9:00-4:00—Ornaments or Ombre Gourds at the Camp Hill Giant: Guild member Jennifer Nailor will lead this class. Look for more information in a future newsletter.

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 15th of the month prior to the month of publication. Submissions and ideas are always welcome. Contact Suzanne Williamson at sgw59@comcast.net.

Service Project Update: Christy Lucas from Roots for Boots picked up 26 filled baskets for the veterans who utilize this organization. Each basket was filled with personal care items as well as a knit hat, socks, hand warmers, puzzle book, and a deck of cards. A large wheeled cart and laundry detergent was also donated to the group. A total of \$250 was donated by guild members and Odyssey attendees to purchase items for the baskets. ***Thank you to all who wove baskets and made donations!*** See p. 16-17 for information on how to participate in the 2024 Service Project.



Christy Lucas from Roots for Boots accepts filled baskets from guild member Suzanne Williamson.



October UFO Baskets





November UFOs



UFO Challenge Update



Congratulations to Stephanie Hamel, August UFO winner, and Suzanne Williamson, October UFO winner. Their baskets are shown below.



What Have You Been Weaving?

We would love to see what you have been weaving! Please send photos of your projects to Suzanne at sgw59@comcast.net for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. Below is a basket that Debbi Zvanut designed to hold a medium size bowl. She calls it Easy Green Basket.



Looking for information about willow workshops? Check this out from Lakeshore Willows!

A lot of you have been waiting for workshops and sale of dormant willow for a long time and finally we have some news. I have retired and am very happy to announce that Lakeshore Willows will continue under ownership of Johnny Suderman.

Instagram handle: @thevillagemaker



We now accept orders for dormant willow for spring 2024.

The website LAKESHORE WILLOWS is now open for orders of dormant willow cuttings, rods and living willow play structure kits. Johnny, who is a very talented basket maker and teacher will continue workshops as well. Scheduled workshops will be announced in future newsletters at the same time as they are available to register for on the website.

Emails sent to lakeshorewillows@gmail.com or via the website will be directed to Johnny.

Lene can be contacted at salixlene@gmail.com

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS’ GUILD MEMBERSHIP FORM

- Annual membership: January 1 – December 31. Dues cannot be prorated.
- Membership renewal dues: \$20 per calendar year; Add \$5 late fee if paid after January 31.
- New members: \$20 dues. If joining in September or later (convention special) membership includes the following calendar year.

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- The CPBWG sends its communications via email. You can also access the newsletters (March, June, Sept. and Dec.) and updated information on our website: www.centralpabasketguild.com
- The Membership List is shared with other guild members each March. This information is for *guild use only* and is not published on the website.



2024 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 2024 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.

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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2024 UFO Registration

Name: _____

Cell # _____ Email _____

\$10.00 registration fee: cash or check # _____

Individual 2024 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>	



Odyssey 2023





**October Guild Weave with
Mary Morgan**



**November Flower Pot Basket with
Joanne Sheriff**



January Guild Weave: Apple Basket and Holiday Party
Saturday, January 6, 2024
9:30-4:00 at the Trone Library in East Berlin



CPBWG member Joanne Sheriff will be teaching the Apple Basket on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at the Janet Barnett Trone Library in East Berlin from 9:30-4:00. The library is located at 105 Locust St. in East Berlin.

The Apple Basket is a continuous weave and measures about 8" high and 11" in diameter. The kit includes your weaving material, braided rope handles, and a tag with a wooden apple. Bring the usual basket tools and **a plastic sheet that will fit under your water container to protect the library's floor.**

Cost for the class is \$27. Extra kits may be ordered for \$24. Please send check and registration form to Joanne Sheriff at the address below. Deadline to sign up is December 28, 2023!

Any questions, contact Joanne at ssheriff@zoominternet.net or 443-350-1611.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ class fee/kit \$27

_____ extra kit \$24

_____ TOTAL (make checks out to Joanne Sheriff, dated January 6, 2024)

Send checks to: Joanne Sheriff
31 Bridle Path Way
Rising Sun, MD 21911

Deadline to sign up is December 28, 2023!

We will have our holiday party during our lunch break. Please bring your own drink and if you would like, a small snack, dessert, or side dish to share. The guild will provide a main dish. If you would like to participate in a gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift in the \$5-\$10 range that you think a basket weaver would like to receive. (Look in your stash for handles, bases, patterns, etc.!)

February Guild Class: Autumn's Cawing
Saturday, February 17, 2024
10:00-4:00 at the Camp Hill Giant

Guild member Mary Annunziato will be teaching this delightful wooly sunflower to go with a painted crow on a gourd. The crow will already be painted, but Mary will explain the process. Several color choices will be available for the sunflower.

Cost for the class is \$35 and the deadline to sign up is February 1, 2024.



Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

of Kits _____ @ \$35

TOTAL \$ enclosed _____

Make checks payable to Mary Annunziato. Mail this form and your check to:

Suzanne Williamson
289 Grant Drive
Hanover, PA 17331

Deadline to sign up is February 1, 2024!

March Guild Class: Trash Can Basket
Saturday, March 16, 2024
9:30-4:00 at the Trone Memorial Library, East Berlin



Guild member Marilyn Julius will be teaching a trash can basket. The guild will provide the weaving materials, base, and trash can. You will need to bring your usual tools as well as a sheet of plastic to fit under your water container to protect the library's floors.

There is no cost, but if you plan to attend you must email Marilyn at gmcdejulius@gmail.com by **March 1, 2024**.

Central Pennsylvania Basket Weavers Guild
& Lehigh Valley Basket Weavers

Service Project 2024: Turning Point Lehigh Valley



For the past several years CPBWG has invited its members to participate in a Service Project that provides gift baskets that the members make which are then filled with needed items. Usually these are toiletries, socks or hats and gloves etc. These baskets are then given to organizations in the Central PA service area or to an agency that a member is familiar with. For 2024, LVBW will also participate in the project, and baskets will be given to **Turning Point Lehigh Valley**.

Turning Point Lehigh Valley is a safe place where ALL survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse and their children can find refuge. They need items such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, loofahs, deodorant, toothbrushes, tooth paste, brush/comb, lotion, hair ties and chap stick for the clients. Our job is make the baskets, collect the various items and deliver them to the agency in October 2024. If we are able to make some prior to October 2024, Turning Point would be grateful for the donations.

CPBWG and LVBW members will make the Friendship Basket by Deborah Blair. In addition, the both guilds will assist in collecting items for them. This is done at A Weaving Odyssey held in September. The basket has a built-in handle and uses 1/4", 3/8", 1/2" flat, natural, 1/4", 3/8" flat, dyed, #2 round reed, and seagrass. It only takes a couple of hours to make and is a great beginner basket

CPBWG will make their baskets at their **July** meeting and LVBW at their **August** open weave. If you can't make either meeting, we can provide materials for you to weave on your own. If you would like to make some now in time for the 2023 holidays, let us know and we can make sure they get to Turning Point.

Please join us in this very worthy service project by emailing Sue Williamson of CPBWG at sgw59@comcast.net or Jude Gallaher of LVBW at julia.gallaher@gmail.com. You can also donate funds to purchase the various items to fill the baskets. If you are donating lotion, shampoo or other consumable items, please be sure they are unopened and have not expired!

Yes, I will make a Friendship Basket _____
at CPBWG, LVBW or home. (circle one).

Yes, I will make a donation to cover the cost of the items for the basket \$ _____

Cash would be appreciated to facilitate the purchase of the items. If paying by check please make it out to LVBW and note 2024 Service Project on the check. Send it to Jude Gallaher at 4997 Winding Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066

Thank you for your help in making life a little nicer for our friends at Turning Point

Friendship Basket

by Deborah Blair

Deborah wrote this pattern in 1991, and she graciously made it free for all weavers. It is an excellent beginner basket that incorporates a built-in handle. The basket is 8" L x 6" W x 5 1/2" H. The embellishment is optional. It makes a great hostess gift when filled with cookies, candies or wine! It also is an easy basket for gift baskets that are filled with toiletries as a service project.



Materials:

3/8", 1/2" flat, natural and dyed stakes and weaver's
1/4" flat or flat oval dyed weaver

3/16" or 11/64" natural for lashing and handle wrapping
#2 round reed twining
seagrass
one 2 1/4" ceramic heart, with two holes (optional)



Cut: 11 spokes from 1/2" flat - 22" long and 1 spoke from 1/2" flat - 48" long for the handle

Base: Dampen the reed and lay out the base: lay 5 pieces at 22" horizontally; weave in the side 7 pieces by placing the handle piece (48") in the center and weave it under the first horizontal stake. Check your measurements; the base should measure about 7" by 4 1/2."

Twine 2 rows around the base, using #2 round reed. Upsett the stakes.

Weave:

6 rows 3/8" natural. The first row is woven OVER the handle.
1 row 3/8" dyed
1 row 1/4" dyed, attaching the ceramic heart by weaving through the holes of the heart
1 row 3/8" dyed
3 rows 3/8" natural (the last row is the rim keeper row).

Cut and Tuck the stakes:

Do not cut or fold the handles at this point. Fold and tuck outside spokes. Cut off inside spokes.

Fold over the handle spokes and weave them into the opposite side of the basket. Add two pieces of 1/2" cut to the size of the folded handle, in between the handle pieces to support the handle.

Wrap the handle with 1/4" flat oval or smaller, adding a piece of 1/4" dyed reed for accent.

Prepare the rims:

Prepare the inner and outer rims using the 1/2" flat. Insert the seagrass for filler. Lash the rim with 1/4" flat oval or smaller reed.

Shape corners as desired. Groom the basket to remove any stray hairs.

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).

Directions to Trone Memorial Library: 105 Locust St. East Berlin, PA 17316

From Route 15—if coming from south take route 234 to East Berlin. (Heidlerberg/East Berlin exit), PA 234 East. At the traffic light in East Berlin, turn right onto Rte. 194 south. Take the second right onto Locust St. (Rutter’s is on the corner) The library is 1 ½ blocks on your right. There is a parking lot as well as on-street parking.

From PA turnpike, take the Gettysburg/ Route 15 exit, follow 15 South to Dillsburg. Turn left onto Rte. 74 and go through Dillsburg. Right past the Northern School District campus, continue straight onto rte. 194 south to East Berlin. Go straight through the traffic light in East Berlin. Take the second right onto Locust St. (Rutter’s is on the corner.) The library is 1 ½ blocks on your right.

From route 30 turn north onto rte. 194 at the Abbottstown traffic circle. Stay on 194 until you see the Rutter’s on your left. (Past Weis and Cashman’s Hardware). Turn left onto Locust St. The library is 1 ½ blocks on your right. There is a parking lot as well as on-street parking.