

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