

# **CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVER'S GUILD NEWSLETTER**

## **PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS**

Happy January everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

I'm enjoying the first snow of the season (all right, it's just barely a flurry) as I try to write this waiting for some newsletter inspiration to hit me.

January will be full of weaving. January is the annual basket exchange. The baskets last year were just beautiful. Also the baskets for the WITF auction are due from those who are donating this year. It was a lot of fun last year to watch our baskets and the great prices they sold for on TV. Not to mention the riveting TV debut of our president stumbling over her words! (ha ha) Donate a basket and watch for more TV fun this year!

## **MEMBERSHIP LIST**

### **Welcome to a new member:**

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For updates or additions to the membership list and membership information please contact Suzette Humer at (717) 789-4596 or [basketsandgoodies@pa.net](mailto:basketsandgoodies@pa.net)

## **2002 A WEAVING ODYSSEY**

Plans are well under way for our next weekend weaving odyssey. Suzette Humer is looking for donations for the goodie bags to be given to each participant. At this time, we are figuring on needing 60 bags. All bags do not have to have the same contents. You may donate something for each bag or just donate one or several items. If we have

enough "big" items, we will use as door prizes. The items do not necessarily have to be a "basket item". Last year we had small tubes of hand lotion, home-made soap, hard candies, etc. donated. Put on your thinking caps and come up with something. Look around your supplies and see if you have things you don't use and would like to donate - handles, dyed reed, maybe a pattern. Small tablets, pens, pencils, cable ties, sandpaper, Band-Aids, nail files, a votive candle, small pack of tissues are a few things that could go into every bag. 60 bags is a lot - maybe you can get someone to go together with you. Go to the Dollar General Stores and see what you can find! Go to some of your local businesses and see if they would be willing to donate anything (just make sure Suzette receives info on who donated what!). Please get your donations to Suzette as soon as you can so that she knows what size bags she needs to buy or let her know what you plan to donate. Any questions, call Suzette at (717)789-4596 or e-mail at [basketsandgoodies@pa.net](mailto:basketsandgoodies@pa.net). Thanks!!

## **WITF AUCTION**

Anyone donating a basket for the WITF auction, please bring them to the January meeting. Also assign them a minimum value, must be at least \$40. Put down any info about the basket i.e. what it's made of, designer, or whatever- anything that you would like said about it during the auction. The preview exhibition is Friday, March 15 through Wednesday, March 20 at Founders Hall, Milton Hershey School. The on air auction is Fri Apr 12 9p-12m, Sat Apr 13 12n-12m and Sun Apr 14 12n-12m.

## **BOARD MEETING**

There will be a Guild board meeting on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January at 11 am. The meeting will be held at Carol MacNeil's house and all are invited to attend. Carol has promised to have coffee ready - and I happen to know she cheerfully produces tea upon request.

Here are the directions to Carol's house. It's easy to get here.

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## **GUILD LOGO AND NEW NAME FOR THE GUILD**

It would be nice to come up with a shorter name (our current name is quite a mouth full) and an appropriate logo. Please put your creativity to work and bring your suggestions to

the February guild meeting. At that time we will consider and discuss all suggestions for a new name and logo and conduct a vote.

## **GUILD DUES**

How quickly the year goes! It is time to submit your annual \$15 dues to the guild treasurer, Suzette Humer. You can give her your dues at the January meeting or send your check made out to the guild to her at: 104 Milltown Road, Landisburg, PA 17040

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### January 13<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Party and Basket Exchange

Please bring a snack to share.

Project: Votive Candle Holder

Materials needed:

3/16" Flat Reed

#2 Round Reed

#2 Dyed Reed

Votive Candle Cup

### February 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Basket

Jean Foutz and Elaine Longenecker are our teachers for this basket. The base with attached handle costs \$10.55 and the optional shamrock costs \$3.00. Let Jean know if you want a base by the January meeting ([jlfoutz@att.net](mailto:jlfoutz@att.net)) and let Elaine know if you want a shamrock ([longbruc.@att.net](mailto:longbruc.@att.net)).

Materials needed:

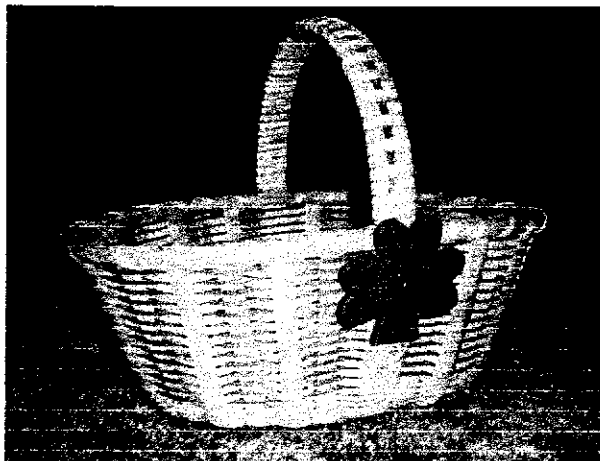
You will need an oval base with attached handle.

1/2" Flat Reed - 26 spokes 9" long

#2 or #3 (your preference) for four rows of twine.

The major part of the basket is chase woven with 3/16" flat and #3 dyed round reed (some green will be available at the meeting).

Rim is 3/8" flat oval, seagrass and 3/16" flat lasher.



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Linda and I had a great time at Guilder's Weave in Newport News, VA. Everything in one place was fantastic! Once we got there we didn't have to leave til we went home. The hotel restaurant had great food--especially the breakfast buffet. And it was fast--important for those 8am classes. The lunches included in the registration fee were excellent even for a discriminating eater. Saturday evening's banquet was lots of fun--all received a door prize. Many beautiful baskets were exchanged for the basket swap. Linda took home the one I made. All present took plenty of chances on the raffle--a large and very gorgeous Nantucket woven and donated by Billie Dorris of the Tidewater Guild. Even though I was sure that I had the winning ticket, the basket went home with someone else.

The classes were terrific and for all levels. My favorite memory is from my Saturday class, the Cloverleaf Twill Bowl. Sitting next to me was a lovely 82 year old lady. She made me laugh as she talked about the retirement community where she lives and the "old ladies" that she teaches weaving to.

Those that took advantage of the masseuse loved it! I had a very good time at the marketplace and naturally did some serious damage to the checkbook.

It was a fabulous weekend and I only had one complaint. All the meals were buffet and there were no trays! I just can't carry that much food at one time! I can't wait 'til next year's weekend!

Keep an eye on your mailbox. In the next few weeks you should be getting copies of the proposed bylaw changes. There will be a ballot included. Be sure and get it mailed back by the deadline. Remember Bush and Gore--all votes do count!

## **MEMBERSHIP LIST**

**Enclosed is with this newsletter is your new membership list for 2002!**

Please check your information carefully (address, phone, email) and let Suzette Humer (at (717)789-4596 or [basketsandgoodies@pa.net](mailto:basketsandgoodies@pa.net)) know if there are any mistakes!! Keep this list in a safe place as you will not receive another one until next year! Updates and new members will be included in each newsletter for you to add to your list.

## **2002 A WEAVING ODYSSEY**

Mark your calendars, save your money, watch your mailbox and try to contain your excitement!!! Brochures for 2002 A Weaving Odyssey (September 13, 14 & 15, 2002) will be in your hands soon. All of the information is available on the guild website now. There will also be 9 slots for guild members to act as "Angels" for a day and obtain a reduced registration for the other two days of the event. This year meals will be offered separately so you may choose to purchase, brown bag or find nearby fast food. You will have your choice of classes with 5 excellent teachers each day. The hardest part will be your inability to take every class. So get ready for an unsurpassed weekend of basketry.

Door Prizes and Goodie Bags: We are still looking for donations for door prizes and goodie bags for "2002 A Weaving Odyssey". Items can be given to Suzette Humer. Contact her at (717)789-4596 or [basketsandgoodies@pa.net](mailto:basketsandgoodies@pa.net) if you need more information. Please check your local businesses to see if they are willing to donate anything. Suzette has letters you can take into businesses.

## **REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

Any member who requires reimbursement for guild related expenses must obtain a form from the treasurer (Suzette Humer, (717)789-4596 or [basketsandgoodies@pa.net](mailto:basketsandgoodies@pa.net)). The form must be complete, receipts attached, and returned to the treasurer before reimbursement can take place.

## **BYLAW CHANGES**

Members will receive a copy of the bylaws with the proposed changes noted and a ballot in the near future. Please review the changes and return the ballots promptly – let your voice be heard and your wishes be known.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### April 14th, Beadazzled

Materials: Spokes - 3/8 flat - cut 40 @ 12"  
Weavers - 11/64 flat oval  
Rim - 1/4 flat, 1/2 half round or flat oval, waxed linen, seagrass  
Bead embellishments - cube or triangle beads, about 4-5 mm,  
waxed linen, tapestry needle  
Base - 8" wooden slotted

We will have beads available for a small cost of approximately \$1.50. I'm told that waxed linen thread is available at ACMoore and Wal-Mart - probably in their bead departments. If you need a base (approximately \$4) or have any questions call (717-334-9427) or e-mail (bstan4d@yahoo.com) Billie Stanford by April 1.

### May 12<sup>th</sup>, Fourth of July Wall Basket, This meeting will not take place at the Library **Please watch the web site for the announcement of location.**

Pattern is available at [www.basketclass.com](http://www.basketclass.com) under free patterns.

Materials: Spokes - 3/8 flat - cut 17 @ 27"  
Weavers - 1/4 flat dyed red, 1/4 flat dyed blue, 1/4 flat natural, #2 rnd to twine the base. The pattern calls for flat oval but Maryanne recommends we use flat. It will make it easier to weave.  
Rim - 1/2 flat oval (outer), 1/2 flat (inner), 11/64 flat oval (lashing),  
seagrass  
Handle - 12w x 19h D

If you would like me to order the handle (approximately \$4.50) or have any questions, call (717-334-9427) or e-mail (bstan4d@yahoo.com) Billie Stanford by May 1.

### Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, Dye Party

The dye party will be held at Carol's house again this year. It will start at 11am and the guild will supply food, drink and dye. All anyone needs to bring is reed to be dyed.

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## **MEETINGS:**

**1:30 - 4:30 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
(unless otherwise noted)

**East Shore Library, 4501 Ethel St., Harrisburg, PA**

*The Library is located at the rear of the Colonial Park Mall, near the intersection of RT 83 and RT 22. Please park in the Mall Lot near the rear of the Boscov store. The meeting is in the Lower Level of the Library Building.*

**Guild Web page:**            <http://basketry.homestead.com>

## **OFFICERS**

**President:** Carol MacNeil, (717) 240-1276, [jmac3@earthlink.net](mailto:jmac3@earthlink.net)

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## PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

2002: A Weaving Odyssey was a big success. New friends were made and old friendships renewed. Beautiful baskets appeared out of piles of reed and the food and shopping were great! We even had some entertainment with a poem from Laura Lee Zanger! We were lucky this time to hold the event at Jean Foutz's church. It's a beautiful facility, we even had use of a separate pavilion for lunch! It was really nice to have a place to get away from weaving for the lunch break. I'm sure that all went home as inspired as I was!

I want to say a big thank you to the Odyssey committee headed by Linda Clifton and to all those who worked so hard to make the weekend a success. Without all their dedicated hard work this event would not have been possible.

I hope to see everyone at the October nominations meeting and at Anne's class in November. It will be lots of fun and a class not to be missed!

Happy weaving!  
Carol

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

### Welcome to a new member:

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## **2002 A WEAVING ODYSSEY DRAWING WINNERS**

Congratulations to our very own Dianne Pearce. She was the winner of the Deb Robeson basket donated for the drawing. Also congratulations to Vickie Sabo who was the winner of the teachers' pattern book.

## **A WEAVING ODYSSEY APRONS**

There are still Weaving Odyssey aprons available. They will be available at the meetings or from Carol. The cost is \$15 plus mailing cost if you want it mailed.

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## **BYLAWS**

A copy of the revised bylaws is enclosed in this newsletter.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The nominating committee, consisting of June Blake and Jan Montgomery, apologizes for not having attended the August meeting. June was out of the country and Jan was ill.

We will present candidates for the offices of President and Vice-president, Secretary/Treasurer for the calendar year 2003 at the October meeting. They are:

For President, Carol MacNeil  
Deb Roberson

For Vice-president, Secretary/Treasurer, Suzette Humer

At this meeting nominations from the floor will be accepted. A member may nominate herself/himself, or may nominate another member, with permission. If you want to nominate but will not be at the meeting, make your wishes known to June or Jan, who will present your nomination.

Directly after the October meeting a special mailing will go out to all the members. We will include some information regarding the nominees and what they would like to add to our Guild, plus a ballot for your vote. You may include any suggestions for our 2003 officers. Ballots received after the November 30 meeting will not count.

Since our members are widely scattered the voting can be by mail or e-mail to June or to Jan if you will not be at the meeting. The votes will be counted and the officers installed in December.

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	hblake4050@aol.com	jmontgomery@pa.net

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### October 13, Potato Masher Basket

Materials:

- potato masher
- 12 pieces 1/2 inch flat reed cut at 21 inches
- #2 round natural
- #2 round color of your choice
- 11/64 flat color of your choice (small amount)
- filler row is 1/4 inch flat
- rim is 3/8 inch half round
- lasher is 11/64 flat natural
- sea grass

### November 30, Seagrass Basket:

#### (note date & location change – no Nov 10 meeting)

Anne Bowers is coming to teach the guild. She is going to teach the mini double walled seagrass basket. It is 7"x7"x4". There will be a choice of 4 different rim treatments. If you still have the Odyssey brochure, it's the one Anne taught on Sunday. All fees are being paid by the guild! There is a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 14. Deadline for sign-up is Nov 1. I know it's a bad time for many of us but... Anne is taking a sabbatical next year and it's the only date she had. It's a 6 hour class, and if you are fast you will be able to start a second one. It's going to be great, I hope enough can take advantage of it. Location will be announced as soon as possible.

### December: There will be no December meeting.

**Note:** Diane Pearce (rdpearce@cvb.net) has several copies of the pattern for the Braided Roll Basket by Debbie Richards left over from the August meeting. If anyone would like to purchase one for \$3.00 please contact Diane.

- HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE! -