

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKETWEAVER'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

Presidential Musings

The year 2000 has flown by. I hope everyone had his or her holiday gifts woven on time. It was close but I finally managed.

Our last meetings have been great successes. A few hardy souls braved the fall chill for the dye party and were rewarded with a myriad of beautiful colors. We had lots of fun, enough fun to plan another dye party in May. You won't want to miss it! November was our first all day meeting. Two great baskets were woven. It was a real treat to weave a larger basket to completion. In December we wove a really cute small basket. Great for quick last minute gifts!

As I write this, the weathermen are full of talk of snow. I can't think of a better weekend than being snowed in with plenty of weaving supplies!!

I wish everyone a healthy and very happy new year! Come and join us for weaving fun.

Carol MacNeil

DUES

Guild dues are for a calendar year, so it is that time again. Your check for \$15 should be made payable to the Central Pennsylvania Basket Weavers' Guild and mailed to our treasurer Suzette Humer at RR#1, Box 103, Landisburg, PA 17040. Please be prompt as it makes the bookkeeping so much easier and insures that you will not be excluded from any Guild activities.

NATIONAL BASKETRY ORGANIZATION A National Basketry Organization has been formed with the purpose of "Promoting education in the art, skill, heritage and appreciation of traditional and contemporary basketry". Information about the organization and how to join is available on their web page WWW.NATIONALBASKETRY.ORG or by writing: National Basketry Organization, Inc .P.O. Box 681 Mercer, WI 54547715-476-0294

But frankly, I'm experiencing burnout and plan to soon relinquish most of the "reigns of power" (hah!) I might be perceived to have. This is for the good of the Guild as well as me. With new people in responsible positions comes fresh ideas and rejuvenation. So I'm just waiting (not so patiently) for a few volunteers to step forward and share the wealth. I know you're out there! Please identify yourself. Your destiny awaits and your Guild applauds you. And I promise you it's (practically) painless!

Jeff Shields

Editor's notes: Jeff has verbalized my feelings much better than I could, so I will just add a hearty AMEN. Come forward folks and add to the organization, we will all reap the reward but you will gain the most as a result of your efforts.

Linda Clifton

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JANUARY 14 - PUFFY ASH HEART. JANUARY BLUES PARTY
& BASKET EXCHANGE.

We're having our annual basket exchange this month! Please gift-wrap your basket. (Note: You don't have to participate in the basket exchange to attend the meeting but you'll be missing out on some great fun).

Also bring along a snack to share with everyone.

Suzette Humer will be our weaving leader this month. She says to bring a large supply of metal or plastic clothes pins for this project (wooden ones will stick).

Materials for Puffy Ash Heart (Pattern cost is \$.90 and materials cost is .50 for the 4" heart and .80 for the 6" heart) OR

- 1/2" ash - 8 strips @ 14" for each heart OR
- 1/4" ash - 10 strips @ 12" for each heart

- 1/8" and 1/4" wide ribbon for bows
- craft glue

FEBRUARY 11 - GARDENING TOOL BASKET Note Location Change

LOCATION: Gettysburg Foursquare Church, 330 West Middle St., Gettysburg. The parking lot is in the back. Billie Stanford will bring maps to the church to the January meeting. If you need further directions call Billie at: 717-334-9427.

This is a beautiful pattern found in Lyn Siler's book "Handmade Baskets". Anyone who has a copy of the book is requested to bring it to the meeting (no Xerox's please, that is illegal). We will share the books as needed. Carol MacNeil will be the leader.

Materials needed:

- 14"w x 10"h D handle.
- 3/4" flat reed (stakes).
- 1/2" flat (weavers and base fillers).
Dye weavers color of your choice.
- 3/8" flat (divider).
- 1/2" flat oval (rim).
- #2 or #3 seagrass (rim filler).
- 3/16" flat (lashing).

MARCH (SATURDAY) - DOLL CHAIR WITH SEAGRASS WOVEN SEAT.

Meeting will be held at The Country Seat near Kempton, Pennsylvania. Complete details will be forthcoming. Check the Guild website or give Jeff Shields a call at 717-774-3508 in late February for details.

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Editors note: I apologize for the lateness of this newsletter and for the change in format.

Linda

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Spring is in the air and the snowdrops are blooming in my yard! My thoughts turn to pastel colors and what baskets will I weave them into?

The WITF auction is rapidly approaching. The baskets donated by members are truly beautiful!! We have so much talent, diversity and generosity in our guild. But we all know what wonderful people basketweavers are!

The plans for 2001: A Weaving Odyssey are coming together nicely and things are falling into place. Get your registrations in early so you'll be sure to get your first choice of classes. Volunteers are welcomed and are much needed. Volunteer early to get the best jobs!

It's time to start planning for next year. Think about nominations or nominate yourself for a board position. Also, program ideas are always needed, as are people to lead them.

So join in the fun and come weave with us!

Carol MacNeil

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Along with this newsletter, you will find the most recent membership list for our guild. Throw out all the other ones!! Put this one in a safe place, as it will be the only one you receive until next year! Any additions, corrections, etc. will be included in future newsletters and you can then update your copy. Speaking of additions, we have one already!

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If you have a correction to the information on the membership list, please contact Suzette Humer at (717)789-4596 or at one of our meetings. We need phone numbers for some of you!!

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WITF

The annual WITF fund raising auction will be televised April 20-22, 2001. Our very generous guild members have donated absolutely wonderful baskets for this event!! As soon as we are informed of our time slot, we will get the word out so everyone can watch as our president, Carol MacNeil, becomes a celebrity!

From Thursday, March 29 till Sunday, April 1, there is a Preview Exhibit at Founders Hall, Milton Hershey, Hershey for anyone interested in viewing not only our baskets but also other donated works by area artists and craftspeople.

Each year there are two limited edition items made and sold along with this auction, one for crafts and one for arts. Our own member, Deb Roberson, has had the honor of being chosen to weave the limited edition basket for the crafts this year.

NOMINATIONS

As Carol mentioned, nominations for officers for the upcoming year will take place at our May meeting. Please start to consider who you think would best serve in these positions or maybe you are interested in holding an office. We like to have at least two nominations for the following offices: president, vice-president/treasurer, and secretary. Board positions to be filled are: program chairman, newsletter editor and a member-at-large.

THE BASKET SUPPLY CALCULATOR

www.basketmakerscatalog.com announces The Basket Supply Calculator. Now you can calculate the supplies needed for your baskets online 24 hour a day. Try it at this web site.

OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE THE GUILD

Demonstrate and sell at Codorus State Park (Hanover, PA), Band Shell Area at Lake Marlboro on Saturday, May 12, 2001 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. This is co-sponsored by WGTY Radio. There will be about 50 exhibitors (all demonstrating) along with Native American and Civil War Encampments. There is no charge for this event.

This is a great opportunity for the guild to get noticed! We would need someone to be our contact person and also would need canopies as it is outside, rain or shine!

If you are interested in participating as a guild at this event, or can help in any way, please let Carol MacNeil (717-240-1276) or Suzette Humer (717-789-4596) know at our meeting at Country Seat on March 24, or with a phone call by that date.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MARCH 24, Saturday at Country Seat - you must have pre-registered for this special meeting

APRIL 8 – PLAITED UTENSIL BASKET

This pattern is in Lyn Siler's "The Basket Book". Anyone who has a copy of the book is asked to bring it to the meeting (no Xeroxes please, that is illegal). We will share the books as needed. Suzette Humer will lead.

Materials needed:

- 1/2" flat
- #1 round (twine base)
- #5 or #6 round (rim filler)
- 11/64" flat (lashing)

Using 1/2" flat, cut 20 pieces 33" long. Four of these can be from dyed reed if you want. Suzette will have #1 round, #5 or #6 round, and 11/64" flat if you do not have those sizes.

MAY 13 – GARLIC/ONION/POTATO BASKET

This is one style of basket in three different sizes, depending on your need. Jean Fisher will be our leader. Smoked reed makes a nice basket but is not necessary.

Materials needed are #3 and #5 round reed.

JUNE 9, SATURDAY – ANNUAL PICNIC & DYEING PARTY

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!! We will begin our picnic at 11:30 am at the home of Carol MacNeil. The guild will supply the meat, drinks, and paper products. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share.

After a short business meeting in which the results of our election of officers will be announced, and ideas for the upcoming year are discussed, we will once again try our hands at dyeing reed! I guess we better wear our old clothes to this picnic!

Bring plenty of reed in a variety of sizes. The guild will provide various colors of RIT dye, but feel free to bring other kinds or something special you might want to share.

If you can bring a kettle you use for reed dyeing, it will be appreciated.

Directions to Carol's: From the Turnpike Exit 16, follow Route 11 south into Carlisle. Turn right onto Cavalry St. at the 3rd light. Take the 1st right – this is Harriet Street (although the street sign is hidden in a tree). It's just a short distance from the light and looks like a driveway – easy to miss. It's a white house, the first house on the left with a US flag and an Army flag (with a big A).
Carol's # is 717-240-1276 if you need more information.

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Substitute Editor's note: I sure hope I covered everything and the information is correct! Hurry back, Linda! We need someone who knows what to do!!

Suzette

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS' GUILD

The Guild was formed in 1997 to "perpetuate the art of basketry; stimulate public appreciation, knowledge of and interest in basketry; and emphasize the importance of basketry as a heritage craft". This group provides a forum to learn and share knowledge of basketry on a monthly basis.

1999-2000 PROGRAMS

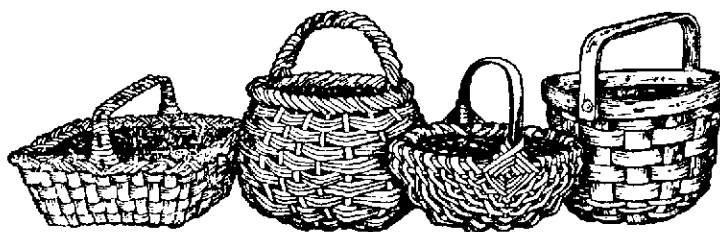
- ☺ JULY..... Open weave
- ☺ AUGUST..... Apple basket with solid wood base with Billie Stanford
- ☺ SEPTEMBER..... Small wall basket with notched handle with Linda Clifton
- ☺ OCTOBER..... Nantucket basket with Debra Hammond -
East Earl, PA.
- ☺ NOVEMBER..... Christmas tree ornaments with June Blake
- ☺ DECEMBER..... Christmas party, basket exchange, snowflakes
- ☺ JANUARY..... Woven hearts with Deb Roberson
- ☺ FEBRUARY..... Bird houses with June Blake
- ☺ MARCH..... Round reed basket with Donna Longenecker -
The Country Seat, Kempton, PA.
- ☺ APRIL..... Peanut basket with Jeff Shields
- ☺ MAY..... Mystery basket with Colleen Skelton
- ☺ JUNE..... Picnic and basket presentations

MEMBERSHIP

Anyone with an interest in the art of basketry is encouraged to join. Dues are \$15.00 per year and should be sent to: Suzette Humer, RR#1, Box 103, Landisburg, PA 17040. If you are undecided, you are invited to attend a meeting as our guest!

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**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS' GUILD
INFORMATION SHARING SHEET**

NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE
EMAIL

How long have you been weaving?

What was your first basket?

What is your favorite basket?

What is your least favorite?

Which basket creation are you most proud of?

What is your favorite tool?

Where do you like to purchase materials?

What is your favorite material to weave with?

Do you teach basket weaving?

If yes, where?

How far do you travel for guild meetings?

What kind of guild meeting do you most enjoy?

What technique would you most like to learn?

What technique have you mastered enough to share?

Personal/family information (kids, dogs, etc)?

Anything else you would like to share with your fellow weavers?

**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD
PROGRAM SCHEDULE
OCTOBER 2000 - SEPTEMBER 2001**

OCTOBER 8 - REED DYEING PARTY AT CAROL MACNEIL'S

**NOVEMBER 4 (SATURDAY) - ALL-DAY WEAVE AT LOWER
ALLEN PARK RECREATION BARN!**

DECEMBER 10 - HOLIDAY DELIGHT BASKET

**JANUARY 14 - JANUARY BLUES PARTY & BASKET EXCHANGE.
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JUNE 10 - ANNUAL PICNIC

JULY 7 (SATURDAY) - WOOL DRYING BASKET

AUGUST 12 - WATERMELON BASKET

SEPTEMBER 7-9 (FRIDAY-SUNDAY) - WEEKEND WEAVE

The guild extends a warm invitation to weavers of all abilities to come join us! Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the East Shore Library in suburban Harrisburg. Please visit our website at basketry.homestead.com or contact Suzette Humer, RR #1, Box 103, Landisburg, PA 17040-9706 for complete information.

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The president has been so busy that her muse has not been able to catch up with her -- and neither have I!

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Welcome to these returning or new members:

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WEAVING ODYSSEY SHIRTS

To commemorate the 2001- A Weaving Odyssey event the Weaver's Guild is selling long sleeve shirts. The shirts are natural in color with a brown logo of:

2001-A Weaving Odyssey
Central PA BWG

The shirts will cost \$15.00 each and orders will be taken at the Weaving Odyssey or can be given to a board member.

CODORUS STATE PARK WEAVING DEMONSTRATION

Jeff Shields, Suzette Humer, and Jan Montgomery represented the guild on May 12 at the "2001 Earth Fest Celebration" which took place at Codorus State Park in Hanover, PA. Interested members of the public stopped by the booth to learn about basket weaving, watch a demonstration of the art and obtain guild information. There was a display of baskets woven by Suzette and Jeff which covered a wide range of styles and techniques. Suzette brought some of her "Baskets and Goodies" baskets to sell. Although the weather could have been more cooperative, the area was lovely – under the trees overlooking Lake Marlboro. There were a variety of educational displays by various emergency groups and wildlife groups. Of course, the most visited area was the sheltie pen that happened to be set up next to the basket weaving area. The shelties were so popular they drew a number of young visitors to the Basket Weaver's Guild display.

ANNUAL PICNIC & DYEING PARTY

A wonderful time was had by all participants. Carol's lawn looked like a rainbow had shattered and scattered shards in various hues all over the green of the grass. There was the buzz of conversation with tips and tricks being swapped back and forth among the dyers with ohhs! and ahhs! as reeds were fished from the vats. And who would have thought that taupe dye would yield such a lovely smoky color? Many thanks to Carol for graciously opening her home and yard to the Guild for the day.

ELECTIONS

Election results are as follows:

President – Carol MacNeil
Vice-President/treasurer – Suzette Humer
Secretary – Dianne Pearce

Board positions filled:

Program Chairman – Marilyn Julius
Newsletter Editor – Jan Montgomery
Member-at-Large – June Blake

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 7th, Saturday – Wool Drying Basket

This meeting will be held in the Gravel Hill United Methodist Church, Palmyra, PA. Pattern is in Lyn Siler's "The Basket Book". *Please, no photocopies!* We'll share.

Materials needed:

5/8" Flat Reed (stakes and weavers)
5/8" Flat Oval Reed (rim)
#6 or #7 Round Reed (rim filler)
4- medium basket feet (optional)
2-10" Bushel Basket Handles

Cut stakes from 5/8" Flat Reed – 34 @ 34" long. The cost of the 2 handles needed for each basket will be \$6.25 and will be available for purchase at the meeting. The feet can be put on later and will not be available for purchase at the meeting but can be obtained from The Country Seat.

Directions to church:

US 422 through Hershey to the square in Palmyra (get in the left lane after you pass a Turkey Hill and Cinderella Bridal Shop) and turn left onto North Railroad Street and continue over railroad tracks and up a hill past a cemetery and the church is on your left. Main entrance is under the portico around the back of the church. Enter the lobby and walk straight ahead, turn left at the ramp and walk up to the elevator, enter and ride to the basement. The door opens only to Fellowship Hall where we will be meeting.

OR

From Interstate 81, take exit 28 at Grantville onto 743 South less than a mile; turn left onto Route 22 East for about a mile (third right where little sign says Palymra 6 miles) turn right onto Gravel Hill Road and continue on the curvy road until you come to a big white church on the right (you will pass Bindnagles Church on your right before Gravel Hill Church).

August 12th, Watermelon Basket

September 7th - 9th, Weekend Weave - 2001 A Weaving Odyssey

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2001: A Weaving Odyssey was wonderful! All that attended had lots of fun and left with beautiful baskets. New friendships have been made and new weaving techniques and tricks learned. The food was delicious. June Blake did a great job lining up things ahead of time and Joan Shields, not even a member, jumped in and did a great job filling in when June became ill. The barn was a beautiful setting and came complete with a beautiful view. Terrific shopping was available thanks to Sandy Drexler of MS Creations and Angie Wagner of Country Seat. I did my share to help out the economy!

In particular I want to thank Linda Clifton, event chairperson, and the committee consisting of Jeff Shields, June Blake, and Suzette Humer. Thanks to Jan Montgomery who took over June's other duties. I also want to thank all who helped out during the weekend. This would have not been possible without the help of many hands.

Now on to 2002: A Weaving Odyssey!

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A note from June Blake:

My sincere thanks to all the guild members who rallied round when I went to the hospital instead of to the basket weaving seminar. I now have a pacemaker and expect to be just fine. Special thanks to Jan Montgomery, who welcomed my house guest teacher, and blessings upon Jeff Shield's wife, Joan, who took on the large task of supplying the food. What good friends you are!

NOW ON TO 2002: A WEAVING ODYSSEY!!

The response was so positive for the 2001 Weaving Odyssey that we are going to have another one in 2002. We need guild members to join the planning committee for next year's event. Anyone interested in working to plan and execute the next weaving weekend should contact Linda Clifton no later than 10/15/01. If you have already volunteered you are included. Work will begin immediately thereafter. This is a one-year commitment and will involve responsibility for at least one major part of the weekend planning.

To Assist In The Planning For 2002: A Weaving Odyssey

The planning committee would like each of you to take a few moments to respond to the questionnaire on page 3 of the newsletter. The information gathered from the questionnaire will help the committee assess this year's Odyssey and aid in planning next year's Odyssey. Please note: Pages 5 and 6 are designed to be removed from the newsletter, tri-folded, taped or stapled, and returned to Carol by mail.

NEW NAME FOR THE GUILD

The suggestion has been made that the Guild consider a new name. The feeling is that Central PA Basket Weaver's Guild tends to be rather long and cumbersome. It would be nice to come up with something shorter and possibly an appropriate logo. Please put your creativity to work on this one and bring your thoughts to the next meeting to share.

Did you attend A Weaving Odyssey?

If yes then:

What did you enjoy the most about the weekend? _____

What should be changed if we have another weekend? _____

How do you feel about the cost of the weekend? _____

Location? _____

If no then:

Why not? cost, time, location, etc _____

What could be changed that would make you want to attend. _____

Everyone:

Should we have future weekends? _____

Would you help in planning and preparation? _____

Any comments to help the committee? _____

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