



# CPBWG NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Can you believe 2024 has reached the halfway mark? After a slow start, the guild has enjoyed times together at East Berlin Library in March and during the Spring Retreat at the Gitt Memorial Library. Everyone who attended the Retreat had a great time weaving with Kathy Petronzio, enjoying the food provided by guild members and catching up with each other's adventures.

Summer brings vacations for many of us and opportunities to travel and try new experiences. In the midst of this busy time, don't forget to include the guild summer activities on your calendar. Information on our July and August weave events are included in this newsletter. Don't forget to register for the upcoming Odyssey convention in September.

The summer kicks off with the guild dye party at Marilyn Julius' home, Sunday, June 9th. The dye pots will be set up and ready to go. Bring some reed to dye, or just come and enjoy the potluck picnic and scenic location. Hope to see you then.

All guild members are encouraged to register for Odyssey weekend. The experience can't be beat..... BUT if you only have one day available, sign up for either the Friday or Saturday one-day class. It will allow you to make a basket, visit with other weavers, shop from Country Seat and join the group for lunch.

If you have already sent in your Odyssey registration, thank you. Remember that you will have an opportunity to weave the one-day nautical tote during the January 2025 guild meeting.

Happy Weaving!

*Sharon*

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# ***Guild News***

## **2024 Guild Schedule**

**Sunday, June 9, 1:00-4:00**— The guild's ***Annual Dye Party*** will be held at the home of Marilyn Julius, 6612 Davidsburg Rd., East Berlin, PA from 1-4 PM. The guild will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Please bring a covered dish, lawn chair, and lots of reed to dye. Email Marilyn **by June 5** to let her know that you are attending and what dish you are bringing. [gmcdejulius@gmail.com](mailto:gmcdejulius@gmail.com)

\*Guild member Terri Fedorowicz will be collecting shiny paper (magazines, coupons, any shiny or glossy paper) or soda can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. If you bring them to the Dye Party in June, she will drop them off on her way home. Ronald McDonald House Charities uses the money to support the house for families to stay there while their children are in Hershey Medical Center. Here is their link, if anyone is interested. Terri has been dropping off shiny paper for years. They really appreciate it!  
<https://www.rmhc-centralpa.org/recycling-programs/>

**Saturday, July 13, 9:00-4:00**—**Service Project baskets at the Camp Hill Giant:** The morning of our July weave will be dedicated to making the Friendship Basket for our service project and in the afternoon we will make flyswatters. See p. 3 for more information.

**Saturday, August 17, 9:00-4:00**—**at Lake Heritage:** Guild member Samantha Richards will be teaching a water sprayer cover. See p. 4 for cost and sign up details.

**Thursday, September 19-Sunday September 22**—**A Weaving Odyssey:** Held at the Aspire Hotel in Gettysburg. Registrations are rolling in! Look for class confirmations in mid-June. Many classes are full, but there are a few openings if you haven't sent in your registration yet. Check out the CPBWG web site for class descriptions. If you are unable to commit to the entire weekend you are encouraged to sign up for the one-day only class on Friday or Saturday. (This nautical-themed tote will also be taught at one of the monthly guild weaves in 2025.) Check out the web site for more information.

**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. See p. 5-6 for information.

**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 the September 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month of publication. Submissions and ideas are always welcome. Contact Suzanne Williamson at [sgw59@comcast.net](mailto:sgw59@comcast.net).

**Thank you!** CPBWG received a thank you note from Exchange Place in Kingsport, TN for our donation in memory of Joyce Smith. The raffle, which was held during Odyssey 2023, raised \$720. Exchange Place, a living history farm, was dear to Joyce's heart. Thank you to all who participated in the raffle!

## 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](mailto:sgw59@comcast.net) for inclusion in upcoming newsletters.

## July Guild Weave Saturday, July 13, 2024 9AM-4PM at Camp Hill Giant

Once again, CPBWG will be weaving baskets for a Service Project. This year's baskets will be filled then donated to Turning Point Lehigh Valley, a place where survivors of domestic abuse and their children can find shelter. More information about Turning Point can be found on p. 13.



We will weave a Friendship Basket to donate in the morning, and after lunch we will make flyswatters. If you have scraps of ½" dyed flat reed please bring them along for the fly swatters. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a service basket the pattern is on p. 14 of this newsletter. Completed baskets can be brought to Odyssey or any guild meeting.

If you plan to attend the July weave, please email Suzanne at [sgw59@comcast.net](mailto:sgw59@comcast.net) **by June 15** so that materials can be ordered.



**Water Sprayer Cover**  
**Saturday, August 17, 2024**  
**9AM-4PM**  
**At Lake Heritage Community Room**  
**1000 Heritage Drive, Gettysburg, PA 17325**



Guild member Samantha Richards will be leading this class. Cost is \$15 and includes a spray bottle and all weaving material.

Please bring your usual basket weaving tools. You can pack a lunch or order take out subs or pizza. You are welcome to stay after class to kayak or swim at the lake.

Make check out to Samantha Richards and send to:

Samantha Richards  
217 Heritage Drive  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

**Deadline to sign up is August 5, 2024**

Any questions, call or email: 703-999-5150. [Baskets217@gmail.com](mailto:Baskets217@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of kits \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## Plaid Hex

**Saturday, October 12, 9am to 4pm**

**Gravel Hill Church**

**Palmyra, PA**

Guild member Mary Morgan will be teaching this versatile basket. The Plaid Hex (I & II) features an 8-inch hexagon base custom crafted from a variety of furniture grade hardwoods. The sides are woven using a variety of colors and widths to achieve a unique plaid. The rim will be finished with a waxed linen lasher. Bring your usual tools as well as a darning/tapestry needle for the lasher (there will be some available to borrow during class).

Please select one (Plaid Hex I or Plaid Hex II) to be woven in class. Extra kits are available for pre-order.



**Plaid Hex I:** has a Cherry hexagon base with a Walnut and Maple Race Car Stripe down the center. A random plaid is woven using three colors, Cranberry Red, Black, and Khaki, along with natural reed.



**Plaid Hex II:** has a Cherry hexagon base with Maple and Walnut Pinstripes. A symmetrical plaid is woven using three colors, Rust, Brown, and Khaki, along with natural reed.

**Please return registration to: Mary Morgan  
1964 Brandt Road  
Annville, PA 17003**

**By: September 1st**

Make checks out to Mary Morgan.

Questions: [marybethmorgan@comcast.net](mailto:marybethmorgan@comcast.net) or 717-685-7981

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Plaid Hex I: Race Car Stripe (Cranberry, Black, and Khaki) # of kits \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

Plaid Hex II: Pin Stripe (Rust, Brown, and Khaki) # of kits \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Due by September 1, 2024**

## UFO Challenge Update



Congratulations to the monthly UFO winners for February, March, and April. Each monthly winner received a \$10 certificate that can be used for a guild activity.



Becci Melcher (Feb.) wove the two-tiered rolling pin basket, above left. Stephanie Hamel (March) wove the basket above right using a base made by Mary Morgan's husband. Samantha Richards (April) wove the colorful trash baskets below. The final drawing for the cash prize was won by Joanne Sheriff and Suzanne Williamson.

Congratulations to all!



# March UFO 's







**April UFO  
Baskets**

## March Guild Weave

The March weave was a combination of January's postponed apple basket class, led by Joanne Sheriff, March's trash can, led by Marilyn Julius, and the delayed holiday luncheon and gift exchange. The weave was held at a new location, the East Berlin library.



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# April Retreat

This year's retreat was extended to four days of weaving fun. Instructor Kathy Petronzio offered a great variety of class options. Thank you to Anne Kelly, retreat chair, for organizing the event, and all the chefs who contributed the delicious meals.





# 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](mailto:sgw59@comcast.net) or Jude Gallaher of LVBW at [julia.gallaher@gmail.com](mailto: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.