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## CPBWG NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

Guild members had a fun-filled Spring Retreat in April, weaving round reed with Susan Baxter. The weekend gave us a taste of warm weather and we shared announcements of upcoming graduations, retirements, vacations, and travel. I'm ready to hit the road for a summer adventure.....How about you?

Information on our June, July, and August guild weave events are included in this newsletter. Continue to tell others about CPBWG and invite them to join us. I have enjoyed meeting several new members at recent guild events.

Be sure to sign up for the June dye party hosted by Marilyn Julius. It is held at her home in East Berlin on Sunday, June 8 at 1:00. Bring some reed to dye, or just come and enjoy the potluck picnic and scenic location. I hope to see you then.

Don't forget to register for the upcoming Odyssey convention in September. Once again CPBWG has arranged for great teachers and basket offerings for the event. Thanks to the Odyssey committee for all their hard work planning for the weekend.

Happy Weaving!

*Sharon*

# ***Guild News***

## **2025 Guild Schedule**

**Sunday, June 8, 1:00-4:00—Annual Dye Party/Picnic at the home of Marilyn Julius.** The Guild will provide the main dish; attendees are asked to bring a covered dish. **Please RSVP to Marilyn by June 1 if you plan to attend.**

**Saturday, July 12, 2025, 9:00-4:00—Service Project baskets and Fish at the Camp Hill Giant.** Guild member Samantha Richards will be leading this class. See p. 12 for sign up information. **Deadline to sign up is July 1.**

**Saturday, August 9, 2025, 9:00-4:00 at the Camp Hill Giant—Nantuckets with Denise Bendelewski.** Registration can be found on p. 13. **Deadline to register is June 13!**

**Thursday-Sunday, September 18-21, 2025—A Weaving Odyssey in Gettysburg.** Odyssey classes are filling up! If you haven't registered, it's not too late. Please check the Guild's web site for the registration information. Class confirmations will be mailed in early June.

**Saturday, October 11, 2025, 9:00-4:00 at the Camp Hill Giant—Baskets.** Guild member Mary Morgan will be teaching this class. Please see p. 14-15 for registration information. **Deadline to register is September 10.**

**Saturday, November 8, 2025, 9:00-4:00—**Guild member Pamela Wilson will be teaching. See p. 16-17 for registration information. **Registrations must be received by October 8.**

***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).

### **FYI..... Basket supplies and tariffs**

Be aware that many basket making supplies are imported from China. Reed, seagrass and cane are all grown in rainforest areas of Asia.

Retail basket making suppliers and basket teachers may be affected by this. They may have limited basket supplies and/or be facing price increases. It is an uncertain time for both consumers and sellers. We must take a "wait and see" approach as to how tariffs will affect the import of these goods and ultimately our basket making.

Angie at the Country Seat, Gina at Gina's Baskets, and DELS Nantuckets all have messages on their web sites concerning the new tariffs and how they are affecting their supplies and prices.

## UFO Challenge Update



Congratulations to, the monthly UFO winners for February, March, and April! Each winner receives a \$10 gift certificate to the guild.



← Samantha Richards was February's winner with her woven carrots.

Terri Fedorowicz's basket was the UFO winner for March. →



Darlene Laughman's basket was chosen as the April UFO winner.







## March UFO Baskets







April  
UFO  
Baskets







May UFO Baskets

## Baskets in the Bible

By Stephanie C. Hamel

With just a few minutes to spare for the deadline for the guild newsletter, I thought I would choose an easy topic and write about baskets in the Bible. Certainly, they were mentioned frequently and I could start with the famous Old Testament story of Moses. To avoid the decree of infanticide, his mother had woven a basket, waterproofed it with tar, then secreted Moses amongst the bulrushes of the Nile. Recused and adopted by an Egyptian princess, Moses grew to greatness and fame, saved by a basket. Yet, I could recall other stories of baskets through the Bible.

Where should I begin, and how to summarize? My research now was necessarily hasty, so I used the Internet by simply typing 'Bible verses about baskets'. Not surprisingly, I found more information than I could possibly digest. I could have spent hours engrossed in reading, rather than writing or weaving, but I wanted to both weave and write today. I had to be decisive and choose only a few. Skimming along isolated verses referencing baskets, I noted that many with the word 'basket' pertained to ritual offerings. Baskets heaped with harvest items were placed by the altar, by Gideon and Aaron and in the stories of Jeremiah.

Yet there were New Testament baskets as well, and not always about sacrifices in the temple. The apostle Paul mentions escape from his Jewish enemies. Lowered in a basket, from a window in a city wall when the city gates were guarded, he could not have otherwise taken flight. This reminded me of the Old Testament picture in my childhood Bible, where Joshua's spies, after being hidden under piles of flax on the roof, were lowered from the window by Rahab, the prostitute. They escaped from Jericho in the darkness.

So, the Bible mentions sacrificial baskets as well as those large enough to hold a man. Their size and strength would probably differ, but both types would be interesting to examine. Were the former decorated with medallions when taken to the altar? Were the latter lightweight winnowing baskets, easily lifted and tossed gently to separate chaff from grain, yet strong enough to hold a man in an emergency? So many questions, and, heedless of the newsletter deadline, I opened other websites...

I found, while looking for winnowing basket examples, something else: pages on baskets as symbolism.

Of course, baskets have been woven and utilized since ancient times, and are customized by the local available materials. The Bible records them functioning as storage bins, for transporting goods, and for measuring. I can imagine them made of grasses and twigs of willow, yet I had never considered baskets as symbolic. Perhaps, however, the basket in the story of Moses represents a container which preserves and promotes God's plan for the Israelites in Egypt. The basket of Joshua's spies could imply God's protecting those who are doing his work. The many ceremonial sacrifices may remind us of the spiritual needs to be reverent and grateful.

In the New Testament, most of us recall the story of Jesus feeding a crowd with a few loaves and fishes. It ends not only with scraps remaining unexpectedly, but that there are twelve baskets, and all completely filled. The leftovers in baskets, my digital source tells me, signifies "God's abundant and boundless provision".

Indeed, baskets have a strong Biblical presence, in both practical and symbolic senses. Although being common, everyday items, they were described being used for uncommon, even heroic, purposes. Despite my haste, this quick foray into the subject has given me much to consider, both practically and spiritually, while I weave.

References:

<https://www.bible.com/search/bible?query=baskets>

<https://digitalbible.ca/article-page/bible-study-symbols-the-basket-symbolism-in-the-bible-an-insight-into-its-significance-and-historical-relevance-1700845099111x187273140877764350>



**March 2025**

**Wooly  
Poinsettias**

**with**

**Mary  
Annunziato**





**Spring Retreat with Susan and Eric Baxter**











**May –Weaving a Tool Caddy with  
Kim and Karen Maugans**



**Service Project Baskets and Fish**  
**Saturday July 12, 2025**  
**9AM-4PM**  
**Camp Hill Giant Grocery Store**

Guild member Samantha Richards will lead this class. In the morning we will make baskets for our Service Project and in the afternoon students will weave these colorful fish. There is no cost for this class, but if you have some longer dyed reed scraps, please bring them along (any width will work.)

Please bring your usual basket tools.

Email Samantha at [baskets217@gmail.com](mailto:baskets217@gmail.com) by July 1 so that she can order materials. Any questions, email Samantha or call 703-999-5130.



**Deadline to sign up is July 1!**

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## Nantucket with Denise Bendelewski

Saturday, August 9, 9AM-4PM

Camp Hill Giant Grocery Store



Octagon  
Basket



Northern Lights



Weave one of these designs with Nantucket specialist Denise Bendelewski. Northern Lights is approximately 4.5" tall and 6" diameter. The Octagon Basket measures approximately 4" tall, 6.5" diameter and 21" circumference. Cost is \$100 for either basket and there is a maximum of 12 students for this class. Please complete the registration form below. Make your check out to Denise Bendelewski and mail it and your form to Suzanne at the address below. **Registrations must be received by Friday, June 13 so that supplies can be ordered.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Northern Lights    OR    \_\_\_\_\_ Octagon

Cost: \$100 Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form and your check made out to Denise Bendelewski to Suzanne Williamson, 289 Grant Drive, Hanover, PA 17331. Must be received by June 13!**

# Ashlar

**Saturday, October 11, 9am to 4pm**

**Giant Community Room**

**Camp Hill, PA**



Guild member Mary Morgan will be teaching this versatile basket. The Ashlar features a 6 x 12-inch racetrack base custom crafted of cherry and maple hardwoods in a brickwork pattern (ashlar). The sides are woven using a variety of techniques including 3 and 5 rod wale, a basic basket weave, and a twill. Dyed reed is used to highlight the change in weaving patterns. Bring your usual tools.



Please select either **Rust** or **Navy** to be woven in class. Extra kits are available for pre-order.

**Return registration to: Mary Morgan**

**1964 Brandt Road**

**Annville, PA 17003**

**By: September 10th**

Make checks out Mary Morgan.

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

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**Rust** # of kits \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Navy** # of kits \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check#: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

# Pamela Wilson at Camp Hill Giant Supermarket

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Community Room.

November 8, 2025 9:00 am -4 pm



**Cassandra** – All Levels – 4-5 hrs. – finished size 9" L x 5" W x 7" H w/o handle - \$55

This is a great basket for a doorknob or to hang by the outside door. The basket starts with a solid woven base so items will not fall out. We will then chase weave using 3/8" FF and 1/4" spaced dyed FF reed. The front will poosh out to make a handy opening. There are space dyed overlays on every other spoke. The handle is turquoise dyed leather.

Bring usual basket tools including a **spoke weight**, packers, clips, scarfer, cutting board, scissors.



**Electric Blues** – High Intermediate and up – 8 hrs. – Finished size 11" long x 9" wide x 8" high - \$80

This beautiful tote has accents of purple, blue and teal spaced dyed reed in flat oval and round reed and is finished with sassy teal leather handles. The twill is a 3/2, the cathead and shape are a big emphasis. Slower weavers may need to rim after class.

pliers, scissors, angle cutters, spray bottle, towel, clips, packers, tape measure, scraper & cutting board, and any other tools you find useful.

Usual basket tools including needle a **spoke weight**, nose



Both classes will begin at 9 am. Please be a few minutes early to set-up your work area. You may bring your lunch or purchase it downstairs. If you bring coffee/tea or other drinks, BE SURE IT IS IN A LEAK & SPILL PROOF CONTAINER.



Register early as some supplies may be limited, due to the current uncertainty of getting supplies from China. Right now (May 2025) my wholesaler is not ordering any more supplies until he sees what is happening. While I believe I have enough materials on-hand for this class, I could open several packages of reed only to discover that they are substandard and I might not be able to get more. Should the occasion arise that I am not able to provide you a kit, I will notify you ASAP and return your check. Please be understanding that this is beyond my control.

If you sign up, but cannot attend, your kit will either go home with a friend of yours or be given to you at another event. Please let me know if you cannot attend at the last minute, so we can figure it out. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Cassandra\_\_\_\_\_ \$55

**OR**

Electric Blues\_\_\_\_\_ \$80

Make you check payable to **PD Wilson, LLC**

Mail to: Pam Wilson  
180 Sleepy Hollow Road  
Bloomingdale, NJ 07403

**ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 8, 2025.**

# Pennsylvania Dutch Amish Cheesecake

## Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cup graham cracker crumbs
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 4 packages Philadelphia Cream Cheese blocks, 8 oz each, softened
  - NOTE: **Do Not** use low fat cream cheese. It will not work.
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon (this is what I used for my cheesecake) or more to your taste
- 8 oz Breakstone sour cream
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch, heaping
- 2 tablespoons water, ice cold

## Instructions:

1. Place oven racks in the center and bottom of your oven, allowing room for a roasting pan or 13 x 9-inch pan of water on the bottom rack.
2. Preheat your oven to 400°F.
3. Line bottom and sides of a springform pan with parchment paper.
  - I cover the bottom with parchment paper, then insert the sides and lock into place.
  - I cut off the excess parchment on the outside of the pan. This helps make a tighter seal.
4. In a medium bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs and 3 T sugar until well blended. Add melted butter. Blend well. Press into the bottom of the springform pan.
5. Bake for 10 minutes on center rack. Remove from oven.
6. **Decrease oven temperature to 350°F.**
7. Place a roasting pan or 13 x 9-inch pan with 1 ½-2 inches of water on the bottom rack of the oven.
8. In a large bowl, mix the 4 blocks of cream cheese and cup of sugar until blended.
9. Add eggs, one at a time. Blend on low.
10. Mix in cinnamon and sour cream. Set aside.
11. In a small dish, add cornstarch. Mix in ice-cold water until completely dissolved. Add more ice-cold water if necessary to dissolve any lumps.
12. Add cornstarch mixture to cream cheese batter; beat on medium speed until fluffy and shiny like glass, about 2-3 minutes.
13. Pour over graham cracker crust.
14. Gently stomp the pan on the countertop to remove air bubbles.
15. Bake at 350°F until the top of the cheesecake is golden and the center doesn't jiggle when the pan is slightly shaken. DO NOT REMOVE FROM OVEN.



16. Turn off the oven. Allow the cheesecake to cool in the oven for about 1 hour before removing.
17. Remove cheesecake from the oven and cover with a cloth. Allow the cheesecake to cool on a wire rack until it reaches room temperature, or the center will drop.
18. Refrigerate overnight.
19. You may remove the sides of the pan when the cheesecake is cool.
20. Enjoy!!!

#### Optional Toppings:

##### 1. Pineapple, Cherry or Fruit Cocktail Topping:

Drain 1 can of crushed pineapples, fruit cocktail or 1 jar of cherries; reserve juice.

Mix 1 heaping tablespoon cornstarch with 1 tablespoon of ice-cold water until thoroughly resolved. Add the cornstarch mixture to the juice with 1 teaspoon of cinnamon, if desired. Mix well.

Heat on medium-high heat until thickened and clear.

Add fruit. Stir well. Cool.

Serve over cheesecake

##### 2. Fresh Fruit Topping:

Use whole or cut up fresh fruit, whatever you like.

Crush some of the fruit to make ½ cup of juice. You may add water to make the juice stretch.

Mix 1 heaping tablespoon cornstarch with 1 tablespoon of ice-cold water until thoroughly resolved. Add the cornstarch mixture to the juice with 1 teaspoon of cinnamon, if desired. Mix well.

Heat on medium-high heat until thickened and clear.

Add fruit. Stir well. Cool.

Serve over cheesecake.

*Recipe shared by Terri Fedorowicz*

## Seafood Bisque

2 cans (10 ¾ ounces each) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted

1 can (10 ¾ ounces) condensed cream of celery soup, undiluted

2-2/3 cups milk

4 green onions, chopped

½ cup finely chopped celery

1 garlic clove, minced

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

¼ teaspoon hot pepper sauce

1 ½ pounds uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

1 can (6 ounces) crabmeat, drained, flaked and cartilage removed

1 jar (4 ½ ounces) whole mushrooms, drained

3 tablespoons madeira wine or chicken broth

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon pepper

Minced fresh parsley

- In a Dutch oven or soup kettle, combine the first eight ingredients; mix well.
- Bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat; add the shrimp, crab and mushrooms.
- Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes.
- Stir in the wine or broth, salt and pepper.
- Cook 2-3 minutes longer.
- Garnish with parsley.

Yield: 10 servings (2 ½ quarts)

*Recipe shared by Marilyn Julius*



## 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.

