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President's Message

As 2025 comes to an end, it's time to reflect on the fun gatherings we have participated in throughout the year. Members, old and new, met to weave beautiful creations under the instruction of our talented teachers each month. The Spring Retreat and the Odyssey Convention were once again a wonderful weekend for all who attended. Thanks to each of you who helped to make the experiences memorable.

A calendar of 2026 guild events is included in this newsletter. We will kick off 2026 with the guild's January weaving gathering held at Camp Hill. Members will have a chance to weave the basket taught by Joanne Sheriff at Odyssey for the one-day participants. We will also hold our holiday party. More details are in the newsletter.

The UFO challenge for 2026 begins in February. Sign up now to participate. It's a great way to finish those projects and basket kits lurking in your closets. Many of the UFO basket photos are shared in the newsletter for others to see.

The success of our guild continues due to our wonderful members. Thanks to each of you who contributed to making 2025 a great year. Our current officers were voted in for another term at the Odyssey business meeting, but it is time to look ahead for new members to take their place. Please consider working with a current officer to learn what they do to keep the guild thriving so that you can take over the role in the future. We welcome all new ideas to keep our guild growing. We have initiated an outreach proposal format. See the submission form in this newsletter if you have an idea to spread knowledge of basket weaving.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season. See you in 2026.

Sharon

Guild News

2026 Guild Schedule

Saturday, January 10, 2026, 9:30-4:00—Guild member Joanne Sheriff will be teaching a round autumn themed basket. See p. 8 for more information. **Registrations are due December 8, 2025.** We will also have our annual **Holiday Party** on this day. The guild will provide sandwiches, wraps, and sides. Please bring or purchase your own beverage. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift valued approximately \$10 that you think a fellow basket weaver would enjoy. **If you are not taking Joanne's class, but are attending the Holiday Party, please let Suzanne know at sgw59@comcast.net so that we can get an accurate count for lunch.**

Saturday, February 14, 9-4 at Camp Hill Giant: Mary Annunziato will be teaching a Wooly Pine Sapling. See p. 9 for registration info.

Saturday, March 21, 9:30-2:30 at Camp Hill Giant: Reagan Bitler will be joining us to make a Woven Whimsy Gourd Vase with Gourd Flowers. Registration form can be found on p. 10.

April 23-26, Spring Retreat at Gitt Library, Hanover, PA: This year's teacher is Bonnie Rideout. More information will be sent via email.

Saturday, May 9, 9-4 at Camp Hill Giant: Ducky Laughman and Marilyn Julius will be teaching a Potato Masher Basket or bring a kit/basket to work on your own. More details in the next newsletter.

Sunday, June 14, 1-4, Annual Dye Party/Picnic at home of Marilyn Julius: More details will be in the next newsletter.

Saturday, July 11, 9-4 at Camp Hill Giant: Service Project basket and small basket TBD

Saturday, August 8, 9-4 at Camp Hill Giant: TBD

September 17-20, A Weaving Odyssey at Aspire Hotels and Suites, Gettysburg, PA: Registration info will be posted on the web site in mid-April.

Saturday, October 10, 9-4 at Camp Hill Giant: Mary Morgan will be teaching a basket or a broom. More info will be coming in a future newsletter.

Saturday, November 14, 9-4 at Camp Hill Giant: Sharon Schaeffer will be teaching a basket wreath. More info will be in a later 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 15th of the month prior to the month of publication. Submissions and ideas are always welcome.

Contact Suzanne Williamson at sgw59@comcast.net.

UFO Challenge Update



Congratulations to Jean Foutz and Becci Melcher, the monthly UFO winners for August and October! Each winner receives a \$10 gift certificate to the guild.



Jean's basket is pictured above and Becci's basket is shown at right. Beautiful work!



****Don't forget to pay your 2026 dues. Dues form is on p. 7****



August
UFO
Baskets





October 2025 - UFO Baskets





November UFO Baskets



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS' GUILD MEMBERSHIP

- Annual membership: January 1 – December 31. Dues are not prorated.
- New members pay \$20 dues. If joining in September or later (convention special) membership includes the following calendar year.
- Membership renewal dues are \$20 per calendar year; Add \$5 late fee if paid after January 31.

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____
STREET: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____
PHONE: _____

Send your check payable to **CPBWG** to: Donna Kumpf, 517 Windy Way, New Cumberland, PA 17070

Thank you!!

Thank you to all Central PA and Lehigh Valley basket weavers who wove baskets and donated care items or money for the 2025 Service Project Baskets. This year 69 baskets (a record number!) were donated to Agape House in Gettysburg (woman's shelter) and the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. Thank you to Samantha Richards and Terri Fedorowicz for their work organizing the weaving, filling and delivery of the baskets. If you have suggestions for where to donate next year's baskets, please contact Samantha Richards at baskets217@gmail.com or any of the guild officers.



Autumn Themed Round Basket
Saturday, January 10, 2026
9:30-4:00 at Camp Hill Giant

This autumn themed basket starts with a 6" slotted wooden base and has an 8" Victorian swing handle which is attached with beads, bolts, nuts and washers. The basket includes a wider band of fall color overlaid with a narrow piece of color and a painted wooden button as accent. There will be choices for both the dyed reed and the wooden button.

Bring your usual basket weaving tools.

Deadline to register is **December 8, 2025**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Class fee (includes all materials needed): \$27

Extra Kits: _____ @ \$24= _____

TOTAL: _____

Make checks payable to Joanne Sheriff. Send this form and your check to:

Joanne Sheriff

31 Bridle Path Way

Rising Sun, MD 21911.

Phone: 443-350-1611

Reminder: We will have our annual Holiday Party and Gift Exchange during the lunch break. The Guild will provide sandwiches and sides. Please bring your own beverage. If you are attending the luncheon, but not signing up for the class, please email Suzanne at sgw59@comcast.net so we can get an accurate count.

Wooly Pine Sapling
With Mary Annunziato
Saturday, February 14, 2026

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Camp Hill Giant Community Room



This project is a wooly pine sapling, 24" tall. Learn to fringe twirl 8 strips of wool to create a realistic pine sapling from wool strips and wires. Tree stands in the log base, ready for your ornaments. **Cost is \$35 per person.**

Maximum number of students: 25

Registration must be made by **January 17, 2026.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email : _____

Mail this form and your check made out to Mary Annunziato by January 17, 2026.

to Suzanne Williamson, 289 Grant Drive, Hanover, PA 17331.

Woven Whimsy Gourd Vase with Gourd Flowers

Reagan Bitler of Godahavom Gourds, LLC



Saturday, March 21

Camp Hill Giant Community Center

Time: 9:30 – 2:30 *note start time of 9:30*

Cost is \$45 per person

All materials will be provided, but if participants have any favorite soft weaving materials, such as boutique material, seagrass, cork, cording, suede, leather, cording, etc., in colors that they desire, they can bring them along.

Registration must be made by **March 7, 2026.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

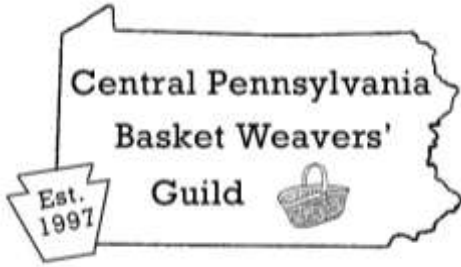
Email : _____

No additional kits are available. Maximum of class size is 15 so register early!

Mail this form and your **check made out to Reagan Bitler by March 7, 2026**

to Suzanne Williamson, 289 Grant Drive, Hanover, PA 17331.

2026 UFO Challenge



Complete those unfinished baskets you have been avoiding, make a basket from a kit or pattern you want to try, or make one basket to contribute to our July service project.

Complete baskets to fit your schedule. You **do not** have to decide which baskets you will make when you register to participate. One finished basket is due by the end of the month for **February, March, April, May, June, July, August, October and November**. Members who complete a verified basket are eligible for a **monthly drawing for a \$10 guild gift certificate** good for future guild workshops or Odyssey fees.

A **grand prize** will be drawn at the end of the year from the entries completed. Participants receive one entry for each completed basket. Two names will be drawn to split the winning prize money (all the money from the UFO Challenge sign-up). The more members who sign up, the bigger the "kitty". The more baskets you complete, the more chances you have to win.

Sharon Schaeffer will continue to serve as the 2026 UFO record keeper. She will record each participant's baskets as they are completed. To verify that you have completed a basket, send a digital photo of your basket to Sharon, either to her cell phone # 410-967-4482 or to swschae@gmail.com.

Sign up to participate NOW! The cost to participate is \$10.00.

Complete the registration form below. Make checks payable to CPBWG. Send your registration and payment to Sharon Schaeffer - 1643 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster, MD 21158.

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2026 UFO Registration

Name: _____

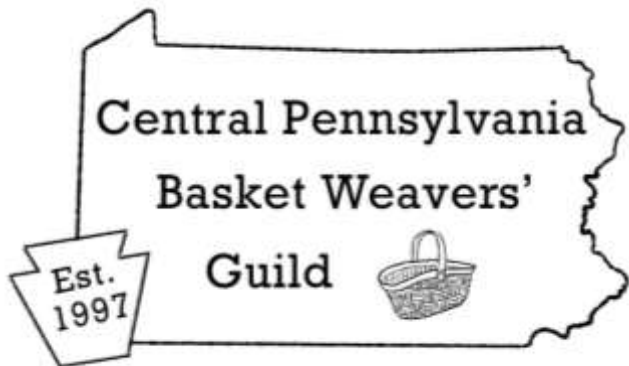
Cell # _____ Email _____

\$10.00 registration fee: cash or check # _____

Individual 2026 UFO Records

*** Keep this form for your record ***

<i>Basket #</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Basket Description</i>	<i>Date image sent to Sharon</i>
1	February			
2	March			
3	April			
4	May			
5	June			
6	July			
7	August			
8	October			
9	November			
			<i>Grand total Baskets submitted =</i>	



To place an order:

Items are available now! Place your order with Darlene Laughman, CPBWG Treasurer. Darlene (Ducky) will bring your order to the next guild meeting. Contact Ducky if you have any questions. (717) 797-9784. To place an order:

- 1) Select item & specify number ordered, size, color & cost below.
- 2) Add your total order in the columns at right.
- 3) Enclose your check payable to CPBWG.
- 4) Mail this form and payment to:

Darlene Laughman

28 Home Rd. Abbottstown, PA 17301

Items will be available at monthly meetings.

Questions about items? Contact Debbi Zvanut at 610-662-8646 or dzvanut@aol.com. Your order will be confirmed unless you hear from Debbi prior to the event. Your ordered items will be available on Thursday at Odyssey.

CPBWG Commemorative Item	Color	Cost / Size	# of items	Amount Due
Stadium Blanket (50/50 cotton fleece Sweatshirt fabric, 7.8 oz.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean blue	\$ 25 each		
Koozie brand tumbler travel cup.... 15 oz., triple vacuum	DARK BLUE w/ WHITE LOGO (not red as in photo below)	\$ 15 each		

SUMMARY/TOTAL # of ITEMS: _____ CHECK # _____ AMT: _____

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

46323 Koozie® Slim Triple Vacuum Tumbler - 15 oz.



Red Tumbler w/Clear Lid
w/1 Color CPABWG Imprint
in Black Ink



Lid Top View

Use the multifunctional Koozie® Slim Triple Vacuum Tumbler as you like! With just the screw-on black ring, this workhorse holds a slim 12 oz. can or a regular bottle. Drop in the clear spill-resistant plastic lid, and you have an on-the-go tumbler for your coffee or ice-cold drink.



PRODUCT DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATIONS

Product Height: 6.25"

Product Diameter: 3"

Diameter at Bottom: 2.5"

PRODUCT DETAILS

Use the multifunctional Koozie® Slim Triple Vacuum Tumbler as you like! With just the screw-on black ring, this workhorse holds a slim 12 oz. can or a regular bottle. Drop in the clear spill-resistant plastic lid, and you have an on-the-go tumbler for your coffee or ice-cold drink.

Double-wall vacuum insulation

Screw-on black ring to hold your can or bottle

Drop-in Spill resistant lid with slider opening

Multi-functional can cooler, bottle cooler and tumbler

15 oz. capacity when filled to rim, 13 oz. capacity with lid on. Note: bottom of tumbler will state 12 oz. to reflect can size.

BP78 Port & Company Core Fleece Sweatshirt Blanket



Option 1: On Carolina Blue
Diagonal in Corner
White Thread



Option 2: On Red
Diagonal in Corner
White Thread

Product Description

This classic fleece blanket is soft and warm and color-coordinates with our popular PC78 sweatshirts and PC54 tees.

- 7.8-ounce, 50/50 cotton/poly fleece
- Mitered V corners
- Fully hemmed
- Dimensions: 50" x 60"



Outreach Proposal:

CPBWG member in charge:

Target audience:

Location of event:

Date and time of the event:

Request of the guild..... personnel and/or financial:

Signature:

Date submitted to executive board:

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Decision of the executive board:



Odyssey 2025



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Jude emceeing the raffle drawing (left)

Odyssey Committee (below)



Odyssey Teachers



**October Class: "Ashlar"
with Mary Morgan**



**November Class: "Cassandra" and
'Electric Blues: with Pamela Wilson**



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.