

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD

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2nd Sunday of
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Presidential Musings...

As I write this I am in Wilmington, NC visiting my daughter, son-in-law and 4 granddaughters. The temperature is in the 80's and we plan to go to the beach tomorrow. I love this weather because you can sit outside to weave. That way there isn't any mess to clean up!

It has been really great to see new faces at the meetings and have them join the Guild. Hopefully they will bring new ideas, tips, hints and more friends. The bigger the guild becomes the better for all of us.

The hearts we made in January and the birdhouses in February were something a little different from the regular basket. I think we all enjoyed weaving these new items. Have any other ideas for us to use as a program this next year? What would you like to learn - or teach? Bring your ideas to the June meeting, and help plan an exciting year for 2000-2001. If you can't make it to the meeting call or e-mail one of us with your ideas.

Along with new programs it is also time to be thinking about new officers for the coming year. Volunteers are welcome! Elections are in June with the nominations in May.

Hope to see you at one of the next meetings!

Billie

Upcoming Programs

APRIL 9, 2000

PEANUT BASKET

with JEFF SHIELDS

Supplies

1/2" flat reed

1/4" flat reed

#2 seagrass

#2 round reed

Pattern is available on the web at Basket Class. You can print it at:

<http://basketclass.com/peanut.html>

Before class cut 20 spokes from 1/2" flat at 22.5" and 8 spokes from 1/2" flat at 11".

MAY 14, 2000

COLLEEN'S

COLLECTIBLE BASKET

with COLLEEN SKELTON

DESIGNED BY DEB HAMMOND

Supplies

#2 round reed for twining

3/8" flat

1/4" flat (You will need two colors or
can be done all natural)

1/2" flat

seagrass

1/4" flat for lashing

3 x 10 D Handle

Upcoming programs (continued)

This is a fairly small basket. Base measures 2 3/4" by 6 1/2".

Patterns will cost \$3.00 each and the handles will cost \$2.59.

Cut spokes from 1/2 inch flat :

3 spokes @ 22" long

6 spokes @ 18" long

JUNE 11, 2000

PICNIC AND PLANNING

with **JUNE BLAKE**

The Guild's annual picnic, elections and planning will be hosted by June Blake. The Guild will furnish meat, drinks and tableware. Bring a covered dish and come for an afternoon of fun and planning. Bring along any basket, pattern or idea you may have for our planning of activities for next year.

To get to June's home take I83 South to Exit 19. Turn west and travel approximately 1 block, turn left on West Shore Drive. June lives at # 19, the 4th house on the left.

MEET A FELLOW MEMBER

LYN LEVAN

MIDDLEBURG, PA

How long have you been weaving?
What was your first basket?
What is your favorite basket?
What is your least favorite?
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?
Where?

How far do you travel to meetings?
What kind of meeting do you enjoy most?
Personal/family information....

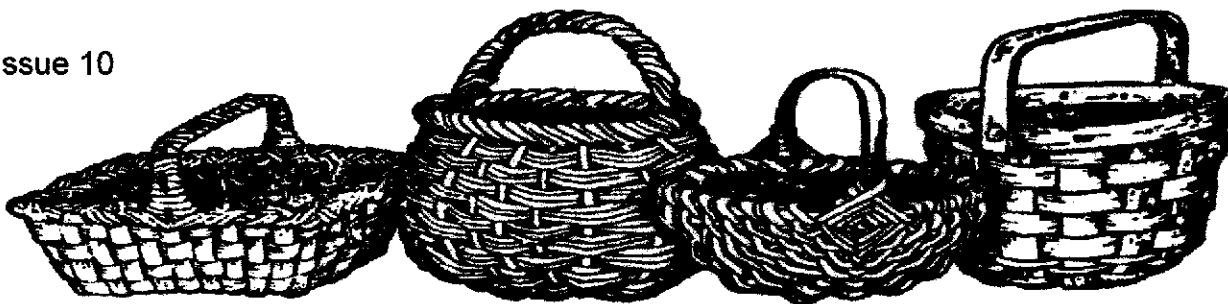
EXHIBIT SCHEDULED

Be sure to remember to stop by the New Cumberland Public Library during April to take a look at the Guild's Exhibit in the display case. If you have baskets that may be included be sure to call either Linda Clifton or Jeff Shields to arrange pickup or delivery. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our creations.

SURF'S UP

The featured Web site for this newsletter has already been listed on the front page. It is the page for the Central Pennsylvania Basket Weavers which has been developed and is maintained by Jeff Shields. If you haven't had a chance to stop by and take a look you are missing a real treat. The page is located at: <http://basketry.homestead.com/index.html>. This page will have all the information that is included in our newsletter as well as including up to the minute news about guild activities and plans. Drop by and send Jeff an email thanking him for all the work he is doing on behalf of our organization.

10 years +
egg basket
Cabin Boy
ribbed baskets
bone awl
Gratiot Lake, Carolina Basketry, P L Butte
black ash
yes
employees of my school district, at 5 elementary schools
approx. 55 miles one way
weaving
2 dogs, 1 cat, 5 goats, 1 husband (20+ yrs)
2 children (Mike and Sarah)



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Presidential Musings. . .

This is my last message to you as president of the basket guild. Actually this message is the hardest part of the job. Our members are so friendly and willing to help out when needed. The other officers did a great job and the program committee kept us all looking forward to the next meeting. All this made my job a breeze. Thank you to all. I really didn't feel I could take the job of president again this year since I can't get to meetings on time. Our church is getting out later on Sundays and Dianne and I have a distance to come. I look forward to sitting back and just making baskets.

I wish I had more time to make baskets. Maybe you do too. When we get together it is encouraging to talk and listen to others weaving problems. I'd like to see us get together more than just once a month. Maybe we could have a free weaving time where we can bring in problem baskets or patterns (I have some of those, maybe you do too.) or a special class that may take longer that we have on Sundays. Our times together are great!

Good Luck to Carol during the next year as your new president! I know you will be as helpful to her as you were to me.

Billie

As your new president, I feel I need to briefly introduce myself as I don't know many of you. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you better in the coming year.

I've been a member for almost a year, I joined shortly after we moved from Maryland. I've been weaving for 4 1/2 years. I've been addicted since the first basket.

Guild meetings provide new ideas, hints and, best of all, friendships with people who also love basketweaving. All that and taking a basket home is too good to be missed!

The program committee has great programs scheduled through September. They will be meeting in July to plan the rest of the year. I thank them for their work. If you have any suggestions for programs, please pass them along.

I think it will be an exciting year as we plan for **2001: A Weaving Odyssey.**

Come join us. We'd love to see you!

Carol

Upcoming Programs

JULY 9, 2000

Cherokee basket necklace (or Christmas ornament) with JUNE BLAKE.

This is made of ash and waxed linen.

June will provide the pattern (\$3.00) plus supplies which include: ash and blue, red and natural waxed linen (about \$2.00). Two colors of linen are needed, so if you prefer other colors, please bring them.

AUGUST 13, 2000

Lidded sewing basket with JUNE BLAKE.

6 1/4" diameter with fitted lid.
Pattern cost is \$1.50.

Upcoming programs (continued)

Supplies to bring:

3/8" FF reed,
#2 round,
3/16" FF, some dyed one color.

September 10, 2000

Small 'cat head' basket with Marilyn Julius

This basket is 3 1/2" diameter.

Supplies:

1/4" FF, colored,
fine cane (leader will supply this as it must be purchased in a quantity, and is expensive [everyone may reimburse cost at the meeting]).

REPORT FROM OUR JUNE PICNIC AND PLANNING MEETING

If you weren't at the Guild Picnic you missed a great time of sharing basket knowledge and planning for the future of our guild.

Some of the highlights were:

Election of officers:

President:	Carol MacNeil
VP-Treasurer:	Suzette Humer
Secretary:	Dianne Pierce
Program Chair:	Jeff Shields
Newsletter:	Linda Clifton

Report of planning for : 2001- A Weaving Odyssey

Potential teachers have been asked to submit their ideas for classes.

Information about a new National Basket Guild

Newsletters will be available at future meetings.

Neat baskets brought by members to share

Food, fun and friendship.

Seeing Parker get his share of the buns

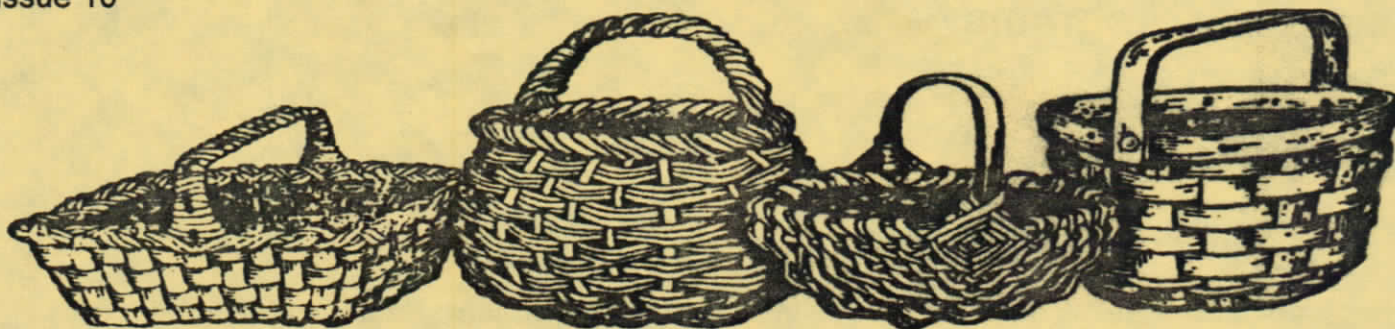
Tidbits

BASKETS 2001 a calendar: Compiled by the Northeast Basketmakers Guild, BASKETS 2001 features 14 award winning baskets from the NBG sponsored Baskets 2000: Reflection of Diversity exhibit in a large 12" x 14" format. Basketmakers whose works are included in this calendar are Karol Lindquist, Doris Messick, Flo Hoppe, Arlene Kostek McGonagle, Deanna Savoy, Joanne Wood Peters, Sosse Baker, Jane Gross, Dianne Stanton, JoAnn Kelly Catsos, Mary Hettsmansperger, Elizabeth Whyte Schulze, Mary Butcher, and Polly Adams Sutton. Individually shrink wrapped and professionally printed on quality paper, you will be impressed with the incredible beauty of each basket pictured in BASKETS 2001.

You may order your copy of this 2001 calendar sending a check for \$15.95 + \$3 shipping (payable to NBG) to JoAnn Kelly Catsos, 90 Polikoff Road, Ashley Falls, MA 01222. Calendars will be available in early August.

Surfing

The next time you get a chance to wander the net make a stop at David Collins' Weavers' Words Web page. The address is: <http://members.xoom.com/dgcollins/> There are photos posted by many basket weavers that will make you want to weave them all. There are many links to resources for weavers on the net and even a page listing the favorite recipes of some of the weavers. You can sign up for Weavers' Words, an email newsletter, if you haven't already. Remember to let David know how much you appreciate what he does for the basket community.



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As I write this, I'm enjoying the beautiful weather. It's beginning to feel a bit like fall, my favorite season. Perfect weather for weaving. Of course any weather is good for weaving.

The program committee has been hard at work planning great programs for the year. I appreciate all their hard work. Lots of fun to look forward to! For October--a dye party at my house. I will have 2 or 3 dye pots going--more if anyone has a hot plate and a dye pot to bring. Dye will be provided. Bring some reed to space dye. Be sure to wear old clothes and rubber gloves are handy. Keep your fingers crossed for a good day!

November will be our first all day meeting. Two beautiful baskets will be taught. You won't want to miss it. Many thanks to June Blake for securing the barn to meet in. I'm really excited about an all day event. The afternoon meetings just fly by.

A great fun fall is planned that you won't want to miss. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Programs

October 8

Reed Dyeing Party at Carol MacNeil's.

Bring plenty of reed. The Guild will provide various colors of RIT dye. Bring any other kinds of dye or special colors you might want to use. We'll have at least a couple of kettles going at any one time so there will be plenty of opportunity to amass a rainbow of colors. If you can bring a kettle you use for reed dyeing, it will be appreciated but not necessary. Plan to bring a goodie to share with the others on a beautiful Autumn afternoon.

Directions to Carol's: From the Turnpike Exit 16, follow Route 11 south into Carlisle. Take a right at the 3rd light; Cavalry St. Take the first 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. We're the first house on the left. White, US flag hanging and a black flag with a big Army A.
Call Carol at 717-240-1276 if you get lost!

Upcoming programs (continued)

November 4 (Saturday)

All-Day Weaving Event!

This extra-special meeting will take place at the Lower Allen Township Park Recreation Barn from 11:00 – 5:00 (or later if you wish). Directions to the Park can be found at : WWW.lower-allen.pa.us/TwpInfo/directionsframe.htm. The Barn is directly to your left as you drive through the main entrance. Please call Jeff Shields (717-774-3508) or Linda Clifton (717-938-4309) for directions if you are Internet challenged.

There will be 2 concurrent weaving sessions held.

Carol MacNeil will teach a "Quilter's Tote Basket".

Jeff Shields will teach a musical basket named "New Neighbor's Basket".

To get a look at the baskets and help decide which you want to do, check out the Guild Web page: basketry.homestead.com/programs.html. Well try to have each of the baskets at the October meeting.

You need to pre-register for this event by October 14. Contact Carol (717-240-1276 or jc-mac2@earthlink.net) or Jeff (717-774-3508 or shieldsj@mindspring.com) depending on which basket you wish to do. They will provide you a list of needed supplies.

Pattern cost for the Quilter's Tote Basket is \$3.50.

Pattern cost for the New Neighbor's Basket is \$4.95 (actually a booklet of 7 patterns).

Cost for the event will be \$10 to help defray cost of the Barn rental and a catered lunch.

December 10

Holiday Delight Basket. A cute little basket just right for holiday decorating. This is a free pattern that may be found on the Web at: WWW.basketmakerscatalog.com/hol97ins/hol97ins.htm.

Materials: 1/4" Flat Oval, #1 Round Reed, 1/4" Flat Reed, 3" Round Ash Handle and Fine-Fine Cane.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!

2001 A WEAVING ODYSSEY September 7, 8 and 9, 2001 are the dates to reserve to attend Central Pennsylvania's first weekend weaving event. If you attended the September 2000 guild meeting you were able to get a look at the baskets potential teachers have proposed to teach. If you missed them, they are GREAT. Teachers will be chosen by October 1, 2000 and schedules and details will be coming to you soon after the New Year. Plan now to attend all three days. Also start planning now for the things you can do to help this be the best event ever. It takes a lot of hands to put something like this together. Be ready for action when the planning committee calls on you.