Please plan to attend the Annual Guild Meeting

Sat. Sept. 16 at Aspire Gettysburg Hotel

Meeting will start after the Odyssey dinner program, approximately 7:45 PM

Election of 2018-2019 Board, (terms beginning 1/1/2018)

Proposed Slate of Candidates:

- **President**-Sharon Schaeffer
- **VP Programs**-Marilyn Julius
- **Secretary**-Lynne Laughman
- **Treasurer**-Becci Melcher
- **Member-at-large, Communications**- Suzanne Williamson
- **Member-at-large, Membership/Audit**- Donna Kumpf
- **Member-at-large, Special Programs**- Linda Moore
Guild News

President’s Message:

My summer is coming to an end and I will start teaching middle school again next week. I treasure my summer days full of family time whether it be fun or work. I treasure my freedom from stress. I treasure the time that I can focus on making baskets. I have read many helpful hints from basket makers and have compiled a list of tips that I thought may be helpful to you as The Weaving Odyssey is fast approaching. I’m sure all participants are getting excited! I hope everyone has safe travels and successful basket weaving!

Here are a few helpful hints:

1. Add a bit of glycerin or a sheet of fabric softener to the water when soaking reed to make it more flexible and less prone to get "hairy".
2. Do not use hot water to soak reed - it will make the reed more brittle and hairy.
3. Ponytail holders make great reed ties for open coils.
4. If your weaving is too tight, try weaving in the opposite direction! Using your "off" hand will make it looser.
5. Mildew can be treated with Tilex or a solution of 1 part Clorox to 3 parts water. Scrub with a toothbrush and let dry in sunlight. (The Clorox may fade dyed reed, so testing an inconspicuous spot is recommended.)
6. Mold on a basket can be removed by placing the basket in a freezer for 48 hours. Use a tooth-brush to then rub off the mold.
7. If you are cutting 2 different lengths of reed, cut one length flat across and angle the other one slightly. You can then tell at a glance which length a reed is!
8. The more ends you see in a coil, the more pieces it has. Fewer ends mean longer pieces.
9. When you put water in your bucket to soak your reed, put a small squirt of inexpensive hair conditioner into the water.
10. Use a coffee filter as a liner in a small round basket.
11. Use #6 round reed scraps to make a reed diffuser using potpourri oil in a bottle.
12. Always sign your basket. When you weave a basket, you are an artist. Be proud of what you have made and let others know it was you who wove this basket!

Happy weaving! ~Marilyn

UFO Project:

Congratulations to our most recent UFO monthly winners:

- June—Linda Moore
- July—Donna Kumpf
- August—Dorothy Scheiman

*Monthly winners receive a $10 certificate to be used at a Guild function.

Keep on weaving!!
Service Project Update:

We had 9 people attend the July meeting to weave Berry Baskets which will be filled and donated to Stillwater, a local shelter for victims of domestic violence. A total of 15 baskets were made! A few people volunteered to make baskets at home so it looks like we will make our goal of 20 baskets! Thanks to all who helped with this effort!

We have also collected goodies to place in the baskets. If you would like to donate please bring items to Odyssey. Items needed are personal/travel sized shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, lip balm, tweezers, nail clippers, socks. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase needed items. Please contact Suzanne Williamson at sgw59@comcast.net with any questions.

Berry Basket weavers

August Basket—Pistachio Basket taught by Marilyn Julius
2017 A WEAVING ODYSSEY REMINDERS:

- **Raffle items in good condition ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!** – basket related or not! If you know you will be donating something, please let Debbi Z. [dzvanut@aol.com] know before September 7, to get your name in the booklet. (No need to tell what you are bringing, just your name.) Thanks!

- **Check in:** There are two entrances to the hotel (left and right). Check in at the left entrance – Aspire Gettysburg Hotel.

- **NEW THIS YEAR:** The CPBWG members are weaving small “care” baskets for a local women’s shelter, and we need items to fill them. We would appreciate a donation of a personal care item to help fill our baskets! Examples of things needed: small personal size: lotions, shampoo, conditioner, body wash; soap; ladies socks, deodorant, brush, comb; chewing gum, small snacks; Etc.

- **Basket Swap:** Please consider participating in the basket swap, which will be held during Saturday luncheon.

- **Massages:** will be available at your own cost ($1 per minute) – sign up for a time when you arrive. Cash or check.

- **Goodies/snacks:** will be in the Technology Room located down the hallway beside the check-in desk. **Snack donations are accepted and appreciated!** Just drop them off at the registration table or in the hospitality room when you arrive.

- **As per hotel policy:** No alcohol allowed in weaving / banquet rooms.

- **Badge holder:** Bring back your name/badge holder if not a new participant.

- **Registration:** for the Odyssey will be held in the Aspire lobby near the hotel registration desk at the following times:
  - Thursday: 3:00 -- 5:45 P.M.
  - Friday: 7:15 -- 7:45 A.M.

- Basket classes held in the Nimitz/Bradley room. Check your schedule for start times, as six hour classes don’t start until 9:00 am.

- **Breakfast is included if you are staying at the hotel (see lobby for details).** There are a coffee maker, refrigerator, and microwave in the rooms for your convenience. They also advertise a ‘free dinner’ (in the hotel bar area) for Friday.

- **Drive safely and see you on September 14th!**
HANDY CHECKLIST FOR THE ODYSSEY!

--Basketry tools—don’t forget your water container, spray bottle, towel, apron.
--Donation Items for Guild Care baskets, Raffle, and/or Hospitality Room goodies.
--Basket for the basket swap.
--Address labels for the raffle.
--Name Badge Holder if you have previously attended an Odyssey.
--Cash or check book for Massage, Raffle/Auction.
--Your own drinks or snacks for your refrigerator in your room.
--Socks /sweater in case the weaving room is cold 😊

Upcoming Dates:

September 14-17 Annual weaving Odyssey in Gettysburg.

October 14 Small and Mini Backpack Baskets with Jude Gallaher in Palmyra. There are still a few openings. Deadline to register is September 14.

November 11 Choice of Give Thanks or Gingerburg basket with Joanne Sheriff. Deadline to sign up is October 15.

Looking Ahead to 2018

January 6, 2018—Wooly Felt Trees at Camp Hill Giant

February 10, 2018—Becci Melcher will be teaching a basket at Camp Hill Giant

March 10, 2018—Barbara Vicente will be teaching Josephine Knot basket at Linglestown Giant

Check the December Newsletter and/or email updates for more information.
In Memoriam

Recently we learned of the passing of long time Guild member June Blake. For those of you who had never met June, here is a brief article about her from the March 2009 CPBWG Newsletter.

June Blake has been a member of the Guild since its beginnings in 1997. But one of her fondest basket memories goes back to 1949. At that time, June was studying to become an occupational therapist. As part of her training she spent time at an Indianapolis hospital. There she met an elderly patient who had a long list of problems; not the least of which was that she had only one arm. While working with her, the patient told June that one of her fondest wishes was to be able to make a basket. As fortune would have it, June had actually learned to make baskets in the course of her training to become an occupational therapist, so with June's able help, the patient learned to make baskets using some round bases and round reed.

The patient became so enamored of making the baskets that she was soon making a basket every 2 or 3 days and was embellishing them with beads and other ornamentation.

In the succeeding years, of course, June became an accomplished basket maker. Anyone visiting her home will be treated to a breathtaking array of baskets of all kinds that June has woven. Her favorite weaving material is black ash but she has done baskets of all types, shapes and sizes. June has taken classes with many of the big names in basketry including Martha Weatherbee, John McGuire, and Dianne Stanton. She's attended state conventions in North Carolina and Michigan.

Ever happy to help out a fellow weaver over a rough spot, those of us lucky enough to know June quickly become aware that she is much more than a consummate weaver. June is truly a genuinely kind and decent person who just happens to also be an expert basket maker.
**The Small & Mini Backpack Baskets**

**Saturday October 14, 2017**
9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Gravel Hill Church
Palmyra, PA

The Small and Mini Backpack Baskets will be taught by Jude Gallaher, Vice –President – Programs Lehigh Valley Basket Weavers and Member of CPBWG; the pack baskets are based on the Adirondack Backpack.

Since the early 1800s, one of the oldest surviving traditions inside Adirondack Park in upstate New York is the use of the Adirondack Backpack Basket. Based on Native American designs, the packs were used to carry the heavy loads needed for hunting, fishing, trapping, and other pursuits in the mountain wilderness.

The Small and Mini Backpack Baskets won’t hold a big fish or venison; but they can hang on a tree, grace a doll or stuffed animal, or just look great sitting on your table. The small pack is **3 ½” l x 3” w at the base x 5” h**, and the mini pack is **1-1/2” w x 2- 3/8”l x 3”H at top of rim**.

You will receive a kit with supplies to make both the Small and Mini Baskets including ½” leather and hardware for the small basket harness and ¼” grosgrain ribbon for the mini pack harness. **The kit is $35.** We will make the Small Pack Basket in class, and Jude will show us how to make the leather pack harness.

To register, make your check out to Julia Gallaher and send it to her at 4997 Winding Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066. All orders are due by **September 14, 2017**. The class is limited to 15 weavers.

If you have any questions please contact Jude at julia.gallaher@gmail.com or call her at 610-7371960.

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**Small & Mini Backpack Baskets  October 14, 2017 Please Print**

Name ___________________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________

City _________________________________ State_____________   Zip _____________

Phone __________________________________________________________________

Email ___________________________________________________________________

**Kit Cost is $35.00** -- Amount Enclosed ____________ Check # ________________
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017 GUILD WEAVE

Joanne Sheriff, Instructor
9:00 am-4:00pm
Gravel Hill U.M. Church, Palmyra, PA

Guild member Joanne Sheriff will instruct your choice of the following baskets. Give Thanks is a casserole sized basket, with a special wooden base –our bases will be a slightly different design and made from pine. The cost is $48 to make this at class; extra kits will be $40. Gingerburg is a fun basket which uses a Williamsburg handle. A fun braid is added to the handle at the end of the weaving. There will be a couple of color options. The cost is $38.

The weave will be at Gravel Hill church in Palmyra. Bring your lunch, or get take out from several restaurants/sub shops nearby. Please complete the sign up form below and mail it to Joanne along with your check for the total amount.

Bring a 9x12 casserole dish, if you’d like to use it as a reference for size. (to make sure it fits).

PLEASE sign up by October 15, to allow Joanne time to order materials and complete the kits. If you have any questions, you may contact Joanne at ssheriff@zoominternet.net.

PLEASE SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 15, 2017.

Complete form, and send with payment to Joanne Sheriff, 31 Bridle Path Way, Rising Sun, MD 21911.

SELECT WHICH BASKET YOU WILL MAKE AT THE GUILD WEAVE:

_____ GIVE THANKS basket @ $48
_____ GINGERBURG basket @ $39

GIVE THANKS basket kits, specify how many _____ X $40 = ____________

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: $ ____________

NAME: ________________________________ EMAIL ________________________________
PHONE (in case Joanne needs to contact you) _____________________________
Directions to Venues

Directions to East Berlin Area Community Center (EBACC):
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 Gravel Hill United Methodist Church, 131 Gravel Hill Road, Palmyra, PA17078

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 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).