

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD

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From our President

Hello Fellow Basket Weavers:

Basket Weavers in this area are coming together to learn and share in larger numbers all the time. The Guild is such a dream come true.

This newsletter for the Central Pa Guild will list the meeting plans for upcoming months. We have many great activities planned. Come join us as we weave and learn.

Weave on-----

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Upcoming Monthly Programs

March 15 - Weaving Demo

Note change in location

We will be moving to the East Shore Public Library this month to demonstrate the art of basket weaving. Everyone should bring a weaving of their choice to weave as library patrons stop by to observe and admire our craft. There will be tables and water available for our use.

The library is located at 4501 Ethel Street, behind Boscov's at the Colonial Park Mall.

We will begin with a short business meeting at 1:30 P.M. and be ready to weave at 2:00.

April 19 - Handle Carving / BYOB

(bring your own basket)

The wood chips will be flying as we are led by one of our own knowledge members in step by step instruction on how to create our own basket handles from scratch. You are encouraged to bring along a basket in progress into which you may then incorporate your newly created handles. Bring along a good sharp knife for this one!

May 17 - Bread Basket

Suitable for all ability levels, this is an attractive yet relatively basic basket which is distinguished by a novel use of twining with a combination of cane and round reed on the sides. It's great for holding bread, rolls, muffins, or what-have-you and will add a real touch of class to your dinner table. For this one you will need the following materials: 1/2" flat, 1/4" flat, 1/2" flat oval, #2 round and some narrow cane. Pattern will be provided. Or order a kit from Jeff Shields at 774-3508 (or e-mail at shieldsj@mindspring.com) for a \$5. materials fee.

June 21 - Paper Plate Basket with Hearts

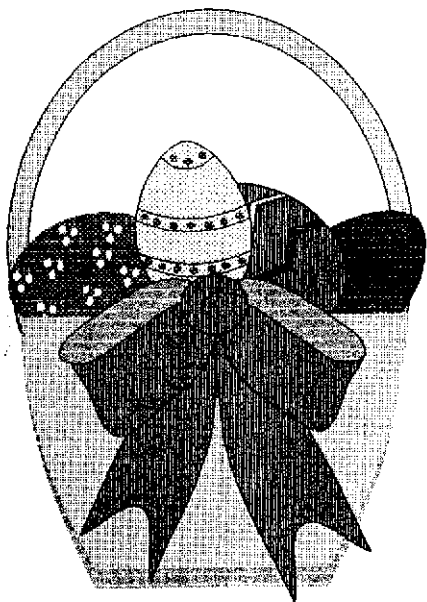
Join "the sisters" (Suzette & Paula) this month for one of their favorite baskets. Just in time for your next picnic, this basket is perfect to hold your paper plates in style with a touch of triple twining surrounded by hearts. You'll need to bring 1/2" flat, 1/4" flat, #3 round, 1/2" flat oval, and about 15 yards of #3 round dyed in the color of your choice.

**All meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month at 1:30 P.M. in the Community Room at the Camp Hill Shopping Mall.
Route 11/15 and 581, Camp Hill, PA**

Program suggestions for upcoming meetings are welcomed and encouraged. This is your guild! If you have a favorite basket, please volunteer to teach it. At the April 19 meeting, we ask you to come with an idea or two for topics at future meetings.

July 19 - Handle Wrapping & Braiding

Wrapping and braiding a handle is a great way to spruce up a basket - even a "plain Jane" market basket can be transformed into something special. And the best part of it is that the techniques involved are really quite easy to master even though they may look complicated to the casual observer. Come to learn some of the basics and you will soon be creating all kinds of great variations. Bring along a wooden handle or two to practice on. Other necessary materials will be provided.



Are antler baskets illegal?

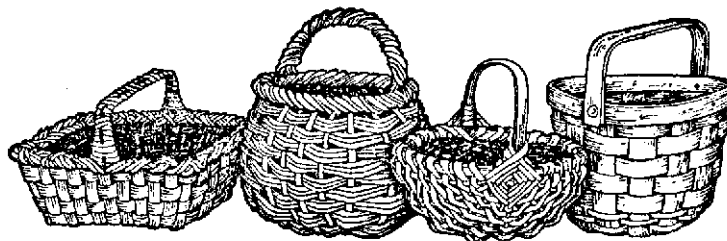
A recent conversation at a guild meeting brought up the issue of selling and ownership of deer antlers in Pennsylvania. In order to clarify what is and is not allowed in Pa with antlers, I talked with a representative of the PA Game Commission and this is what I learned in that conversation.

According to Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Code antlers (any inedible part) of a lawfully taken game animal may be sold by the hunter who took the game within 90 days of the close of the season in which the wildlife was taken.

What effect does this law have on the making and selling of antler baskets?

1. You may buy an antler from a hunter in accordance with the above law.
2. You cannot sell an antler in any form (basket or other) unless you are the hunter as specified above.
3. You may make an antler basket and keep it for yourself or GIVE it to someone.
4. You may use antlers lawfully taken in another state, but you may NOT SELL them no matter where they come from.

If you would like to read the Pennsylvania Code which address this issue and the penalties for violations see 34PaCSA section 2312.



Be sure to stop by the Mechanicsburg Library at 16 Walnut Street during the month of March to check out the Guild's display on the art of basketry.