

January 1999

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKETWEAVERS GUILD

Winter Dreams

One of my favorite pieces of classical music is Tchaikovsky's Symphony No.1; also entitled Winter Dream. It is very much what I would call a "tone poem"; stirring emotions and creating very vivid pictures in the listener's mind. It is probably best listened to on a day such as this one when Mother Nature is busily laying down a mantle of white.

Tchaikovsky began this symphony at the age of 25. My basket weaving career commenced considerably later on in life! And I strongly suspect basket weaving will never be elevated to the status of composing symphonies. But my baskets are my symphonies if you will. And a certain part of me hopes that some of my baskets will be used and enjoyed for many years after I am gone.

I have often been accused of being a perfectionist and I am probably guilty. When I sign my name to a basket I want it to be the best I was capable of at the time I did it. Otherwise what is the point of doing it in the first place? Certainly Tchaikovsky did not compromise his efforts on Winter Dreams. Why should I?

The Central Pennsylvania Basketweavers Guild is 2 years old! Happy birthday to us and special thanks to all of you who have made this happen. You know who you are. We have had a lot of fun, learned much, and most of all found some other kindred spirits with whom to share our passion. May 1999 be another year of great things for us.

Happy Weaving New Year.
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REMINDER

1999 Membership dues should now be sent in. Dues remain at \$15.00; please mail to:

Colleen Skelton
226 Walnut Street
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Upcoming Events

January 17 - Snowy Bird Man
Community Room - Camp Hill Shopping Mall, Route 11/15
Linda Clifton will lead us in weaving Susan Reed-Fanfoni's "Snowy the Bird

Man", a folk art accent. Pattern fee will be \$1.25 for this project. Materials needed are: one 2 1/2" wooden ball knob (for head, drill 16 holes in bottom for #3 RR), #2 RR, #3 RR, and 3/16" flat reed.

Accessories: two twigs

7"- 8" long, black top hat to fit ball head, fabric for scarf, tiny birds, bird house or things to decorate your "Snowy".

Any questions contact:

Linda Clifton
LindaClif@aol.com
(717) 938-4309

February 21 - Whatever Basket

Community Room / Camp Hill Shopping Mall, Route 11/15

This interesting basket uses scraps left over from other projects. Bring scraps of flat and round reed, dyed and plain.

Come prepared to share your materials.

This pattern calls for *** which stands for "whatever is in your scrap basket" so no two baskets will be the same. This basket is small and holds tea bags or crackers, it makes a nice gift to have on hand to fill with many different items.

Bring flat reed scraps in 11/64" to 5/8" and round reed should not be any larger than #3. The stakes measure no more than 20". Valerie Poirier will provide the pattern and guidance.

March 21 - Needlework Basket

*The Country Seat
1013 Old Philly Pike
Kempton, PA*

This will be our first "field trip" as we travel to the Country Seat for an enjoyable afternoon. Details will be discussed at upcoming meetings. For further details contact:

Angie or Donna Longenecker
ctryseat@fast.net
(610) 756-6124

April 18 - Sunday Brunch Basket

*Four Square Gospel Church
116W (Middle Street), Gettysburg
take route 30W off 15S - follow rt
30 to square, go 3/4 of the way
around the square then 1 block to
the right on Middle Street (116W) -
the courthouse is on the corner
where you make the right turn*

Billie Stanford of Gettysburg will introduce us to a double swing-handled basket with a filled base and a napkin which is held into the basket with wooden beads. Valerie Poirier will bring a sample to show to our January meeting.

Please bring the following supplies with you:

1/2" FF (stakes & weavers)

5/8" FF (stakes)

3/4" FF (stakes)

1/4" FF (lasher)

5/8" FO (rim)

#2 Round (twining)

Seagrass

4 pottery or wooden beads

20 x 23 piece of fabric or bandanna

2 10 x 9 Top swing D handles (Billie will purchase the handles in bulk from Country Seat at a cost of about \$3.25)

Please direct your questions and concerns to:

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