

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD

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Issue 8

MEETINGS

1:30 PM

2nd Sunday of
every month

East Shore Library
4501 Ethel Street
Harrisburg, PA

The library is located at the rear of the Colonial Park Mall, near the intersection of RT 83 and RT 22. Please park in the Mall Lot near the rear of the Boscov store. The Meeting is in the Lower level of the Library Bldg.

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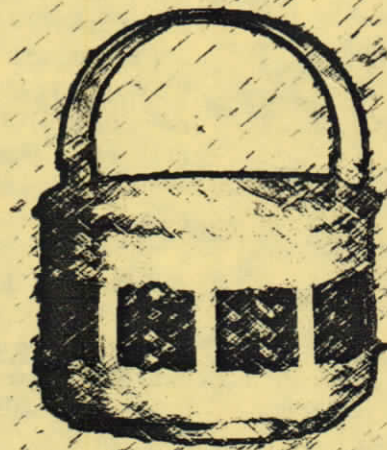
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Presidential Musings.

The holidays are fast approaching. Have you finished all the baskets you want to give as gifts? I haven't, but then I'll never be finished making gift baskets.

I like to give "handmade" gifts as I'm sure most of you do. And I'm sure you have learned as I have to only give handmade gifts to those who will appreciate them. I want them appreciated but I also want them to be put to use - be the gift a quilt or a basket. I would rather see the item worn out from use than from neglect.

A few notes on our last two meetings ----

Those of us that took Debra Hammond's Nantucket class in October were thrilled with the results. We'd like her to do another class! I know I am a little afraid to tackle one on my own.

Sometimes things are frustrating in basket making - especially small items like the ornaments at the November meeting - but done with a group, it is "fun frustration" and well worth the effort.

We have some exciting meetings planned for the coming new year. I hope you will try to be at each one. You never know what you might miss!

We hope to teach you something new or refresh something you already know.

Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED NEW YEAR. Hope to see you in the new millennium!

Billie

Upcoming Programs

JANUARY 9, 1999

WOVEN HEARTS 2 sizes
with DEB ROBERSON

Supplies

Large heart: 1/2" FF or FO, natural and dyed reed and #2 round reed

Small heart: 1/4" FF or FO, natural and dyed reed and #0 round reed

Class cost is \$5.00

FEBRUARY 13, 2000

BIRD HOUSES

with JUNE BLAKE

Supplies

3/8" FF, 1/4" FF, 3/16"FO, #2 round reed

Pattern cost is \$3.00

MARCH 18, 2000

NOTE THAT DAY IS CHANGED
TO SATURDAY

FLYING GEESE

with DONNA LONGENECKER at
THE COUNTRY SEAT

CLASS WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 PM;

SHOPPING MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO
CLASS, THE COUNTRY SEAT CLOSSES
ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

Donna will teach us to make a very unusual colorful round reed basket called "Flying Geese". In order to have time to complete the basket, we must have the base completed before class. Donna can accommodate about 15 students so you must plan ahead in order to attend. Contact June Blake to sign up. 717-737-3794 or Hblake4050@aol.com. She will send you the instructions for the base, a supply list and directions to the Country Seat. There will probably be a car pool from Harrisburg.

EXHIBIT SCHEDULED

Central Pennsylvania Basket Weavers' Guild has been ask to fill the display case at the New Cumberland Public Library for the month of April, 2000. This is an excellent opportunity to allow community members to see our work and tell them about our Guild. Please bring baskets for the display to the March meeting. They will be returned to you at the May meeting. Thanks go to Jeff Shields and Linda Clifton for coordinating the display.

GUILD DUES

Guild dues are for a calendar year, so it is that time again. Your check for \$15 should be made payable to the Central Pennsylvania Basket Weavers' Guild and mailed to our Treasurer Suzette Humer at RR#1, Box 103, Landisburg, PA 17040. Please be prompt as it makes the bookkeeping so much easier and insures that you will not be excluded from any Guild activities.

Weavers' Jewels

When you are taking a basket class, don't ask your neighbor for help-ask the instructor.

Use your finger to rub off pencil marks on your reed while the spokes are still wet and they will come right off.

"Excellence is not a one-time event, it is a way of doing things."
General Colin Powell.

Surf's Up

Angie Longenecker Wagner (a Guild member) has written an article that talks about the history of reed production for baskets. Visit the Country Seat Web page at: www.countryseat.com/basketryreed.htm.

The next time you get an opportunity to wander on the web plan a long stop at Susi Nuss' Basketry page at ABOUT.COM. Susi has many articles of interest to weavers. She also includes links to free patterns, supplies, embellishments and much more. You can start your own web page here and take the opportunity to tell others about your work and learn about theirs. The Basketry page hosts several basket chats per week with one devoted to pine needle basketry so plan to drop in and chat with other weavers. Don't forget to check out the Basketry Daily Page, the calendar of events, drop Susi a note, and subscribe to the newsletter. With all of these things to read and look at you can have a wonderful time learning more about baskets and basket weavers.

Meet a fellow member

NAME Colleen Skelton
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How long have you been weaving? since 1991
What was your first basket? Large market and 12" egg basket
What is your favorite basket? my Nantucket & white oak baskets & my free form baskets (honey suckle, bitter sweet & grape vine)
What is your least favorite? colonial flare.
Which basket creation are you most proud of? my full size adirondack back pack
What is your favorite tool? my small pointed flat awl & Japanese scissors
Where do you like to purchase materials? Deb Hammond's shop and John McGuire catalogue
What is your favorite material to weave with? flat reed
Do you teach basketweaving? If yes, where? yes, occasionally to my neighbor in my kitchen
How far do you travel to guild meetings? 2 hours
What kind of guild meeting do you most enjoy? ones where we are weaving baskets
What technique would you most like to learn? twills, patterns
What technique have you mastered enough to share? any basic basketry
Personal/family information (kids, dogs, etc)? husband Earl, Scooter, black female cat & Mochie, long haired gray male tiger cat
Anything else your would like to share with your fellow weavers ? I have a beautiful family owned lake property on Seneca Lake, NY that I love to retreat to as often as possible to weave baskets & commune with family. I belong to several basket guilds- Deer Creek in Maryland, NJ Basketmakers, Finger Lakes Basket Guild in New York, North Carolina Basket Guild & Michigan Basket Guild