

Central Pennsylvania Basket Weavers Guild

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Words from the Presidents:

Jeff Shields, Past President

The baskets I weave at the guild meetings take on extra significance for me. They are permanent reminders of special times with special people - friends. Both the baskets and bonds of friendship we forge in the guild are made of strong stuff and many will certainly last a lifetime. I treasure them.

I remain optimistic about the future of the guild because I know the people who are the guild. Your talent and enthusiasm is an inspiration I experience anew each time we meet. As good as it has been in the past, surely the best times still lie ahead for the guild. Look for me at the next meeting. I'm the one with a smile on his face.

GUILD MEETINGS

1: 30 PM

2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY
MONTH AT THE EAST
SHORE LIBRARY, 4501
ETHEL ST., 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. Meeting is in lower level of Library building.

Billie Stanford, President

As your new president, I have two things to say. The first is: "How did I get this job and who talked me into it?" The second is "H-E-L-P!!!" The "help" I need is from all of you. This is your guild and most of you have been members longer than I have. I look forward to seeing more of you in the coming year. If you haven't been able to attend for one reason or another, you don't know what you are missing. The fellowship, the hints and tips shared, the new techniques learned, and the time spent with people who share the love of basket weaving is something you can't put a price on. We hope you will be able to attend some of the upcoming meetings, if not all of them! The program committee has set up programs for the next year which are described in this newsletter. I thank them for their work on that. That makes my job a lot easier. If you have something you would like to see as a program, let us know. There is always room for more weaving and learning.

We also want to make a list of internet web sites dealing with basketweaving, patterns, and supplies - send us your favorites. A lot of the sites offer free patterns and we all can use free patterns.

Come join us and learn something new - or teach us some of your tricks of the trade!

Upcoming Programs

AUGUST 8, 1999

Billie Stanford will lead us in weaving an apple basket. It is one you don't want to miss. Please bring the following supplies:

- ¼" flat oval
- ½" flat
- ½" flat oval
- #2 round
- 7mm flat
- ¼" flat (dark green or pastel for bows)
- 3/16" flat oval (lashing)
- seagrass (rim filler)
- 1 8" poke in handle
- 2 ½" to 1" red half apples or buttons for decorating
- 6" round wood base with groove

You can precut

- spokes- 1/2" - 24 @10"
- and bows- ¼" dyed - 12@ 10"

Billie's husband will make the base for a \$4.00 fee. If you want to order one call Billie at 717-334-9427 or email at bstan4d@yahoo.com.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1999

Small wall basket with notched handle. Linda Clifton will lead in making this basket. Size is about 3" x 5". Please bring the following supplies:

- 3/8" FF
- 3/8" FF dyed (about 10')
- 3/16" FO
- seagrass for the rim
- 1 3" bushel basket notched handle*

*to order the handle, for \$1.75, call Linda BEFORE SEPT. 1, (717) 938-4309, or email at LindaClift@aol.com.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS CONTINUED

OCTOBER 9, 1999

**(NOTE CHANGE OF DAY FROM
SUNDAY TO SATURDAY)**

SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM

A Nantucket basket. You will have a choice between a Penny basket and a Coaster holder. These are small but very charming. They are worked in black ash, on a mold, in the traditional way. The price is \$48. We will be working in Deb Hammond's studio, in East Earl, PA.

Supplies to bring:

- pencil
- tape measure
- cutter
- packing tool
- fine sandpaper

Optional: Dremel tool with #69 bit and collet, micrometer, shaving pony and scraper.

Not many people have these things but don't go out and buy them. We will share.

**YOU MUST REGISTER FOR
THIS CLASS BY SENDING \$48
TO DEB HAMMOND AT 614
TURKEY HILL RD, EAST
EARL, PA 17519 BY 9/15/99.**

Directions to Hammond's Baskets

PA Turnpike east to Exit 21. Follow the signs to Rt. 272 North. The second stoplight should be Rt. 897 South. Turn right here, travel 3-4 miles, cross the turnpike and just beyond, turn left onto Lauschtown Road. About 1 mile down the road, at the first stop sign, turn right on Rt. 625 South. About 3 miles, turn left on Center Church Road. About 1/2 mile, take the first left onto Turkey Hill Road. The 2nd driveway on the right is Hammond Baskets. Deb's phone # is (717) 445-4653

TOOL KIT

A typical tool kit will contain:

- sharp cutter and/or scissors
- pencil
- tape measure
- a packing tool
- an awl or tool to open spaces
- a small spray bottle for water
- a bucket or basin for soaking reed
- an old towel
- a weight to hold reed
- clip clothespins and small clips (with smooth ends).

REED MEASUREMENTS

FF is totally flat reed; it comes in inch and/or millimeter sizes (1/4"FF is 1/4" wide, flat reed)

FO is flat on one side, oval or slightly rounded on the other. It comes in inch and/or millimeter sizes.

Round reed is measured as #000-#10, and beyond. Really small round reed is #000. The thickness of flat reed can vary; heavier reed is good for stakes while thinner reed should be set aside for weavers. Quality can vary, depending on where the reed came from and how it was handled. All reed comes from third world countries so it is wise to wash hands very well after working with reed, and never, never put it in your mouth.

THIS & THAT

NEWSLETTER HAS NEW EDITOR

After initiating the Guild newsletter and serving as its editor ever since, Paula Evelhoch is taking a much deserved rest. When you see her be sure to express your appreciation for all the work she has done on our behalf. Linda Clifton is our new editor. Please make suggestions for the newsletter to her. Your help is needed.

PROGRAM LISTING

Included in this issue is a one page listing of the programs for our guild for the year 1999-2000. This listing gives us an easy place to see all the great things happening in our guild. The list is also available for newcomers and others interested in our activities. If you would like some copies to share, see Linda Clifton at a meeting.

INTERNET RESOURCES

The internet is fast becoming THE PLACE to find information about all subjects. Basket weaving is also available there as well.

If you are interested in patterns be sure to stop by Deb Blair's JUST PATTERNS website and take a look at the many she offers free. The address is:

<http://www.justpatterns.com>

**HAPPY SURFING AND
GREAT WEAVING!!!**