

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD

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Issue 7

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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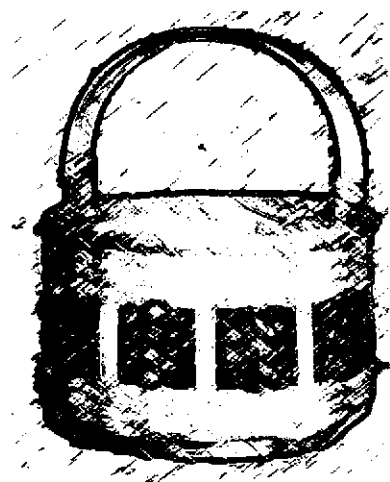
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Presidential Musings.

Friendship & basket weaving - the two seem to go hand in hand.

Dianne and I were friends through exercise classes (not that either one of us really wanted to be there) and through church. She then taught a beginner class in basket weaving at church and I had a new passion. I think the love of weaving brought our friendship closer.

It's great to have a friend you can go shopping with for basket supplies, call when a basket or pattern is driving you nuts and to just sit with and weave while solving the problems of the world.

I hope everyone in the guild feels that they belong to a group of basket weavers that they can call friends. The fellowship at the meetings has been as great and as important as the weaving. Most all of us come from different areas so it has been terrific to meet and get to know people from all areas of the state. It never hurts to enlarge your circle of friends.

We have been enjoying each others company so much that at the August meeting we discussed getting together once in a while for an all day weaving session. Everybody bring a basket to make and share your time, tips, hints and complaints with each other. Maybe on a Saturday, if we can get the room at the library. We would break and all go to the mall for lunch. What do you think? I'd love to hear your feedback.

Hope to see you at one of the meetings!

Upcoming Programs

OCTOBER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 9AM - 5PM

(Note change of day and location)

We will be working in Deb Hammond's studio, in East Earl, PA. on 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.

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 1709 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 Bring a lunch.

Programs *continued*

NOVEMBER

November 14, 1999 at 1:30

Christmas tree ornaments with June Blake.

Supplies:

#0 Round 11/64"FF
3/16"FF 1/4"FF
fine cane 1/16 inch ribbon

DECEMBER

December 12, 1999 at 1:30

Our annual Holiday Party and basket exchange.

Bring some goodies to share and a basket that you have made for the exchange. Invest about \$10 in supplies, weave your favorite, disguise it well with gift wrap and come prepared to have a great time. Who knows what great treasure you might take home.

Weavers' Jewels

Happiness is a long
piece of reed.

The more clothes pins
you use on the first row
the better your basket
will be.

Weaving forever,
housework never!

Surf's Up

One of the earliest pages on the internet which concentrated on baskets and their weavers was Linda Braun's Baskets, etc. Linda developed her page as a place on the net for weavers to make contact with one another and learn about weaving, events, etc. It was on her site that the first contact was made by two Pennsylvania weavers which eventually led to the establishment of our Central Pennsylvania Basket Weavers Guild. It was also on this site that the first announcement was made of the guild's formation and plans for 1997. Linda's site is still growing and is a great location to visit and learn about the happenings in the basket world and the lives of basketweavers worldwide. Make a visit to Baskets, Etc at: <http://www.bright.net/~basketc/> Enjoy all the news and drop Linda a Thank You note for taking the time to enhance the lives of basketweavers.

Meet a fellow member

NAME Paula Evelhoch
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How long have you been weaving?

What was your first basket?
What is your favorite basket?

What is your least favorite?
Which basket creation are you most proud of?

What is your favorite tool?
Where do you like to purchase materials?
What is your favorite material to weave with?

Do you teach basketweaving? If yes, where?

How far do you travel to guild meetings?
What kind of guild meeting do you most enjoy?

What technique would you most like to learn?
What technique have you mastered enough to share?

Personal/family information (kids, dogs, etc)?
(Editor's note: information gathered a year ago)

Anything else you would like to share
with your fellow weavers

I wove my first basket about 15 years ago but did not start weaving on a regular basis until 1993
Cracker basket
I have several favorites, it would be difficult to choose just one
Granny's purse, bean pot, tote, paper plate, etc, etc
I absolutely hate making rib baskets.
The heart basket was my biggest challenge due to it's size-now I find it a breeze. Practice, Practice, Practice.
I could not live without my awl
C&D Baskets in Maine and occasionally Country Seat
Most of my baskets are basically flat reed accented by color and occasionally round reed and seagrass.
I have spoken on the history of baskets and weaving at Silver Spring Elementary School (5th graders studying colonial period), an art class at Bloomsburg University and a women's fellowship group
About 8 miles
I enjoy learning new baskets from other members and especially our meeting with Mr. Zink
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Basic weaving decorated with round reed hearts, flat reed curls or bows and braided rims
I have 2 children, Fawn a senior at Bloomsburg University and Zebulina a freshman at California University of PA. I also have two cats, Jessie and Gizmo. I have been married to my husband, Frank, for 27 years
The basketweaver's guild has enhanced my life more than words can say. Not only have I made new friends but I have gained so much new knowledge and learned so many new and exciting things