

## **CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKETWEAVER'S GUILD NEWSLETTER**

### **Presidential Musings**

The year 2000 has flown by. I hope everyone had his or her holiday gifts woven on time. It was close but I finally managed.

Our last meetings have been great successes. A few hardy souls braved the fall chill for the dye party and were rewarded with a myriad of beautiful colors. We had lots of fun, enough fun to plan another dye party in May. You won't want to miss it! November was our first all day meeting. Two great baskets were woven. It was a real treat to weave a larger basket to completion. In December we wove a really cute small basket. Great for quick last minute gifts!

As I write this, the weathermen are full of talk of snow. I can't think of a better weekend than being snowed in with plenty of weaving supplies!!

I wish everyone a healthy and very happy new year! Come and join us for weaving fun.

*Carol MacNeil*

### **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.

**NATIONAL BASKETRY ORGANIZATION** A National Basketry Organization has been formed with the purpose of "Promoting education in the art, skill, heritage and appreciation of traditional and contemporary basketry". Information about the organization and how to join is available on their web page [WWW.NATIONALBASKETRY.ORG](http://WWW.NATIONALBASKETRY.ORG) or by writing: National Basketry Organization, Inc .P.O. Box 681 Mercer, WI 54547715-476-0294

But frankly, I'm experiencing burnout and plan to soon relinquish most of the "reigns of power" (hah!) I might be perceived to have. This is for the good of the Guild as well as me. With new people in responsible positions comes fresh ideas and rejuvenation. So I'm just waiting (not so patiently) for a few volunteers to step forward and share the wealth. I know you're out there! Please identify yourself. Your destiny awaits and your Guild applauds you. And I promise you it's (practically) painless!

*Jeff Shields*

*Editor's notes: Jeff has verbalized my feelings much better than I could, so I will just add a hearty AMEN. Come forward folks and add to the organization, we will all reap the reward but you will gain the most as a result of your efforts.*

*Linda Clifton*

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### JANUARY 14 - PUFFY ASH HEART. JANUARY BLUES PARTY & BASKET EXCHANGE.

We're having our annual basket exchange this month! Please gift-wrap your basket. (Note: You don't have to participate in the basket exchange to attend the meeting but you'll be missing out on some great fun).

Also bring along a snack to share with everyone.

Suzette Humer will be our weaving leader this month. She says to bring a large supply of metal or plastic clothes pins for this project (wooden ones will stick).

Materials for Puffy Ash Heart (Pattern cost is \$.90 and materials cost is .50 for the 4" heart and .80 for the 6" heart) OR

- 1/2" ash - 8 strips @ 14" for each heart OR
- 1/4" ash - 10 strips @ 12" for each heart
  
- 1/8" and 1/4" wide ribbon for bows
- craft glue

### FEBRUARY 11 - GARDENING TOOL BASKET Note Location Change

**LOCATION:** Gettysburg Foursquare Church, 330 West Middle St., Gettysburg. The parking lot is in the back. Billie Stanford will bring maps to the church to the January meeting. If you need further directions call Billie at: 717-334-9427.

This is a beautiful pattern found in Lyn Siler's book "Handmade Baskets". Anyone who has a copy of the book is requested to bring it to the meeting (no Xerox's please, that is illegal). We will share the books as needed. Carol MacNeil will be the leader.

Materials needed:

- 14"w x 10"h D handle.
- 3/4" flat reed (stakes).
- 1/2" flat (weavers and base fillers).  
Dye weavers color of your choice.
- 3/8" flat (divider).
- 1/2" flat oval (rim).
- #2 or #3 seagrass (rim filler).
- 3/16" flat (lashing).

MARCH (SATURDAY) - DOLL CHAIR WITH SEAGRASS WOVEN SEAT.

Meeting will be held at The Country Seat near Kempton, Pennsylvania. Complete details will be forthcoming. Check the Guild website or give Jeff Shields a call at 717-774-3508 in late February for details.

**MEETINGS—1:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**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 near the rear of the Boscov store. The meeting is in the Lower Level of the Library Building.*

**Guild Web page:    <http://basketry.homestead.com>**

Editors note: I apologize for the lateness of this newsletter and for the change in format.

Linda