

# CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS' GUILD

The Guild was formed in 1997 to "perpetuate the art of basketry; stimulate public appreciation, knowledge of and interest in basketry; and emphasize the importance of basketry as a heritage craft". This group provides a forum to learn and share knowledge of basketry on a monthly basis.

## 1999-2000 PROGRAMS

- ☺ JULY..... Open weave
- ☺ AUGUST..... Apple basket with solid wood base with Billie Stanford
- ☺ SEPTEMBER..... Small wall basket with notched handle with Linda Clifton
- ☺ OCTOBER..... Nantucket basket with Debra Hammond -  
East Earl, PA.
- ☺ NOVEMBER..... Christmas tree ornaments with June Blake
- ☺ DECEMBER..... Christmas party, basket exchange, snowflakes
- ☺ JANUARY..... Woven hearts with Deb Roberson
- ☺ FEBRUARY..... Bird houses with June Blake
- ☺ MARCH..... Round reed basket with Donna Longenecker -  
The Country Seat, Kempton, PA.
- ☺ APRIL..... Peanut basket with Jeff Shields
- ☺ MAY..... Mystery basket with Colleen Skelton
- ☺ JUNE..... Picnic and basket presentations

## MEMBERSHIP

Anyone with an interest in the art of basketry is encouraged to join. Dues are \$15.00 per year and should be sent to: Suzette Humer, RR#1, Box 103, Landisburg, PA 17040. If you are undecided, you are invited to attend a meeting as our guest!

## MEETING INFORMATION

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM 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.



**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS' GUILD  
INFORMATION SHARING SHEET**

NAME  
ADDRESS  
PHONE  
EMAIL

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 basket weaving?

If yes, where?

How far do you travel for 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)?

Anything else you would like to share with your fellow weavers?

**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD  
PROGRAM SCHEDULE  
OCTOBER 2000 - SEPTEMBER 2001**

**OCTOBER 8 - REED DYEING PARTY AT CAROL MACNEIL'S**

**NOVEMBER 4 (SATURDAY) - ALL-DAY WEAVE AT LOWER  
ALLEN PARK RECREATION BARN!**

**DECEMBER 10 - HOLIDAY DELIGHT BASKET**

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

**FEBRUARY 11 - GARDENING TOOLS BASKET**

**MARCH 10 - AT "THE COUNTRY SEAT"**

**APRIL 8 - PLAITED UTENSIL BASKET**

**MAY 13 - GARLIC/ONION/POTATO BASKET**

**JUNE 10 - ANNUAL PICNIC**

**JULY 7 (SATURDAY) - WOOL DRYING BASKET**

**AUGUST 12 - WATERMELON BASKET**

**SEPTEMBER 7-9 (FRIDAY-SUNDAY) - WEEKEND WEAVE**

The guild extends a warm invitation to weavers of all abilities to come join us! Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the East Shore Library in suburban Harrisburg. Please visit our website at [basketry.homestead.com](http://basketry.homestead.com) or contact Suzette Humer, RR #1, Box 103, Landisburg, PA 17040-9706 for complete information.

# CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVER'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

The president has been so busy that her muse has not been able to catch up with her -- and neither have I!

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

It is already time for some updates to the membership list provided in the last newsletter!

**Welcome to these returning or new members:**

H. Gail Roush-Buck  
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Debra Oxenford  
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Dillsburg, PA 17019  
(717) 432-8500

Mary Hancock  
1521 W. Front Street  
Berwick, PA 18603  
(570) 759-3769

Linda Phoenix  
1923 Whitehall Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17103  
(717) 233-2355  
[phoenixlinda@msn.com](mailto:phoenixlinda@msn.com)

Please add these e-mail addresses to your membership list:

Maryann Gross      [maryann@blazenet.net](mailto:maryann@blazenet.net)  
Suzette Humer      [basketsandgoodies@pa.net](mailto:basketsandgoodies@pa.net)

Please update these e-mail addresses on your membership list:

Perl Fleegle      [cfleegle@blazenet.net](mailto:cfleegle@blazenet.net)  
Jan Montgomery      [jmontgomery@pa.net](mailto:jmontgomery@pa.net)

For updates or additions to the membership list please contact Suzette Humer at (717) 789-4596 or [basketsandgoodies@pa.net](mailto:basketsandgoodies@pa.net)

## **2001 A WEAVING ODYSSEY**

Central Pennsylvania's first weekend weaving event is fast approaching. Mark the dates of September 7, 8, & 9, 2001. **And...you still have time to register for this wonderful event!** We have 4 great teachers, Gail Hutchinson, Anne Bowers, Patti Hawkins and Betty Kourkounakis, bringing us 12 wonderful baskets to weave. Photos of the baskets are on the Guild web page and program brochures were mailed out. Look and see how you can make this one of the best weekend events in the country.

## **SHOW 'N TELL AT THE WEAVING ODYSSEY**

During the weekend weaving odyssey in September, we plan to set up a display area to highlight some special baskets. If you have a special basket you are particularly proud of and would like to share with others, this is a great opportunity. This could be a basket you wove, you received as a gift, an antique in your collection, some special or unusual technique...any creation you would like to share with others. If you are interested in participating in this Show 'N Tell area, please call Deb Roberson at (717) 755-8185 as soon as possible so we can plan for the necessary space to create an attractive display.

## **WEAVING ODYSSEY SHIRTS**

To commemorate the 2001- A Weaving Odyssey event the Weaver's Guild is selling long sleeve shirts. The shirts are natural in color with a brown logo of:

2001-A Weaving Odyssey  
Central PA BWG

The shirts will cost \$15.00 each and orders will be taken at the Weaving Odyssey or can be given to a board member.

## **CODORUS STATE PARK WEAVING DEMONSTRATION**

Jeff Shields, Suzette Humer, and Jan Montgomery represented the guild on May 12 at the "2001 Earth Fest Celebration" which took place at Codorus State Park in Hanover, PA. Interested members of the public stopped by the booth to learn about basket weaving, watch a demonstration of the art and obtain guild information. There was a display of baskets woven by Suzette and Jeff which covered a wide range of styles and techniques. Suzette brought some of her "Baskets and Goodies" baskets to sell. Although the weather could have been more cooperative, the area was lovely – under the trees overlooking Lake Marlboro. There were a variety of educational displays by various emergency groups and wildlife groups. Of course, the most visited area was the sheltie pen that happened to be set up next to the basket weaving area. The shelties were so popular they drew a number of young visitors to the Basket Weaver's Guild display.

## ANNUAL PICNIC & DYEING PARTY

A wonderful time was had by all participants. Carol's lawn looked like a rainbow had shattered and scattered shards in various hues all over the green of the grass. There was the buzz of conversation with tips and tricks being swapped back and forth among the dyers with ohhs! and ahhs! as reeds were fished from the vats. And who would have thought that taupe dye would yield such a lovely smoky color? Many thanks to Carol for graciously opening her home and yard to the Guild for the day.

## ELECTIONS

Election results are as follows:

President – Carol MacNeil  
Vice-President/treasurer – Suzette Humer  
Secretary – Dianne Pearce

Board positions filled:

Program Chairman – Marilyn Julius  
Newsletter Editor – Jan Montgomery  
Member-at-Large – June Blake

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Wool Drying Basket

**This meeting will be held in the Gravel Hill United Methodist Church, Palmyra, PA.** Pattern is in Lyn Siler's "The Basket Book". *Please, no photocopies!* We'll share.

Materials needed:

5/8" Flat Reed (stakes and weavers)  
5/8" Flat Oval Reed (rim)  
#6 or #7 Round Reed (rim filler)  
4- medium basket feet (optional)  
2-10" Bushel Basket Handles

Cut stakes from 5/8" Flat Reed – 34 @ 34" long. The cost of the 2 handles needed for each basket will be \$6.25 and will be available for purchase at the meeting. The feet can be put on later and will not be available for purchase at the meeting but can be obtained from The Country Seat.

### Directions to church:

US 422 through Hershey to the square in Palmyra (get in the left lane after you pass a Turkey Hill and Cinderella Bridal Shop) and turn left onto North Railroad Street and continue over railroad tracks and up a hill past a cemetery and the church is on your left. Main entrance is under the portico around the back of the church. Enter the lobby and walk straight ahead, turn left at the ramp and walk up to the elevator, enter and ride to the basement. The door opens only to Fellowship Hall where we will be meeting.

**OR**

From Interstate 81, take exit 28 at Grantville onto 743 South less than a mile; turn left onto Route 22 East for about a mile (third right where little sign says Palymra 6 miles) turn right onto Gravel Hill Road and continue on the curvy road until you come to a big white church on the right (you will pass Bindnagles Church on your right before Gravel Hill Church).

August 12<sup>th</sup>, Watermelon Basket

September 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, Weekend Weave - 2001 A Weaving Odyssey

**MEETINGS:**

**1:30 - 4:30 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
(unless otherwise noted)

**East Shore Library, 4501 Ethel St., Harrisburg, PA**

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

**OFFICERS**

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