

# CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKETWEAVER'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

## Presidential Musings

Spring is in the air and the snowdrops are blooming in my yard! My thoughts turn to pastel colors and what baskets will I weave them into?

The WITF auction is rapidly approaching. The baskets donated by members are truly beautiful!! We have so much talent, diversity and generosity in our guild. But we all know what wonderful people basketweavers are!

The plans for 2001: A Weaving Odyssey are coming together nicely and things are falling into place. Get your registrations in early so you'll be sure to get your first choice of classes. Volunteers are welcomed and are much needed. Volunteer early to get the best jobs!

It's time to start planning for next year. Think about nominations or nominate yourself for a board position. Also, program ideas are always needed, as are people to lead them.

So join in the fun and come weave with us!

*Carol MacNeil*

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

Along with this newsletter, you will find the most recent membership list for our guild. Throw out all the other ones!! Put this one in a safe place, as it will be the only one you receive until next year! Any additions, corrections, etc. will be included in future newsletters and you can then update your copy. Speaking of additions, we have one already!

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If you have a correction to the information on the membership list, please contact Suzette Humer at (717)789-4596 or at one of our meetings. We need phone numbers for some of you!!

## **2001 A WEAVING ODYSSEY**

Central Pennsylvania's first weekend weaving event is fast approaching. Mark the dates of September 7, 8, & 9, 2001. You won't want to miss it. We have 4 great teachers, Gail Hutchinson, Anne Bowers, Patti Hawkins and Betty Kourkounakis, bringing us 12 wonderful basket 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. Please get your registrations in soon!

## **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.

## **WITF**

The annual WITF fund raising auction will be televised April 20-22, 2001. Our very generous guild members have donated absolutely wonderful baskets for this event!! As soon as we are informed of our time slot, we will get the word out so everyone can watch as our president, Carol MacNeil, becomes a celebrity!

From Thursday, March 29 till Sunday, April 1, there is a Preview Exhibit at Founders Hall, Milton Hershey, Hershey for anyone interested in viewing not only our baskets but also other donated works by area artists and craftspeople.

Each year there are two limited edition items made and sold along with this auction, one for crafts and one for arts. Our own member, Deb Roberson, has had the honor of being chosen to weave the limited edition basket for the crafts this year.

## **NOMINATIONS**

As Carol mentioned, nominations for officers for the upcoming year will take place at our May meeting. Please start to consider who you think would best serve in these positions or maybe you are interested in holding an office. We like to have at least two nominations for the following offices: president, vice-president/treasurer, and secretary. Board positions to be filled are: program chairman, newsletter editor and a member-at-large.

## **THE BASKET SUPPLY CALCULATOR**

[www.basketmakerscatalog.com](http://www.basketmakerscatalog.com) announces The Basket Supply Calculator. Now you can calculate the supplies needed for your baskets online 24 hour a day. Try it at this web site.

## **OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE THE GUILD**

Demonstrate and sell at Codorus State Park (Hanover, PA), Band Shell Area at Lake Marlboro on Saturday, May 12, 2001 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. This is co-sponsored by WGTY Radio. There will be about 50 exhibitors (all demonstrating) along with Native American and Civil War Encampments. There is no charge for this event.

This is a great opportunity for the guild to get noticed! We would need someone to be our contact person and also would need canopies as it is outside, rain or shine!

If you are interested in participating as a guild at this event, or can help in any way, please let Carol MacNeil (717-240-1276) or Suzette Humer (717-789-4596) know at our meeting at Country Seat on March 24, or with a phone call by that date.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**MARCH 24, Saturday at Country Seat** - you must have pre-registered for this special meeting

### APRIL 8 – PLAITED UTENSIL BASKET

This pattern is in Lyn Siler's "The Basket Book". Anyone who has a copy of the book is asked to bring it to the meeting (no Xeroxes please, that is illegal). We will share the books as needed. Suzette Humer will lead.

Materials needed:

- 1/2" flat
- #1 round (twine base)
- #5 or #6 round (rim filler)
- 11/64" flat (lashing)

Using 1/2" flat, cut 20 pieces 33" long. Four of these can be from dyed reed if you want. Suzette will have #1 round, #5 or #6 round, and 11/64" flat if you do not have those sizes.

### MAY 13 – GARLIC/ONION/POTATO BASKET

This is one style of basket in three different sizes, depending on your need. Jean Fisher will be our leader. Smoked reed makes a nice basket but is not necessary.

Materials needed are #3 and #5 round reed.

### JUNE 9, SATURDAY – ANNUAL PICNIC & DYEING PARTY

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!** We will begin our picnic at 11:30 am at the home of Carol MacNeil. The guild will supply the meat, drinks, and paper products. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share.

After a short business meeting in which the results of our election of officers will be announced, and ideas for the upcoming year are discussed, we will once again try our hands at dyeing reed! I guess we better wear our old clothes to this picnic!

Bring plenty of reed in a variety of sizes. The guild will provide various colors of RIT dye, but feel free to bring other kinds or something special you might want to share.

If you can bring a kettle you use for reed dyeing, it will be appreciated.

Directions to Carol's: From the Turnpike Exit 16, follow Route 11 south into Carlisle. Turn right onto Cavalry St. at the 3<sup>rd</sup> light. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right – this is Harriet Street (although the street sign is hidden in a tree). It's just a short distance from the light and looks like a driveway – easy to miss. It's a white house, the first house on the left with a US flag and an Army flag (with a big A).  
Carol's # is 717-240-1276 if you need more information.

**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>**

**OFFICERS**

**President: Carol MacNeil**  
**VP/Treasurer: Suzette Humer**  
**Secretary: Dianne Pearce**  
**Program Chair: Jeff Shields**  
**Newsletter Editor: Linda Clifton**

**Substitute Editor's note: I sure hope I covered everything and the information is correct! Hurry back, Linda! We need someone who knows what to do!!**

*Suzette*