

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVER'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

Linda and I had a great time at Guilder's Weave in Newport News, VA. Everything in one place was fantastic! Once we got there we didn't have to leave til we went home. The hotel restaurant had great food--especially the breakfast buffet. And it was fast--important for those 8am classes. The lunches included in the registration fee were excellent even for a discriminating eater. Saturday evening's banquet was lots of fun--all received a door prize. Many beautiful baskets were exchanged for the basket swap. Linda took home the one I made. All present took plenty of chances on the raffle--a large and very gorgeous Nantucket woven and donated by Billie Dorris of the Tidewater Guild. Even though I was sure that I had the winning ticket, the basket went home with someone else.

The classes were terrific and for all levels. My favorite memory is from my Saturday class, the Cloverleaf Twill Bowl. Sitting next to me was a lovely 82 year old lady. She made me laugh as she talked about the retirement community where she lives and the "old ladies" that she teaches weaving to.

Those that took advantage of the masseuse loved it! I had a very good time at the marketplace and naturally did some serious damage to the checkbook.

It was a fabulous weekend and I only had one complaint. All the meals were buffet and there were no trays! I just can't carry that much food at one time! I can't wait 'til next year's weekend!

Keep an eye on your mailbox. In the next few weeks you should be getting copies of the proposed bylaw changes. There will be a ballot included. Be sure and get it mailed back by the deadline. Remember Bush and Gore--all votes do count!

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Enclosed is with this newsletter is your new membership list for 2002!

Please check your information carefully (address, phone, email) and let Suzette Humer (at (717)789-4596 or basketsandgoodies@pa.net) know if there are any mistakes!! Keep this list in a safe place as you will not receive another one until next year! Updates and new members will be included in each newsletter for you to add to your list.

2002 A WEAVING ODYSSEY

Mark your calendars, save your money, watch your mailbox and try to contain your excitement!!! Brochures for 2002 A Weaving Odyssey (September 13, 14 & 15, 2002) will be in your hands soon. All of the information is available on the guild website now. There will also be 9 slots for guild members to act as "Angels" for a day and obtain a reduced registration for the other two days of the event. This year meals will be offered separately so you may choose to purchase, brown bag or find nearby fast food. You will have your choice of classes with 5 excellent teachers each day. The hardest part will be your inability to take every class. So get ready for an unsurpassed weekend of basketry.

Door Prizes and Goodie Bags: We are still looking for donations for door prizes and goodie bags for "2002 A Weaving Odyssey". Items can be given to Suzette Humer. Contact her at (717)789-4596 or basketsandgoodies@pa.net if you need more information. Please check your local businesses to see if they are willing to donate anything. Suzette has letters you can take into businesses.

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Any member who requires reimbursement for guild related expenses must obtain a form from the treasurer (Suzette Humer, (717)789-4596 or basketsandgoodies@pa.net). The form must be complete, receipts attached, and returned to the treasurer before reimbursement can take place.

BYLAW CHANGES

Members will receive a copy of the bylaws with the proposed changes noted and a ballot in the near future. Please review the changes and return the ballots promptly – let your voice be heard and your wishes be known.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 14th, Beadazzled

Materials: Spokes - 3/8 flat - cut 40 @ 12"
Weavers - 11/64 flat oval
Rim - 1/4 flat, 1/2 half round or flat oval, waxed linen, seagrass
Bead embellishments - cube or triangle beads, about 4-5 mm,
waxed linen, tapestry needle
Base - 8" wooden slotted

We will have beads available for a small cost of approximately \$1.50. I'm told that waxed linen thread is available at ACMoore and Wal-Mart - probably in their bead departments. If you need a base (approximately \$4) or have any questions call (717-334-9427) or e-mail (bstan4d@yahoo.com) Billie Stanford by April 1.

May 12th, Fourth of July Wall Basket, This meeting will not take place at the Library **Please watch the web site for the announcement of location.**

Pattern is available at www.basketclass.com under free patterns.

Materials: Spokes - 3/8 flat - cut 17 @ 27"
Weavers - 1/4 flat dyed red, 1/4 flat dyed blue, 1/4 flat natural, #2 rnd to twine the base. The pattern calls for flat oval but Maryanne recommends we use flat. It will make it easier to weave.
Rim - 1/2 flat oval (outer), 1/2 flat (inner), 11/64 flat oval (lashing),
seagrass
Handle - 12w x 19h D

If you would like me to order the handle (approximately \$4.50) or have any questions, call (717-334-9427) or e-mail (bstan4d@yahoo.com) Billie Stanford by May 1.

Saturday, June 8th, Dye Party

The dye party will be held at Carol's house again this year. It will start at 11am and the guild will supply food, drink and dye. All anyone needs to bring is reed to be dyed.

Here are the directions to Carol's house. It's easy to get here.

From Rt 81 exit 52. Take right off the ramp on to 11S. After the 3rd light stay on left or you will end up on the turnpike. At the 7th light- take right (approx. 4 miles) This is Cavalry St. Take the 1st right on to Harriet St--it's just a short distance from the light and looks like a driveway. You can read the street sign because all the leaves are off the tree (it's hidden in the summer). We're the first house on the left #1004. Small white with a long driveway.

From the turnpike. Exit 16 on to 11S. Take right at 3rd light on to Cavalry St. Take 1st right in to Harriet (see above) We're the 1st house on the left.

MEETINGS:

1:30 - 4:30 PM 2nd SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
(unless otherwise noted)

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>

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