

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVER'S GUILD NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

Happy January everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

I'm enjoying the first snow of the season (all right, it's just barely a flurry) as I try to write this waiting for some newsletter inspiration to hit me.

January will be full of weaving. January is the annual basket exchange. The baskets last year were just beautiful. Also the baskets for the WITF auction are due from those who are donating this year. It was a lot of fun last year to watch our baskets and the great prices they sold for on TV. Not to mention the riveting TV debut of our president stumbling over her words! (ha ha) Donate a basket and watch for more TV fun this year!

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Welcome to a new member:

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

2002 A WEAVING ODYSSEY

Plans are well under way for our next weekend weaving odyssey. Suzette Humer is looking for donations for the goodie bags to be given to each participant. At this time, we are figuring on needing 60 bags. All bags do not have to have the same contents. You may donate something for each bag or just donate one or several items. If we have

enough "big" items, we will use as door prizes. The items do not necessarily have to be a "basket item". Last year we had small tubes of hand lotion, home-made soap, hard candies, etc. donated. Put on your thinking caps and come up with something. Look around your supplies and see if you have things you don't use and would like to donate - handles, dyed reed, maybe a pattern. Small tablets, pens, pencils, cable ties, sandpaper, Band-Aids, nail files, a votive candle, small pack of tissues are a few things that could go into every bag. 60 bags is a lot - maybe you can get someone to go together with you. Go to the Dollar General Stores and see what you can find! Go to some of your local businesses and see if they would be willing to donate anything (just make sure Suzette receives info on who donated what!). Please get your donations to Suzette as soon as you can so that she knows what size bags she needs to buy or let her know what you plan to donate. Any questions, call Suzette at (717)789-4596 or e-mail at basketsandgoodies@pa.net. Thanks!!

WITF AUCTION

Anyone donating a basket for the WITF auction, please bring them to the January meeting. Also assign them a minimum value, must be at least \$40. Put down any info about the basket i.e. what it's made of, designer, or whatever- anything that you would like said about it during the auction. The preview exhibition is Friday, March 15 through Wednesday, March 20 at Founders Hall, Milton Hershey School. The on air auction is Fri Apr 12 9p-12m, Sat Apr 13 12n-12m and Sun Apr 14 12n-12m.

BOARD MEETING

There will be a Guild board meeting on Saturday the 26th of January at 11 am. The meeting will be held at Carol MacNeil's house and all are invited to attend. Carol has promised to have coffee ready - and I happen to know she cheerfully produces tea upon request.

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.

GUILD LOGO AND NEW NAME FOR THE GUILD

It would be nice to come up with a shorter name (our current name is quite a mouth full) and an appropriate logo. Please put your creativity to work and bring your suggestions to

the February guild meeting. At that time we will consider and discuss all suggestions for a new name and logo and conduct a vote.

GUILD DUES

How quickly the year goes! It is time to submit your annual \$15 dues to the guild treasurer, Suzette Humer. You can give her your dues at the January meeting or send your check made out to the guild to her at: 104 Milltown Road, Landisburg, PA 17040

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 13th, Christmas Party and Basket Exchange

Please bring a snack to share.

Project: Votive Candle Holder

Materials needed:

3/16" Flat Reed

#2 Round Reed

#2 Dyed Reed

Votive Candle Cup

February 10th, St. Patrick's Basket

Jean Foutz and Elaine Longenecker are our teachers for this basket. The base with attached handle costs \$10.55 and the optional shamrock costs \$3.00. Let Jean know if you want a base by the January meeting (jlfoutz@att.net) and let Elaine know if you want a shamrock (longbruc.@att.net).

Materials needed:

You will need an oval base with attached handle.

1/2" Flat Reed - 26 spokes 9" long

#2 or #3 (your preference) for four rows of twine.

The major part of the basket is chase woven with 3/16" flat and #3 dyed round reed (some green will be available at the meeting).

Rim is 3/8" flat oval, seagrass and 3/16" flat lasher.

