

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD

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NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Happy Holidays!

2006 GUILD BOARD MEMBERS

By unanimous vote, the current guild board officers will continue to serve in 2006:

Dianne Pearce – President
Billie Stanford – Vice president / secretary
Treasurer – Susan Snively

Other positions were selected at the November meeting:

Nominating committee- Jean Foutz
Program Chair - Anne Kelly
Librarian - Joyce Stitely
Newsletter Editor - Donna Kumpf
Members at Large - Carol MacNeil, Suzette Humer, and Jeff Shields

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Volunteers Needed!

Please contact Program Chair Anne Kelly as soon as possible to be included on the program committee. The committee will meet to plan Guild programs for the upcoming year. Anne's email address is kellybaskets@adelphia.net

2005 A Weaving Odyssey Success!

This year's Odyssey was another success! The variety of baskets was astounding – from delicate beaded baskets to sturdy hand-hewn oak baskets and many others in between, all were gorgeous. We had no hurricanes to deal with this year (please see Laura Lee Zanger's poem on page 3). The meals were disappointing, and the Odyssey committee apologizes for that, and would like to assure attendees that next year's Odyssey will have definite improvements in that area! Feedback from attendees indicated that (other than the meals), most attendees were happy with their baskets and instructors. Hope to see you all next year!

**JANUARY 2006 GUILD
PARTY / SWAP / BASKET WEAVING**

January 21, 2006 9:00 to 5:00
Gravel Hill U.M.C., Palmyra, PA
Grandma & Me Totes
Instructor: Dianne Pearce

We will have our annual post-holidays party. The Guild will provide lunch.

We also will have our basket swap, for those wishing to participate. Please bring your basket gift-wrapped and include your name on the inside!

Please contact Dianne by January 6 so we know how many will be attending this meeting, to aid us in planning lunch as well as letting Diane know how many patterns to bring. Her email is rdpearce@cvn.net or phone her at 717-337-1646.

Dianne will be instructing two totes.
Supplies are as follows:

Grandma Tote - 14" x 7" x 13" high

2 -4" spread bushel basket handles
5/8" FF (stakes & weavers) Stakes, cut 10 @ 40"
7mm FO (stakes) Cut 10 @ 40"
3/8" FF (weavers)
1/2" FF (weavers & fillers) Fillers- cut 6 @ 26"
#3 RR (weavers/rim stakes) Rim stakes cut 40 @ 40"
1/4" FF (weavers)
Dye: 1/2" FF color/s of your choice, enough for 5 rows

Me Tote- 12" x 5" x 10" high

2 -3" spread bushel basket handles
3/8" FF (stakes/fillers/weavers) Cut 10 @ 24" and 6 @ 16"
1/4" FO (stakes) Cut 10 @ 24"
1/4" FF (weavers)
#2 RR (weavers/rim stakes) Cut 40 @ 34"
11/64" FF weavers
Dye: 1/4" FF color/s of your choice, enough for 5 rows
Option- can use walnut & cherry wood strips instead of dyed reed.
Dianne Pearce will supply the patterns.

FEBRUARY GUILD MEETING

February 12, 2006
1:30-4:30

Dauphin County East Shore Library
Harrisburg, PA
Pine needles, part 2 / Open Weave

We will have June Blake as instructor to continue instruction for pine needle baskets. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON WEAVING PINE NEEDLE BASKETS, you must email Jeff Shields so that June knows how many to plan for. ALSO, be sure to prep your pine needles a day before. See page 3 of this newsletter for a review of how to do this.

It is also an Open Weave if you've already woven your pine needle baskets, or desire to work on something else!

MARCH 2006 GUILD MEETING

March 12, 2006
1:30-4:30

Star of David Basket
Instructor: Bob Broome

1/4" flat reed: Cut 9 spokes, 24" long. Dye a favorite color.

#2 round reed : One piece at least 6 feet in length. Dye same color as the 9 spokes.

The following can be dyed a walnut color or left natural:

1/4" flat reed: Cut 12 spokes, 24" long.

1/4" flat reed: 50 feet for weaving sides.

#2 round reed: 18 to 22 feet for false rim.

1/2" flat oval : One piece for the outside rim, at least 38" long.

1/2" flat oval : One piece for the inside rim, at least 36" long

1/4" flat reed: One piece for lashing, about 8 feet.

Sea grass: One piece for rim filler , 36" long.

Other helpful items: 8 clothespins, shaver to shape the end of the rims, Spoke weight, and your usual weaving tools. A supply of extra reed will be available if needed.

Spring Fever Weekend **Weaving Retreat**

There are still a few available spaces for the weekend weaving retreat to be held April 21-23, 2006 at Camp Hebron near Halifax, PA. If you are interested, please register as soon as possible to make sure there is still room. Registration information may be downloaded from the Guild website at <http://basketry.homestead.com> and clicking on the "Weekend Retreat" button. If you need the information sent to you, contact Jeff Shields at 717-774-3508.

PINE NEEDLE PREPARATION:

Prior to the meeting the lumpy growth ends of the needle clusters must be removed, either by scraping with a scissors blade or by cutting off (June recommends cutting these off). The needles must be soaked flat in boiling water for 30 minutes, and then kept damp in plastic bags wrapped in a towel. Don't keep them damp for more than a day or two or they will be mildewed. Dry them and start over.

NANTUCKET WEAVING CRUISE

Carnival Cruise Lines will host Joni Dee Ross to teach 2 Nantucket Baskets during a 7 day cruise. The Cruise on Carnival's ship "Triumph" departs August 26, 2006 from Miami, and is a 7 day cruise with ports of call including San Juan, St. Thomas/St. John and St. Maarten. For information, contact Sonny Duplantis at holidaytravel@cox.net.

PENNSYLVANIA WE COME TO SEE

By Laura Lee Zanger
September 12, 2005

Pennsylvania we come to see
Basket weaving at Odyssey.

Each year we come, we come from home,
But we never really come alone.

In 2003 the wind and rain
Of Isabel, her wrath not tame,

Our power gone, she ran us out
Of motel and church. What's that about?

Our generator, at home you see,
Steve said, "I wished I brought it with me.

Next year, perhaps, we'll bring it along
So we won't sing The Power's Out Song."

In 2004 came Ivan's wrath.
Flooding made us find a new path.

Each day of Odyssey brought fear.
Do we cross the creek here, here or here?

The generator weighs us down.
If the bridge should break I fear we'll drown.

So 2005 we came prepared
Wondering if Ophelia would run us scared.

Will she stay offshore or come inland?
Will 2005 Odyssey go on as planned?

We have faith in y'all, your talents proven,
But hurricanes just keep us movin'.

We're prepared this year, unlike the rest.
Steve's up to the challenge. Will he pass the test?

[Here we enjoyed Steve Zanger modeling the latest
Odyssey fashions. They are a must for all fashion
conscious weavers coming to Pennsylvania in
September].

DIRECTIONS:

DAUPHIN COUNTY

East Shore Library

Harrisburg, PA

Take **Interstate 83** North to Colonial Park exit. The library is located at the rear of the Colonial Park Mall, near the intersection of Rt. 83 and Rt. 22. The meeting is in the Lower Level of the Library. Please park in the Mall lot near the rear of the Boscov's store.

GRAVEL HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PALMYRA, PA

From I-81: Take Exit 80, south to Route 22 (about 1 mile). Turn left (east) onto Route 22, proceed approximately 1 mile to Gravel Hill Road. (Green sign says 'Palmyra 6 miles'). Turn right (south) onto Gravel Hill Road and follow for 4.5 miles to white church on right.

From Route 422: Go to the "square" in Palmyra, turn north onto N. Railroad Street, continue approximately 1 ½ mile to white church on left.

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