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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Guild meeting dates and times are included in each newsletter. Please send any weaving tips, articles, websites – *anything* you would like to share – to:

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The deadline for the next newsletter will be Sept. 1.

Basket Weavings 101

By Jeff Shields, Guild President

Closing & Opening Doors

Yours truly has recently undergone a major life change – in early June I retired from the Federal government after 32 years. That fact doesn't have one whit to do with basket weaving and the Guild of course. But hey, I'm the president and this is my column and I can write anything I want here! Sorry about that outburst...

I have no intention of ever "retiring" from our Guild. It's hard to think of life without it and I know many of you feel just as strongly. The friendships we've made and the experiences we've had are a cherished part of our lives.

Conversely, will the Guild always be there for us? Stating the obvious: the Guild is the sum of its members. Perched squarely on my soapbox now. Guild meetings do not just magically happen. Keeping the Guild alive and well takes considerable time and effort on the part of volunteer members. Unfortunately, time and again, the same small group of people has to do the lion's share of the Guild work. These people are not power hungry. They simply care so much about the Guild they'll take on whatever needs doing to insure we continue to thrive. But nothing would make them happier than for "new blood" to step forward and pitch in. So take the hint and please do your part to keep the Guild moving onward and upward. End of sales pitch.

And now in my new life I'm really looking forward to my one and only full time job as Guild president. And being able to spend a whole lot more time weaving.

Jeff

PROGRAMS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS

As Program Chair for CPBWG, I am endeavoring to provide you with informative, interesting and entertaining monthly projects. As I am a fairly new member, I do not know all of you well enough to know your areas of expertise and what you can contribute to the programs. I have been most fortunate so far with members volunteering their services. Sometimes I have had someone who is willing to teach or lead the group with a project and then had to search for a site. So you see, I am looking for more than just instructors. If you know of a place that we can spread our reed, have a basket that you have successfully woven, or even, just a suggestion for a monthly project let me know about it.

While I personally teach beginning and intermediate levels in basket weaving, I am, by no means, an expert. I led members of this group last year in a basket weaving project and it was the easiest "class" I have ever "taught"! I am sure most of my "students" that day knew far more about basket weaving than I did. I ordered handles and patterns and reviewed "three-rod-waling" with a few people and then, literally, sat back and watched some of the loveliest baskets taking shape. Talk about a "piece of cake"!!! All of my classes should be so easy!

As you view the Programs for the coming year in the newsletter, see if you can change some of those "To be Announced" months. Remember, any Guild is only as good as the members choose to make it. The entire Guild will be grateful for your participation.

Linda Moore,
Programs Committee

Upcoming Programs

**Saturday, July 10, 2004 AND
Saturday, October 16, 2004**
Gayle Mosier – 8-inch Nantucket Basket
When: 9:00 to 4:00 both dates
Where: J.C. Ehrlich Office,
4565 West Market St. (Rt.30)
York, PA [see directions pg. 3]

Gayle Mosier has graciously offered to teach an **8-inch Nantucket Basket** Class to Guild members. Gayle, a new Guild member, resides in Thurmont, MD. She has been weaving Nantucket baskets for 7 years and teaching others to do so for the past 3 years.

Gayle will provide all materials, including staves, bone knobs, cherry base and handle, cane, pins, molds and plug. The **cost for the kit is \$40.00** and includes an oak half-round rim and mold rental from July to October. Anyone interested in **purchasing** the hollow bowl **mold** may do so for an additional **\$5.00**. Gayle will also offer a **matching cherry rim** for your basket for **\$5.00** and will bring samples of both oak and cherry to the first class for you to decide.

The **cost for the instruction** for both classes is **\$10.00**.

Each student is asked to **bring a vise** to clamp onto the table to hold your mold.

=====REGISTER BY JUNE 25th=====

To register, contact **Linda Moore** at 717-632-2314 (you may leave a message) or send her an email at mygrandy@hotmail.com.

Special thanks to **Linda Moore's** husband, who is kindly allowing us to use the office for this class!



SUNDAY, August 8, 2004

WHERE: East Shore Library

TIME: 1:30 to 4:30 PM

Donna Mentzer is returning to assist us with the **braided rim** on the **Pathways to Courage** basket. Several members did not complete this portion of the basket that Donna taught us in April.

All members are welcome to attend even if you did not take the class in April.

Bring a basket to which you have added 3 rows of twining at top and 'bent and tucked'. Also bring some **round reed** (size #2-4). Donna will teach you how to construct her lovely braided border. There is **no charge for this class**.

SUNDAY, September 12, 2004

Business Meeting, "Show and Tell" and Open Weave

WHERE: East Shore Library, Harrisburg

TIME: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Grab all those baskets that you have made at the past 3 Weaving Odyssey weekends and bring them along. Share with others what you learned while making specific baskets and what you did or did not enjoy in the process.

Have a few that are "not quite complete"? Bring those as well. The environment with all those wonderful creations will be most conducive to weaving. There is always someone ready and willing to help you if you just mention that you're "stuck". So, empty out that corner of "incomplete" baskets in your craft room. Remember the next weaving Odyssey is only a week away. You might need some of that space for "new incompletes"!

Teachers, please feel free to bring those items that you taught at the former Odyssey weekends.

Meeting will be held at the East Shore Library in Harrisburg (Colonial Park Area).

September 17-19, 2004: Weaving Odyssey

Saturday, October 16, 2004

Session 2 of the Nantucket Basket (see July program for information.)

Sunday, November 14, 2004 – Place, Time, and Program to be announced

January, 2005 – Gathering Basket with Lace
Deb Roberson, Instructor

Place and Time to be announced

February 2005 – Place, Time and Program to be announced

March 2005 – Date, Time and Program to be announced

HOW TO GET THERE:

Directions to Guild Events

JULY 10 AND OCTOBER 16 CLASSES:

Directions to J. C. Ehrlich Office, 4565 West Market St. (Rt. 30), York, PA

Phone: 717-792-5460

Linda Moore's cell phone is 717-891-5441:

From Baltimore and South – Take Interstate 83 North to Route 30 West See below.

From Harrisburg and North – Take Interstate 83 South to Route 30 West. See below.

From Philadelphia and East – Take the PA Turnpike West (I-76) to Exit 242 (Harrisburg West). Take Interstate 83 South to Route 30 West. See below.

From Pittsburgh and West – Take the PA Turnpike East (I-76) to Exit 242 (Harrisburg West). Take Interstate 83 South to Route 30 West. See below.

Then,

Follow Rt.30 until the end of the 4 lane divided highway. Exit right towards Gettysburg. Go through 2 lights. The Ehrlich Office is on the right about 200 yards past the last light.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DAUPHIN COUNTY EAST SHORE LIBRARY:

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.

2004 A Weaving Odyssey

If you haven't yet registered for the Weaving Odyssey, register now! Go to our website for the information packet and registration details.

Please Donate to Odyssey Raffle:

The Odyssey committee is organizing a raffle to raise money and add to the fun. We would like to ask all guild members to consider contributing. We know you have all made beautiful baskets that would make very attractive raffle items. If you can part with one, we would love to put it in our raffle. No extra baskets? No problem! We will be happy with whatever you choose to donate.

Contact Anne Kelly at akelly8230@aol.com or bring your raffle donation to any guild event. If you are looking for a way to be a more active guild member, this is a great first step!

WITF AUCTION Congratulations, Jeff!

The public television station in Central Pennsylvania, WITF, held it's annual art auction in April. Our very own Jeff Shields won the People's Choice Award! His sensational basket sold for \$120! Five additional members of our Guild donated baskets that were auctioned to support public television. Congratulations to all!

News from Other Basketry Guilds

We often receive information from other guilds including their newsletters, as well as basket classes, which may be of interest. If you would like to see any of the newsletters we have received, see Donna Kumpf.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Welcome to the following new Guild members!

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JUST A REMINDER: Our Guild membership list is for our members' use only. Names and addresses are not to be released for other purposes.

Looking Ahead to Nominations!

It's hard to believe it's almost that time of year again – yes, it's soon time to nominate members for CPBWG board officers for 2005. We **need** two members to volunteer to be on the nominating committee. Please contact Jeff Shields if you can do this for the Guild! Thank you!

A Gathering of Guilds

This past February, the Keystone Lace Guild held "A Gathering of Central Pennsylvania Fiber and Needlework Guilds". Members of our guild who attended the "Gathering" speak highly of the day's events. This could be another great opportunity to promote our guild. More information will be shared in upcoming newsletters as details become available.



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