

# CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD

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## APRIL WEAVING RETREAT

There may be a few available spaces for the weekend weaving retreat to be held April 21-23, 2006 at Camp Hebron near Halifax, PA. Contact Jeff Shields at 717-774-3508 as soon as possible if you are interested!!!

## January Guild Meeting

We had a very nice turn out of members attending the January meeting/party/basket swap. Everyone enjoyed making the Grandma and Me Totes taught by Dianne Pearce. The lunch was yummy (see Jean's Friendship soup recipe later in the newsletter) and the basket swap was a success, as you can see by the happy faces of the basket swap recipients below!



We love our baskets!

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**New Members Welcome!**  
**See membership form on page 4.**

## UPCOMING GUILD PROGRAMS

### MAY GUILD MEETING

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2006  
Time: 1:30 to 4:30  
Place: East Shore Library  
German Chevron base/4 corner twill  
Suzette Humer, leader

Suzette Humer will lead us in constructing a basket with a German Chevron base with 4 corner twill. You will need flexible reed, as thicker reed does not work well for this kind of basket.

#### Materials:

Spokes: 1/4" natural flat: 28 @ 15"  
          1/4" dyed flat: 4 @ 15"  
Weavers: your choice of 1/4" flat in natural and dyed (same as spokes) or two colors (one of which is dyed spoke color)  
Fine-fine cane for base and for lashing  
Rim: 3/8" flat oval  
Seagrass for rim filler

Also, bring two spoke weights (or at least one spoke weight and something else to substitute as a spoke weight!)

### JUNE GUILD MEETING

Date: Sunday, June 11, 2006  
Time: 12:30-???  
Place: Jean Foutz's home  
Picnic/dye party

Our annual guild picnic and dye party will be held this year at Jean Foutz's home. Note the change in location this year due to Carol MacNeil's illness. Thank you Jean for inviting us! Carol, get well so you can join us!

We will need a few propane cookers and dye pots--contact Anne Kelly ([kellybaskets@adelphia.net](mailto:kellybaskets@adelphia.net)) if you can provide one. The guild will provide lunch and a selection of dyes. Plan your projects and bring lots of reed to dye!

Please email Anne Kelly, program chair, if you are planning to attend so we may plan for the food and supplies. Anne's email is [kellybaskets@adelphia.net](mailto:kellybaskets@adelphia.net).

(Directions are on page 4.)

## JULY GUILD MEETING

Date: Sunday, July 9, 2006  
Time: 1:30 to 4:30  
Place: East Shore Library  
Miniature waxed linen basket  
Roma Cynajko

Roma Cynajko will lead us in making a miniature basket with waxed linen or waxed cord. The guild will provide a few colors of linen and/or cord. Bring what you have for more color choices!

### Get Well Soon, Carol!

Member-at-large and long time guild member Carol MacNeil has been hospitalized. Everyone at the guild sends their thoughts and prayers for a rapid and full recovery!

At the time of this newsletter Carol was in the ICU at Hershey Medical Center. If you'd like to send a card please send it to her home address:

Carol MacNeil  
1004 Harriet Street  
Carlisle, PA 17013

### FRIENDSHIP SOUP (Jean Foutz) (Enjoyed at the January meeting!)

1 pound Ground Beef  
3 quarts Water  
1 can (28 oz) Diced Tomatoes, undrained  
1/2 cup dry Split Peas  
1/3 cup Beef Bouillon granules  
1/4 cup Pearl Barley  
1/2 cup dry Lentils  
1/4 cup dried Minced Onion  
2 tsp Italian Seasoning  
1/2 cup uncooked Long Grain Rice  
1/2 cup Alphabet Macaroni or other small macaroni

In a large saucepan or Dutch Oven, brown beef, drain. Add the water, tomatoes and rest of ingredients, except the macaroni. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 45 minutes.

Add the macaroni, cover and simmer for an additional 15- 20 minutes or until macaroni, peas, lentils and barley are tender (lentils and dry peas take longer to cook).

## GATHERING OF THE GUILDS 2006

Dianne Pearce, CPBWG president

The Central PA Basket Weavers Guild participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Central PA Gathering of the Guilds on February 25, 2006 at the Swatara Church of God Church in Harrisburg, PA. This gathering consisted of various guilds in our area including Bobbin Lace, Crochet, Embroidery, Felting, Knitting, Quilting, Rug Hooking, Sewing, Smocking, Spinning, Wheat Weaving, and of course, Basket Weaving. Cost of admission to the Gathering was one canned food item to be donated to the Central PA Food Bank. The event featured displays, demonstrations, and Make-it/Take-it Workshops by the various guilds. This was a great resource for people in our area interested in exploring the different fiber arts. The people involved were friendly and the products top-notch.

Participants from our guild included Jeff & Joan Shields, Jan Montgomery, Billie Stanford, and Dianne Pearce. Many thanks to Jeff and Joan for helping unpack baskets and setting up our display table--it looked fantastic!

We had several baskets on display to show many different basket weaving techniques and to showcase the programs from our guild meetings. We also had available membership application forms, guild business cards, and a sample guild newsletter so interested persons could see who we are and what we are doing within the guild. Billie displayed pictures of all the baskets woven by our members and donated for our service project to Tender Care Crisis Pregnancy Center last fall. Several people inquired about our guild and took membership application forms with them. Hopefully we will be seeing some new faces in the upcoming months!

We are hoping to participate in this event next year. Please consider attending then – it was very interesting, educational, and a lot of fun.

### 2006 MEMBERSHIP LIST

The current membership list is included with this newsletter. Please review your information and send any corrections or updated information to Susan Snively ([susansnively@yellowbananas.com](mailto:susansnively@yellowbananas.com)) Please remember that this information is for Guild purposes only, and must not be released to the public or used for non-Guild purposes.

## 2006 A BASKET ODYSSEY

September 15, 16 & 17, 2006

On February 4, the Odyssey committee had the harrowing task of narrowing down a wonderful selection of baskets to 7 instructors and 23 baskets. The registration information is being printed and will be mailed in April. Information will also be available on the website at that time. Be sure to return your registration form with a self-addressed and stamped envelope by the deadline!

### DYEING....EASTER EGGS!

While surfing the web, I discovered these "natural" dyes for Easter eggs on the Celestial Seasonings website. (Make sure the eggs are kept refrigerated if they are to be eaten.) If anyone has tried dyeing reed with these "natural" colors, I would love to hear from you!

The recipe they included:

- 1 Tbsp. spice or 4 cups chopped fruit/veg.
- 4 cups water
- 2 Tbsp white vinegar.

Combine spice or foodstuff with water and vinegar. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 15 to 30 minutes. Eggs can be colored (and cooked) in the dye while it is being prepared. Or they can be hard-cooked in advance, then dipped into the prepared dye (which can be either cold or hot).

#### Here are some of the "natural" choices:

**Pink/red:** Fresh beets, pickled beet juice, pickled red cabbage juice, cranberries, frozen raspberries

**Orange:** Yellow onion skins, paprika, "Emperor's Choice" tea

**Deep yellow:** Ground turmeric, "Chamomile" tea, "Green" tea.

**Pale yellow to light green:** Spinach leaves, Golden Delicious apple peels

**Soft yellows:** Orange or lemon peels, carrots tops or shredded carrots, celery seed, ground cumin

**Purple:** "Red Zinger" tea

**Blue:** Canned blueberries, blackberries, red cabbage leaves, purple or red grape juice, "Wild Berry Zinger tea"

**Beige to brown:** Strongly brewed coffee, regular tea, walnuts, dill seeds

**Brown to orange:** Chili powdered, ground cumin

**DIRECTIONS TO JEAN FOUTZ'S HOUSE  
JUNE GUILD PICNIC/DYE PARTY**

Note: Jean does not live far from the Gravel Hill U.M. Church, where many of our meetings have been held.

Her address is:

1252 South Queen Street  
Palmyra, PA

And her phone number is (717) 838-6563

From Interstate 81:

Take Exit 80 (Grantville), take 743 South to Route 22 (about 1 mile). Turn left (east) onto Route 22, proceed for approximately 1 mile to Gravel Hill Road (green sign that reads: Palmyra 6 miles), turn right (south) onto Gravel Hill Road. Follow for 4.5 miles to white church on right - Gravel Hill UM Church. Continue past the church to the bottom of the hill and where the cemetery ends, turn left onto Ridge Road and continue to the stop sign. Turn right onto North Forge Road and continue across the railroad tracks to the red light. You'll see a Friendly's, Klick-Lewis Car Dealership and Rite Aid, continue through the red light and travel 9/10 of a mile (on S. Forge Road) and turn left onto Londonderry Blvd. (Lebanon Valley Brethren Home sign on left). Make an immediate right onto S. Queen St. Jean's house is the fifth house on the left. (Foutz name and 1252 is on the lamppost.)

From Harrisburg/Hershey:

If you're coming Route 422 from Hershey, turn right (Route 117 or S. Forge Road) at Klick-Lewis car dealership and continue 9/10 of a mile on S. Forge Road, turn left onto Londonderry Blvd., immediate right onto S. Queen St., fifth house on the left.

From Lebanon:

If you're coming Route 422 from Lebanon, turn left (Route 117 or S. Forge Road) at Klick-Lewis car dealership and continue 9/10 of a mile on S. Forge Road, turn left onto Londonderry Blvd., immediate right onto S. Queen St., fifth house on the left.

From Route 322:

Turn north onto Route 117 at Campbelltown, continue past the airport until you come to a Lebanon Valley Brethren Home sign on the right, turn right onto Londonderry Blvd, and make an immediate right onto S. Queen St., I'm the fifth house on the left.

**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.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

To become a member of the Central Pa. Basket Weavers Guild, please complete the following information, and send it with \$15 membership dues to:

Susan Snively  
11754 Airport Road  
Waynesboro, PA 17268

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Information is for guild purposes only!)

**ODDS AND ENDS.....**

**April 20-23, 2006**

Smithsonian Craft Show  
Washington, DC  
[www.smithsoniancraftshow.com](http://www.smithsoniancraftshow.com)

<http://www.jaskets.com/filling-in.html>

Follow this link to an excellent pictorial including written directions regarding "filling in" while weaving rib baskets. (On Tony Stubblefield's website.)