

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BASKET WEAVERS GUILD

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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 by email (kumpf@toast.net) or snail mail to:
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership dues of \$15 should be sent to:
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NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

SEPTEMBER GUILD MEETING
Sunday, September 11, 2005
Dauphin County East Shore Library,
Harrisburg, PA
1:30 – 4:30
Leader: Jeanne Auman
Veneer Strip painting

Materials List: (see details below)

Strip of veneer (any size will do, but larger than 3/4" is best, the length should be at least 2 feet, can be as long as you want)
Art brushes - #1 liner brush and #4 round
Acrylic paints
Small container for water (a cool whip container works well)
Paper towels

Please bring art brushes if you have them. Jeanne will bring her own supply for those who do not want to purchase brushes. You do not need to buy expensive art brushes; you should be able to purchase a brush for about \$3 at any craft store (Michael's, A.C. Moore, etc.) Buy brushes for acrylic paints, but not a bristle brush used in oil painting. If you are really brush challenged, Donna Dewberry brushes are fine. They may be more expensive.

If you have acrylic paints you can bring them along. Jeanne will have paints, so there is no need to go out and purchase any. If anyone has a picture of a border that they really like they can bring it along and Jeanne will try to help them to paint it.

NOTE: As we had a small turn-out for the August meeting (make and fill a basket to donate to the Tender Care Pregnancy Center in Gettysburg); we did not yet donate the baskets. If anyone else would like to make a basket and/or donate mother or baby items to this very worthy cause, **please bring it to the September meeting.** Thank you!

OCTOBER GUILD MEETING

Saturday, October 8, 2005

Location: Four Square Gospel Church,
Gettysburg, PA (directions below)

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Pine Needle Baskets

Leader: June Blake

June Blake will lead us in making pine needle baskets. PLEASE email or phone Jeff Shields (shieldsj@mindspring.com) **before September 24** if you will be attending. June will need some time to make the bases for one of the baskets we'll be making.

Some advance preparation is necessary for this class (See important note below). The coils of pine needles are held together by sewing, either with needle and thread or with raffia. Different effects depend upon the base construction.

We will learn to do three bases - one that begins with a coil, one that starts with a slice of black walnut shell, and one with a wood base. The pine needles used are very long - 12-18", and can be gathered in the South or purchased from basket suppliers. Check with your favorite supplier for pine needles and black walnut shell pieces availability. Many of the major vendors carry them. One source on the Internet to find raw materials as well as all things related to pine needle basketry may be found at The Pine Needle Resource Links: Suppliers and Groups website at <http://www.geocities.com/pineneedlegroup2002/resources.html>. You will need about 5-6 ounces of pine needles, plus five black walnut shell slices.

(Note: Donna Kumpf will be ordering pine needles and walnut slices from Country Seat in mid-September, contact her if you'd like to order and split costs. Email kumpf@toast.net

June will supply wood bases, sewing needles and thread and measuring gauges reasonably, at cost. This class is suitable for all skill levels. June will also conduct a follow-up or move-ahead class at the February 12th Guild meeting for those interested!

IMPORTANT: 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.

Directions to Four Square Gospel Church in Gettysburg: Take Route 30 West from Route 15 North or South. Follow Route 30 to the town square; go 3/4 of the way around the square, then 1 block to the right on Middle Street (Route 116 West). (The courthouse is on the corner where you make the right turn.) The church is located at 327 West Middle Street. You may find a map of the church location on the Web at

<http://www.gettysburgfoursquare.org>



NOVEMBER GUILD MEETING
Sunday, November 13, 2005
Dauphin County East Shore Library,
Harrisburg, PA
1:30 – 4:30
Meeting / elections and
"Trash to Treasure"

Our November meeting will feature a trash to treasure exchange of anything related to basket weaving. We all have things that we don't use: patterns, tools, embellishments, handles, reed (maybe that mauve and chartreuse space dye isn't what you expected), even baskets (complete or incomplete). Take a look around your weaving area and you will have many more ideas. Maybe it was a gift, an impulsive buy or something you have used in the past but no longer need. Gather them together and place them in a box or bag so no one can see what is inside. On November 13, Anne Kelly will lead us in an activity that will enable you to get rid of your "trash" send everyone home with new "treasures". If you have ever done something like this as a White Elephant gift exchange, you know that it can provide a lot of laughs.

NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee is seeking people to consider being candidates on the Board for next year. If you would be interested in being an important part of the Guild, please don't wait for Linda Moore or Lynne Laughman to contact you: you can contact them and volunteer your services!

The slate should be presented at the September meeting and voted on at the November guild meeting. Please consider volunteering!!!

**2005 WEAVING ODYSSEY
COUNTDOWN!!!!**
September 16, 17, 18, 2005

Final details are being completed as I write - let's hope that the weather cooperates this year!!!

Anne Kelly would like to give a hearty "thank you!" to all guild members who have contributed to the Odyssey raffle and welcome bags! Also, if you would like to contribute anything towards the raffle and/or welcome bags, it's not too late! Please bring it to the September meeting on September 11! Email Anne at kellybaskets@adelphia.net if you will be bringing anything.

WEEKEND RETREAT
APRIL 21 – 23, 2006

The Guild's Weekend Retreat scheduled for April 21-23 next year at Camp Hebron (just north of Harrisburg) is in the final stages of pre-planning. Full information about the retreat will be distributed to members within the next few weeks including registration information. A great weekend is being planned. We think you'll agree that the wait for complete details was worth it!

REMINDER

If you have lost your newsletter, you can find the current copy at our website at <http://basketry.homestead.com>. Also check for updated information on the website.

Also, if your email, phone number or address changes, please notify Donna Kumpf or Susan Snively.