

Newsletter Highlights

PERPETUATING THE ART OF BASKETRY

GUILDERS WEAVE 2026!

In January 2026, approximately twenty members of the Deer Creek Basketry Guild joined sister guilds at Newport News, Virginia for four days of classes, fellowship, and fun! The 2026 theme was “Twine After Twine”.

Host guild, Tidewater Basketry Guild, once again put on a superb conference. Bringing together a variety of professional teachers to offer some awesome classes. This is the place to expand your knowledge of different basketry styles, materials and techniques.

New this year was the ice cream social which attendees heartily agreed it should become a tradition! They upped their game by hosting a “music bingo” which was attended by a large group of Deer Creek members. The raffles were a big hit with many members, and we must say we took home our share...you know who you are!!!

Held at the Marriott at Center City, the staff happily accommodated all our needs. Once you are at the hotel, there are several restaurants within walking distance. Many enjoyed “The Cove”.

Be sure to check out their website, tidewaterbasketryguild.org for more information. Classes for 2027 will be advertised in July or August 2026. Start planning now! Classes for all levels of weavers are offered. You don't want to miss it!

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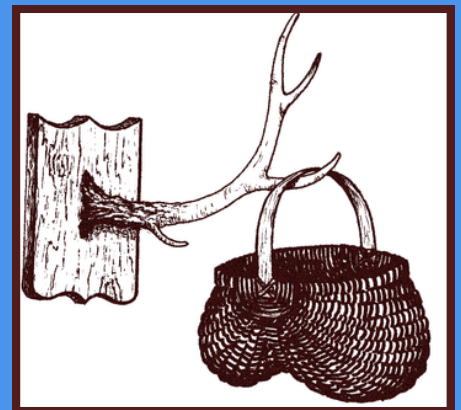
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“The Lash Word” is a quarterly publication of the Deer Creek Basketry Guild



Dear Members,

As the winter weather thaws, we begin our next quarter with the sad news of the passing of our long standing member, Bev Budnick. Even with difficulty getting around, she was a regular attendee at Guild Meetings. At our next meeting let's take a moment to celebrate her.

Anne Bowers was just here leading members in making some of her unique baskets. She is very much in demand, so having her come was a real treat and an acknowledgement of the status of our Guild. A big thanks to Kathi Workman for bringing her to us.

April brings our own teacher, Joanne Sheriff who is presenting a basket with metallic embellishments. Very COOL.

Bonnie Rideout arrives in May for 3 days presenting her collection. See Guild announcements and her website to view her baskets. This might be her first visit with us.

Cheryl Thomas, a Guild favorite, returns in June. I'm looking forward to see what she will be offering this year. Watch your email an announcement is coming soon!

Don't forget that June and Louise offer monthly public classes which provide additional weaving opportunities.

Also Spring brings Steppingstone activities to the public. In May there is "Heritage in Bloom" and "Saturday on the Farm" in July. I invite all members to participate in these opportunities that bring attention to our Guild. Louise and June plan on an activity that children at these events can do. The more members who come make the day easier. GIVE IT A TRY!

Mary Louise Orth

In Memorial



*Beverly Ann Budnick
July 29, 1939 - March 28, 2026*

The Guild has lost a long and faithful member. Bev fell at her home and suffered insurmountable injuries. Bev was always willing to pitch in and support any project. Her love and dedication to animals only magnified her love and dedication to all. She was a beautiful person and will be greatly missed.

Public Classes

Public classes held at Steppingstone Farm Museum are a big hit! Averaging 20 students each month. Some students are brand new to basket weaving, several have attended the classes for several years and some of our Deer Creek members attend as well. Beginner baskets that can be woven in one day are offered. Everyone leaves with a finished basket and often often wanting more! We caution, basket weaving can be addicting!

Thanks to Steppingstone who offers this space for free. In turn the Guild supports their public events by demonstrating, holding a child's mini-workshop, conducting a small game primarily for adults, and the opportunity to vend your baskets.

We can always use help with the child's mini-workshop. Please consider donating a few hours or an entire day at these events. Contact Louise Beyer at louisebeyer@comcast.net for more info.

Guild Website

Be sure to check our website, deercreekbasketryguild.org for latest information! Suggestions to improve the website or to contribute resources, articles, pictures of a Guild event..., just email: dcbg@zoominternet.net!

UPCOMING OUTSIDE CLASSES!

Check guild website: deercreekbasketryguild.org for more information!

- April 11, Joanne Sheriff, Silver and Sassy
- May 7-9, Bonnie Rideout, Splint Baskets
- June 25-27, Cheryl Thomas, Splint Baskets
- August 8, Jim Amspach, Weaving on Gourds, Save the Date!
- August - Denise Bendalewski, more info to come.

Details and other scheduled classes will be sent to your email address.

Email dcbg@zoominternet.net and let June know which classes you'd like to take and she will email you a registration form!

“I wove my first basket in 1994 and quickly became hooked. You could say I came down with a serious case of the “basket bug”. So much that it is now my full-time career! My business, “Bonnie’s Baskets” began in 2006 by teaching others how to weave. I started teaching in the basement of my home. It quickly grew to selling basketry supplies, embellishments and baskets themselves at local craft and art shows. As my business grew, I built a workshop on my property and began designing my own basket patterns. I quickly discovered I absolutely love the challenge of designing and writing patterns.

“In addition to teaching in Illinois, I have taught in 18 states. I am looking forward to adding a few more states to that list! In 2018, I left my “regular” job to make Bonnie’s Baskets a full-time business and I haven’t looked back since I made the plunge to focus on this as my career. In 2019, my new website was launched. Please visit www.bonniesbasketsil.com and be sure to check out my Facebook and Instagram pages. Through basketry I have traveled to many different states and met so many amazing people! “



Bonnie will be teaching at Deer Creek, May 7-9, 2026, [follow this link for class information!](#)
Space available at this time for all classes!

Spring Bingo! April 25, 2026!

The Guild Spring Bingo is coming up fast. Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Level Fire Hall, 3633 Level Village Road, Havre de Grace, MD. Doors open at 11:30 am and Bingo starts at 1:00 pm (Early Bird games 12:45 pm). If you haven’t sold tickets you have taken to sell, text/call Kathi Workman at 410-790-4279 and let her know.

If you have any questions about what jobs you have volunteered for contact Louise Beyer at louisebeyer@comcast.net; or baskets and raffles that you are donating or filling, contact Jenn Klem at jennklem630@gmail.com.

Take advantage of the Marketplace, where you can sell your handwoven baskets! Information about this on our website. If you have any questions, contact June Hersey at jhersey@zoominternet.net. Bring 1 or bring 100 and your inventory sheet!!

Hope you are working on our cute little door prize basket, “Perfect Match”, pattern donated by Bey-Her Baskets. Bring your woven door prize baskets to the April 12th meeting or arrange to get them to the college, contact Jacqueline Steffy at jasteffy@hotmail.com if you have questions.

Thanks to everyone for donating their time and talent to make our bingos a resounding success for our patrons, our supported charity’s and the Guild!



Your Ultimate Guide to Basket Weaving Styles: Techniques, Materials, and Creative Possibilities - Tidy Treasure

Guild Officers and Chairpersons - 2024 - 2026

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Historian: Vacant

* Board Member

Election Year 2026!

The current Board terms are ending on June 30, 2026. Please extend your thanks to Board members for their selfless leadership over the last two years! All current Board members will have served one two-year term on June 30th and are eligible to serve an additional two-year term.

Our bylaws read as follows:

“Article V - Nominations and Elections

(A) The Board on or about March 1st of election years shall appoint a nominating committee. The Committee shall contact all members, advise them of pending elections, and solicit volunteers for the various elected positions, prepare a ballot, tally results, and provide results to the Board.

(B) The nominees shall be members and willing to serve.

(C) The voting shall be at monthly membership meetings, special meeting of the Board, or telephone solicitation, and majority rules.

(D) The voting shall take place before May 1st.

(E) Terms of office shall begin July 1st and end June 30th.

The nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected to the positions for which they were nominated. Tie is broken by Board decision.”

“Article IV – Board and Officers

(F) No officer shall serve more than two (2) successive elected terms in the same office.”

Elected positions: Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer; Members-at-Large: Membership, Education and Program.

Please look for further communication from the Board/Nominating Committee.



Black Walnut Dye



Ever wonder about dyeing your baskets with black walnuts...here's the process,

If you have the space..... Purchase two large outside trash cans with lids that lock. Fill one about half full of water. Add a pair of pantyhose filled with black walnuts. The ones starting to turn brown are best. After a couple of weeks, take this water mixture out and pour through some kind of sieve or strainer that is covered with a piece of cheesecloth, into the other trash can. You will notice that it is a dark brown. Add some water to this trash can. It's best to have it about half full. When you are ready to stain your baskets, simply dip the entire basket into the trash can and hang basket to dry. If this is too dark for you, the basket can be rinsed off with the hose to lighten it up. You could also fill a spray bottle with the strained walnut mixture, hang the basket on a hook or tree and spray. Dilute the mixture in the bottle to your desired color. Always test a small area on the bottom of the basket for the darkness you want.

When left to ferment, it can produce what might be called an unpleasant odor. We have two tips to keep walnut dye "acceptable":

1. Fill a five-gallon bucket with walnuts. Cover them with water and add 1/2 box of Calgon (The basket maker who recommended it said she has had her dye a year and it had not gone bad).
2. After using your dye, cool it, pour it into empty plastic containers leaving room for expansion. Label it and freeze it. When you need dye, thaw, strain it through a pantyhose filter, heat and use.

From: Long Island Basket Weavers 1993

There's a lot of information about using walnuts, check out the internet and YouTube.
You can also buy walnuts already processed for dyeing.

Membership Update

The Guild is 101 members strong!

Welcome new members:

Mary Ellen Pierangelina Joanne Price
Ronald Miller Sharon Schaefer
Sara Robbins Nilma Martin-Antonetti
Michelle Slowikowski

The new membership year is right around the corner! Membership Applications for 2026-2027 are available now on our website and in this newsletter. Renew today! Membership dues have been increased to \$25.00 per annum. Thank you for your continued membership and support!

Marketing Flowers



Thanks to all who have recently made our Marketing Flowers! They have been absolutely beautiful!

The flowers are handed out by guild members at public events along with a card advertising the guild and the art of basketry.

Material is available at guild meetings along with the pattern if needed. The pattern is also available on the website at <https://www.deercreekbasketryguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Daisy-Flower.pdf>. Material required: 4 pieces of 1/4" Flat Reed, each 10" long.

If you aren't able to make flowers, but have scrap reed, please consider saving it for us to make flowers. It can be dyed or natural!

County and State Fairs

Start planning now on entries to the Harford and Maryland fairs! The guild challenge basket theme is "Goin' Down da Ocean". Harford County is also having a special category for the nation's 250th Anniversary.

Contact Mary Louise Orth for info and visit the fair websites!!



Weave It and Reed

Do you know a good resource for basketry books and patterns...it's the Guild Library! Located in our meeting space at Harford Community College, it's available to all members. Just sign out the material and return it within a reasonable amount of time! Our Librarians have spent a lot of time organizing the library for your use.

- Check out our website for a listing of books, pamphlets, patterns and other material housed in the library cabinet. This listing is not complete but click on: [Articles](#), [Books](#), [Booklets](#), ["Just Patterns" Magazine Issues](#), [Magazines](#), [Patterns](#), [Pattern Listing by Author](#) [Pattern Chart](#) (Contains info about what materials are required for individual patterns) to find the information you want! Here's the page: <https://www.deercreekbasketryguild.org/dcbg-library>.

[YouTube.com is a great resource for basketry techniques! Check it out next time you are struggling! For making a coiled basket, type this link in your browser: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bme_DLQBDbw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bme_DLQBDbw)

Next Newsletter

Contribute ideas, articles, resources, pictures, etc. to the next edition of "The Lash Word"! Write it up and email to Mary Anne Trembly at wyoled08@yahoo.com.

Next publication date: Second Week of July 2026! Submissions due July 1, 2026

Get to Know Your Board Members

Vice President Mary Anne Tremblay

“Thank you for this opportunity to let everyone know a little bit more about me. I was born and raised on Long Island, New York and moved to Putnam Valley, New York with my first husband, where I raised my two children. I was always interested in different crafts and spent my spare time doing crochet work, needlepoint, cross stitch and quilting. In 1994, I moved to Wyoming with my second husband and spent thirteen very long years there, far from family and friends. When my daughter got engaged in New York in 2007, I bought my husband a plane ticket back east! He drove from New Hampshire to Georgia, interviewing at a variety of companies, and finally took a job in Baltimore. I would have preferred New York, but this is much closer to home than Wyoming!

I got a job with the Harford County Health Department, where I worked first in accounting, then managing the administrative budgets and finally as an administrator. Once settled in, I started searching for some new friends. I decided that taking a course at the community college was a great starting point, so I enrolled in a welding class. Well, needless to say, that wasn't very productive although I did make some nicely welded seams! My next try was a class titled “Weaving on a Gourd”. I could not even imagine what that entailed but gave it a try. There began my love of gourds and the beginnings of some great friendships. Through my work with gourds, I got involved with the Harford Artists' Association, eventually serving there as Vice President, then as President.

Eventually, my friend Regina and I decided to join Deer Creek Basketry, hoping to learn some new weaving techniques to use on our gourds. We took the opportunity to attend Guilders Weave. I was enjoying the experience but was leaning towards cutting out the basket weaving and going back to concentrating on gourds. So, of course, guess who won the scholarship for free registration! I didn't want to waste such an opportunity, so I attended Guilders Weave once again. This time I felt more comfortable with the basket weaving and was drawn into the basket weaving world! I have been making baskets and weaving ever since. Unfortunately very few are finished as I have discovered I absolutely hate rims. There has got to be a better way!!

I was excited and very thankful when membership accepted me in the position of Vice President of our Guild. I hope I can use some of my experience and skills to benefit our Guild. I am enjoying meeting all the wonderful and interesting members of our organization and learning new patterns and techniques. I hope to enjoy basket weaving for many more years, just not rims!” Mary Anne Tremblay

Editor's Note: We are so lucky to have such an experienced VP!

Tired of fighting with long pieces of round reed...

Learn how to use a bobbin.

Follow this link:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2twIpuUq-pc>

Wet your round reed, wrap several bobbins and add to your water basin. You're ready to add another piece of reed in a jiffy!

Basketmaker's Creed

As a basket maker, we promise to uphold the standards of those who have gone before us!

We will...

Always share our skills,
helping those not quite as skilled.

Be considerate of all weavers,
offering compliment not criticism.
Respect the differences of others,
though they might not be our style.

Protect nature's plants and animals,
careful to leave more than we harvest.

Only regret never having tried,
not giving up because of difficulty.

Know pride in our accomplishments,
but not conceit.

And...cherish and protect the baskets we acquire, for the weavers of tomorrow to admire!

By the late Arline Moltrup
a founding Guild member.

Calendar

Meetings are usually held the first Sunday of the month at 1 pm, unless it conflicts with a federal holiday, then the second Sunday at the Harford Community College (HCC), Joppa Hall, Room J 015. Check our website for a map to the hall.

April 2026:

- 4 Public class (June/Louise) Steppingstone
- 11 Joanne Sheriff, Kathi Workman's home/studio
- 12 DCBG meeting, HCC
- 25 Spring Bingo, Level Fire Department, Havre de Grace

May 2026:

- 3 DCBG meeting, HCC
- 7-9 Bonnie Rideout, Spenceola
- TBD Public class (June/Louise) Steppingstone
- 9 May Day at the Farm, Steppingstone

June 2026:

- 7 DCBG meeting, HCC
- 25-27 Cheryl Thomas, Spenceola
- ?7 Public Class (June/Louise) Steppingstone

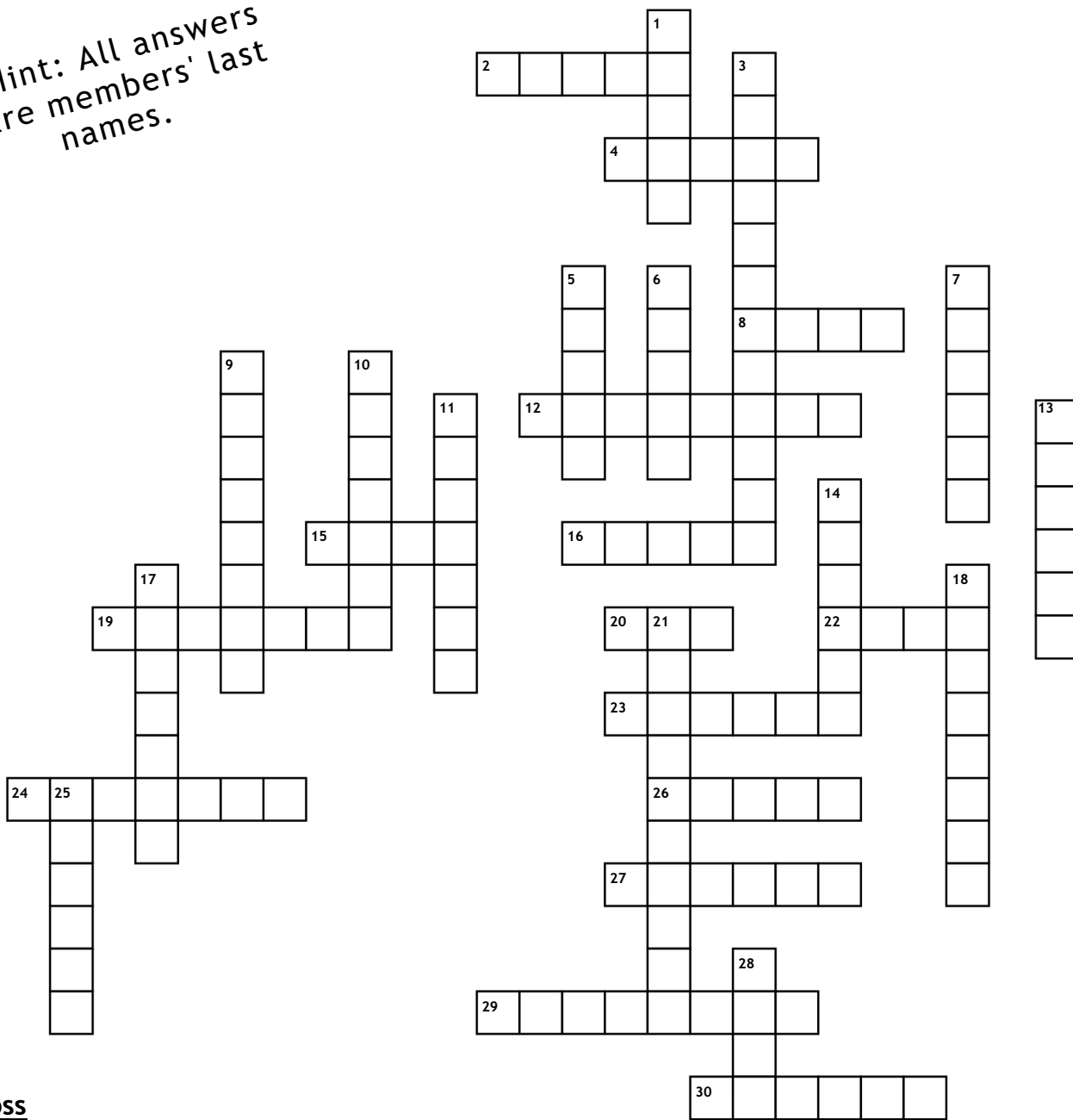
July 2026:

- 1 Saturday on the Farm, Steppingstone
- 1 Public Class (June/Louise) Steppingstone
- 2 Summer Celebration, Spenceola (Monthly Mtg)
- 8-25 Harford County Farm Fair

--Dates and location subject to change! Check website and/or contact our President for updates--

Well Known DCBG Members

Hint: All answers are members' last names.



Across

- 2. At the store you'll check this often...
- 4. A pretty green color.
- 8. On bended knee.
- 12. Hans Christian has nothing on this member!
- 15. Maybe she's a famous Star Trek captain...
- 16. She's not a governor but she is a...
- 19. Want a brush, contact the
- 20. If you are a blue bird, you could be a,
- 22. Make this kind of rug.
- 23. Not a runner...
- 24. She can't arrest you but can teach you a lesson

- 26. Have a cough try this drop...
- 27. She's not tea.
- 29. Beloved Baltimore Mayor
- 30. She can bake a cake and tell you a...

Down

- 1. You might sell it but she's a
- 3. For old times' sake sing this song.
- 5. She's not Buck but she is an
- 6. Not a spider but may spin
- 7. Famous movie studio.
- 9. She may be in the soup.

- 10. We are looking hard for them in the spring
- 11. She's not a male worker but she is a...
- 13. Famous oil soap!
- 14. Three of our members may grind corn
- 17. Her cupboard may be bare...
- 18. She's bright like a light bulb.
- 21. Was her ancestor a US President in the early 1800's?
- 25. She's not a chocolate bar but close.
- 28. If you aren't going East you might be going...

Organizer

Material: 10" x 14" D Handle
5/8" FF
3/8" FF Natural and Dyed
1/4" FF
1/2" FF
#3 RR
Seagrass



Spoke Cuts: From 5/8" FF cut 9 @ 34" and 14 @ 30". From 1/2" FF cut 8 @ 21". Soak the spokes along with a medium length of 1/4" FF in warm water for 1 - 2 minutes.

Mark the centers of the spokes on the wrong sides. Mark the center of the handle on the inside bottom.

Base Layout: Lay 5 of the 34" spokes horizontally on the table in front of you. Lay the handle vertically over the center of these spokes. (One spoke in the center of the handle and the other two on each end of the handle.) Lay the other four spokes @ 34" still horizontally between the first five spokes @ 34" but OVER the handle. Lay the 8 spokes @ 21" on each side of these last four 34" spokes going over the handle. Recap: There are five 34" spokes under the handle, four 34" spokes over the handle with a 21" spoke on each side also going over the handle.

Weave 7 of the 30" spokes vertically on each side of the handle -treating the spokes horizontally going over the handle as one. i.e. - weave under 1, OVER 3, under 1, OVER 3, under 1, etc.

Square the base to measure 10" x 15". Using the medium length of 1/4" FF weave a locking row around the base still treating the 3 horizontal spokes as 1. Upset the spokes.

Side Weaving: The first row of weaving MUST go OVER the handle. The best place to start weaving is on the left side of the basket on the outside of the second spoke from the end. This is a simple over/under weave with a four spoke overlap at the end of each row. When you come to the short sides of the basket, let the 1/2" spokes @ 21" lay flat on the table. They will be woven in after a couple of rows of side weaving are complete. Weave 3 rows of 3/8" FF natural. On the fourth row of weaving, bring the 1/2" spokes @ 21" toward each other and weave them between the fourth row of weaving and the second spoke and fourth spoke. Do not cut them. Repeat on both sides. Weave a fifth row of 3/8" FF. On the sixth row of 3/8" FF, trim the ends of the 20" spokes to lay under the sixth row of weaving and the same spokes. Weave a total of 8 rows of 3/8" FF. Pack all weaving.

Soak several short pieces of your choice in color of 3/8" FF. You will be weaving with ascending rows.

Start a piece BEHIND the first spoke on the left hand side of a long side of the basket. Weave to the right until you are BEHIND the last spoke on the right of the same side of the basket. Cut the piece to end BEHIND the last spoke. Returning to the left side of the same side of the basket, start a second row of color, ending behind the second spoke on the right of the basket. Continue in this fashion for seven rows of ascending weave. Repeat on the opposite side of the basket.

Twine 3 rows of #3 RR. Cut and Tuck: Pack all weaving. Cut the spokes on the inside of the last row of weaving flush with the top of the basket. Tuck the spokes on the outside of the last row of weaving to the inside of the basket under two rows of weaving.

Rim: The rim is made from two pieces of 5/8" FF that are 1" longer than the circumference of your basket. Soak them in warm water for 3 -4 minutes along with two lengths of 1/4" FF.

Start a lasher on the right side of the handle. Begin the inside rim to the left of the handle. The inside rim will wrap around the handle from the right to the left of the handle. DO not wrap the opposite side of the handle at this time.

The outside rim of the basket will begin to the left of the inside rim but on the short side of the basket. The outside rim will wrap around the handle from the right to the left. Again, DO not wrap the opposite side of the handle at this time.

Lash the basket until you get to the opposite handle. End the lasher. Start a new lasher on the right side of this side of the handle. Wrap the inside rim around the handle, then wrap the outside rim around the handle. The ends of each of the rims should have a 3" overlap.

Lash the second half of the basket ending at the handle.

Gina Kieft
231-215-6575
gina@ginasbaskets.com
www.ginasbaskets.com

Free pattern downloaded from Gina's website.

Note: Someone needs to follow Gina's instructions on adding this rim and do a demo at a Guild meeting!



Deer Creek Basketry Guild

2026 Membership Application

Please complete the following information with a check payable to:
Deer Creek Basketry Guild or DCBG and,

Mail to: DCBG, c/o June Hersey, 16092 Kline Young Road, Stewartstown, PA 17363-9337

Deer Creek Basketry Guild is a non-profit organization; must be 18 years or older to join

Annual Dues: Membership Period - July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027

___ Individual - \$25.00 Annual **Dues**

___ Business - \$35.00 Annual **Dues**

Business Name: _____

(Membership includes business card size ad published annually in the Guild newsletter.)

Please Print

Name:

Address:

City, State, ZIP

Telephone (Most Convenient):

Email Address:

Birthday (Month/Year) (Optional):

My primary interests in basketry are (please rank by importance to you, starting with #1 as most important):

___ Basket Making

___ Basket Collecting

___ Basketry Education

My main interest is weaving: ___ Splint ___ Rib ___ Nantucket ___ Pine Needle

___ Natural Materials ___ Other(s) _____ Basket Styles

My current skill level is: ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___ Instructor

*Questions or inquiries may be directed to Membership Chair, June Hersey at dcbg@zoominternet.net
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