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Greetings for the Year 2017! I would like to welcome everyone back to an exciting year that has been planned for 2017. We have a great weekend workshop planned with The Carolina Sisters this spring and some really cool meeting baskets to do also.

Looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends. If you know of someone that has expressed interest in basket making, bring them along, it's not too late to join in the fun and fellowship. See you soon, Debbie Wilson, President

From the December meeting:

Thanks to Debbie Wilson for a wonderful meal – the soup, chili, bread were delicious!! The desserts provided by guild members were decadent and delicious. Dirty Santa was fun and the baskets were terrific.

Board members approved at the meeting include:

President – Debbie Wilson

President-elect – Peggy McCarson

Secretary – Earl Quillen

Treasurer – Sandy Roback

Members at Large – Scottie Jeffreys, Pati English, Marianne Kaupin.



Year in Review

During 2016 we made tea baskets, “v” baskets, wove on wire wreaths, and made handle wraps on a yard stick. We also worked on double wall baskets. Our gourd friends, Marianne and Debbie, worked with us on Dream Catchers and Weaving on a Gourd. We ended the year making Christmas Decorations and having a wonderful Christmas Celebration.

Upcoming events:

Feb. 9 Thursday, 10 to 1, Tobacco Basket

March 4 Saturday, 10 to 2, Change from Open Weave to Coasters and Basket (see below)

April 6 Thursday, 10 to 12, Open Weave and Show and Tell

May 5 and 6, Friday and Saturday, 8 am until 5 (9 on Friday), Carolina Sisters – Pine Needle Basketry – details and registration will be in March/April newsletter.

FEB. 9 – TOBACCO BASKET

Meeting starts at 10:00 am (not 9:00 am as in previous years). Business meeting will be around 12:00.

Bring your own lunch and drink. I think this basket will take about 2 hours but I could be wrong.

For those of you who signed up, you will get reed and the hoop. You will have to cut your own spokes.

You will weave the bottom and then attach to the hoop.

You will need a heavy duty stapler. Mine is called “Clipper 702 Stapling Plier”. A search of the internet reveals that Ebay and Amazon have this brand. Staples shows a lightweight Clipper that seems like it would work. Mine was expensive but it has lasted years.

You need clips to hold spokes in place until you staple. I will bring my stain so you can paint your basket outside. Bring newspaper to protect your car, plastic gloves for your hands, and an old shirt or apron.

Valentine's Day – A Heart Basket – In 2007 we made this basket that could be used as a pin or as a decoration. I suggest doing this first with paper before trying with splint or reed.

Materials: Glue, Scissors, Clips

Small Heart - (1.5" by 1.5") – 8 pieces 1/8" fancy Splint (or 11/64" FF) cut to 3 1/2" long

Medium Heart – (3" by 3") – 8 pieces – 3/16" Fancy Splint (or reed) cut to 6" long

Large Heart – (6.5" by 4 3/8") – 8 pieces Fancy Splint (or reed) cut to 11 1/4" long

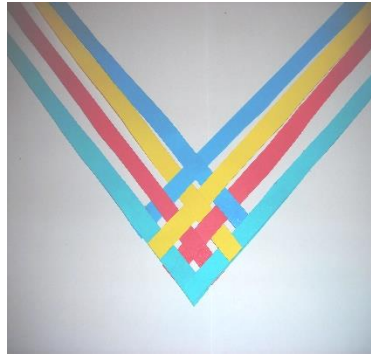


Figure 1: Take two weavers, glue at right angles, right weaver over left.

Weave 3 more weavers on left side, gluing ends over, under, over.

Figure 2: Weave 3 weavers, on right side, going over, under, etc.

Figure 3: Take two middle strips together (not twisting) and glue right over left.



Figures 4 and 5: Take the 3 remaining weavers on left, working inside to outside, and glue strips onto right weaver. Notice top edge of heart and how strips are crossed over.

Figures 6 and 7 (below): Figure 6 shows the 3 unwoven strips on right side. Take these strips (again working inside to outside) bring over to the left, weaving in and out, gluing to left side.



Figure 8: 6. Fold the heart in half and match ends and glue front to back.

Coasters in a Basket

At our March 4 meeting, we will make 4 rope coasters and a basket to hold them. The pattern for the coasters is from Tonya Cubeta. The basket is a simple open base square basket with a piece of rope as a weaver.

Use the following to register for a kit that includes rope, basket materials, and pattern.

**MAKE THE CHECK PAYABLE TO UPPER SC
BASKETMAKERS GUILD**

**MAIL TO PEGGY MCCARSON
DEADLINE FEB. 22, 2017**



Coasters and Basket

Name _____

Phone or email _____

_____ Cord, basket, pattern - \$14

Make check payable to Upper SC Basketmakers Guild and mail to Peggy McCarson, 2617 E. Georgia Rd., Simpsonville, SC 29681

Deadline is Feb. 22
