

Awl the News**January/February, 2018
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<http://www.orgsites.com/sc/uppertsouthcarolinabasketmakersguild>

Welcome to 2018 – A GREAT YEAR TO WEAVE!

Goodbye to 2017 – We learned how to weave a tobacco basket, coasters with rope, pine needles with the Carolina Sisters, a patriotic basket, on top of gourds, on rocks, a Pumpkin Patch, and an angel. WOW! What opportunities were presented.

2018 promises to be as creative with a Primary Color basket, rib basket, pencil basket, double wine basket, brooms, Madonna ornaments, reindeer, and snowflakes. Best of all this year is our Weave In convention with 17 teachers offering everything from Nantuckets to gourds to white oak to sweetgrass along with beautiful reed baskets. Mark your calendar with the following dates:

Upper SC Basketmakers Guild 2018 Meeting Dates
(All programs/dates subject to change)

Feb. 10, Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm – Gina Kieft’s Primary Colors
March 3, Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm – Rib Basket, Pati English
April 5, Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm – Pencil Organizer, Scottie Jeffreys
May 5, Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm – Joyce Crain, to be announced
June 8, 9, 10 – Weave In Convention
July 12, Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm – Peggy McCarson, Double Wine Basket
August 2, Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm – Doug Gaddis, Brooms
September 8, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm – Members Only, Teacher Workshop
Oct. 4, Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm
Nov. 3, Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm – Madonna ornament; reindeer; snowflakes
Dec. 6, Thursday, 11 am to 1 pm – Christmas Celebration

We are looking for a program for Oct. 4. If you would like to volunteer, please let Peggy McCarson know.

Feb. 10 – Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm – Gina Kieft’s Primary Colors – A total of 37 members signed up to take this class – GREAT PARTICIPATION!!! Remember there is no “teacher”, everyone will receive a kit and work with others to make the basket. If you missed the deadline, please come to the meeting with your own project.

Sandy will distribute the Weave In Brochure at this time (assuming no problem at printers). You will be the first to see our offerings. Not to worry if you can’t make the meeting, yours will be mailed to you. Remember we do NOT do 1st come, 1st placed. If your registration is in by March 26 you will have an equal chance to get your 1st choice.

March 3 – Rib Basket with Pati English – see attached form to register for this basket.

April 5 – Pencil Basket from Sandy Atkinson with Scottie Jeffreys – see attached form to register for this basket. Deadline to register is March 1.

Note: Please keep deadlines in mind and have your check reach Pati or Scottie by the deadline. If you think your check is going to be late or if you have postal problems, please send them an email to let them know your check is in the mail.



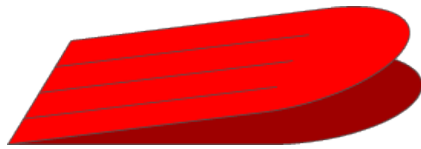
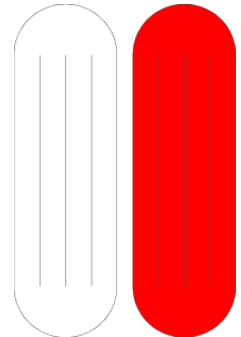
Don't put away your Christmas decorations yet or go to Walmart's clearance section to get a wreath hanger. Then decorate the handle similar to the yardsticks we did in 2016. You can also google "handle wraps" to get suggestions. The picture is from Bruce Robertson who used 5 mm for his weaving material.

Paper Heart from Aunt Annie's Crafts



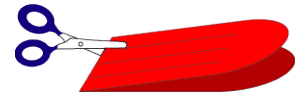
Make a paper heart: Step 1: Cut

Cut out the long, oval-shaped pattern pieces. Each Valentine basket requires two pattern pieces: one red (or pink) and one white.



Step 2: Fold

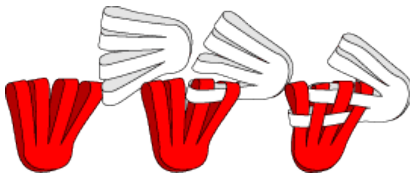
Fold each pattern piece in half end-to-end. Be sure that the three center lines are on the outside.



Step 3: Cut on Lines

Hold the folded pattern piece firmly and cut on each of the three lines. Repeat for each pattern piece. If you printed on colored paper, refold the pattern piece the opposite way so that the printed lines are on the inside.

Step 4: Weave: The weaving can be tricky, so read the instructions carefully and refer to the illustration.




Hold the folded red pattern piece in your left hand and the white one in your right hand. Weave the first loop of the white piece inside the first loop of the red piece. Weave it over the second loop of the red piece, inside the third red loop, and over the fourth.

Weave the second loop of the white piece over the first loop of the red piece. Weave it inside the second red loop, over the third, and inside the fourth.

Weave the third white loop like the first and the fourth like the second. When you are done, the basket will look like the illustration and you will be able to open it up.

Tip: For the patterns with little hearts, hold the pattern piece with hearts in your left hand and the plain pattern piece in your right hand. Then follow the weaving instructions substituting the heart piece for red and plain piece for white. You should see little hearts going down the center of your basket.

Step 5: Add a Handle and Finish from a scrap of paper or use ribbon. Line with waxed paper and candy 

*Look at <http://www.auntannie.com/Valentines/HeartBasket> for hints and downloadable patterns

**6" Ribbed Egg Basket
for Saturday, March 3, 2018
Upper S.C. Basket Makers Guild Program
by Pati English**



Two round wood hoops start a traditional historical design, with the God's Eye connecting two hoops in dyed or natural flat reed. Weave with seagrass in varying sizes and add round reed dyed accent weavers in royal blue as pictured, wine, cocoa brown, or medium green.

The **Egg Basket** is most popular in the Appalachian mountain regions, eastern United States. This ribbed basket is also known as a Fanny Basket, Buttocks Basket, Cheek Basket, Bowtie Basket, Gizzard Basket, Melon Basket, or Hip Basket as the shape rests nicely on the hip or on the back of a horse or mule. "Pouches" or "nests" on each side protect eggs, separate, and disperse weight while carrying eggs from the hen house to the farmhouse. Two round wood hoops are joined with the "ojo de Dios" or God's eye where the handle meets the rim. The length of the ribs determines the unique shape of this historical and decorative basket.

Cost is \$39 for a kit including: two 6" wood hoops, pre-cut round reed ribs, dyed and natural reed, seagrass, waxed linen, pattern with instructions, color photographs, and a Chart with Rib Measurements for Baskets ranging in size from 4" to 8". A handy reference guide for future ribbed baskets.

Deadline to Register: February 15, 2018

*Limit one kit per guild member. Additional kits may be available as time allows.

Contact Pati with questions or special requests at 864-882-0142 or email me at BasketsMySpecialty@yahoo.com

Mail this form with \$39 payment before the Deadline February 15, 2018 to
Pati English
151 English Hill Rd. Seneca, SC 29672

Your Name _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Circle your Color Choice, select one from Royal blue, Wine, Cocoa brown, or Medium green

_____ \$39 payment enclosed with this form

Classic Pencil Holder from Sandy Atkinson

April 5, 2018, Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm

Coordinated by Scottie Jeffreys



How many times have you been on the phone or at your computer and needed a pencil or pen but can't put your hands on one? This basket is the solution!!!! A combination of round reed and flat oval reed makes a basket to hold those missing pens or pencils. The final dimensions are 4" diameter by 4" high.

The cost for the entire kit is \$11 (includes shipping). You might consider ordering two or more!

For advanced weavers, Sandy will include directions for a more complicated rim.

Color choices are: Red, Blue, Navy, Brown, Dark Green, Yellow, and Pink.

Deadline for ordering from Scottie is Thursday, March 1st. Fill out the following registration form and mail to:

Scottie Jeffreys
103 Clairmont Dr.
Greenwood, SC 29649

scottiesbj@icloud.com

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

e-mail _____

_____ Classic Pencil Basket - \$11 per kit – order as many as you like

List color choices for each kit ordered: _____

_____ Classic Pencil Basket with Advanced Rim Directions – order as many as you like.

List color choices for each kit ordered: _____

_____ Pattern only - \$3 each

_____ Total enclosed – make check out to Scottie Jeffreys

Deadline is March 1st. Please email Scottie scottiesbj@icloud.com or call her at 864-229-7048 to let her know the check is in the mail.!!