



1. NO MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 4. DO NOT GO TO THE CHURCH. We are not having a meeting in May.

2. MAY 5 AND MAY 6 – CAROLINA SISTERS WORKSHOP. ENROLLMENT IS CLOSED. WORKSHOP IS AT MAULDIN CULTURAL CENTER.

3. **IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE WORKSHOP TO WORK ON YOUR OWN PROJECT, EITHER DAY (MAY 5 OR 6), AND WANT TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH, YOU MUST LET PEGGY KNOW BY SATURDAY, APRIL 29, NOON.** I MUST GET THE CATERER A NUMBER. WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS ARE ALREADY COUNTED AND DO NOT NEED TO LET ME KNOW. MENU FOR FRIDAY WILL BE SOME SORT OF CHICKEN WRAP; MENU FOR SATURDAY WILL BE CATERED BY DEBBIE WILSON AND WILL FEATURE BAR-BE-QUE. Sorry – but if you don't let me know and you come on Friday and/or Saturday, you will have to bring your own lunch. Guild will provide water, tea, lemonade for lunch. NO COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE – PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN IF YOU NEED IT FOR THE MORNING. We welcome any dessert; however, the kitchen at the Cultural Center is just for warming up food – it is not full service – no cups, utensils, plates, etc. Your small dessert should not require utensils or plates.

4. The workshop goes from 9 am to 4 pm on Friday; we STOP from 4 to 5:30 pm and then pick up with pendant on Friday at 5:30. The workshop on Saturday goes from 9 am until about 5 pm. Lunch will be served both days around noon. NO MEETING – JUST LUNCH.

5. June 8 is the Patriotic basket. Once again, remember that you must order the Patriotic basket by May 1st. Check is made out to Upper SC Basketmakers Guild but mailed to Peggy.

6. Our July 13th meeting, Thursday, 7 to 9 pm, will feature weaving on rocks. Be on the lookout for flat rocks to wrap. Bring 3 mm, 11/64", or cane – dyed or natural – to use. Also used are wires, yarn, leather strips, beads, etc. There are no directions – just pictures to guide you. Visit Pinterest (wrapping or weaving on rocks) for ideas.



Reminder of what you signed up for: Please be on time!!!

Friday – 9 am to 3 pm – ogwood – Dottie, Earl, Ethel, Betty, Sara, Debra; Turtle – Priscilla, Scottie

11 am to 4 pm – Floral – Marianne, Cindy, Dolores

5:30 to 9:30 – Pendant – Earl, Ethel, Pat, Julia, Cindy, Sara, Debra, Dolores

Saturday – Favorite Fruit – 9am to 5pm – Marianne, Scottie, Debra, Alexa, Connie, Debbie, Jackie, Diane C., Judy, Dianne J., Martha, Sandy R.

Contact Peggy for lunch or the Patriotic basket at pmccarson@charter.net or 864-963-1799.

News from our members:

The City of North Charleston Cultural Arts Department sponsors a statewide competition as part of the 2017 North Charleston Arts Fest entitled "16th Annual South Carolina Palmetto Hands Fine Craft Competition & Exhibition". "Plum Blossom" and "Ocean Waves" are two woven entries by Pati English which were accepted in this fine craft exhibit. Awards and traveling show will be selected by Michael W. Haga, Associate Dean at the College of Charleston School of the Arts in Charleston, SC with awards announced at the Opening Reception at The Palmetto Hands Exhibition in Exhibit Hall A at the Charleston Area Convention Center on May 3rd. Awards Ceremony at 6:30p.m. The exhibit continues Thursday-Sunday, May 3-7 from 10a.m. to 5p.m.

Mother's Day, May 14. A cute basket to make for any mother is the following pin cushion basket. Make it a little bigger by using more spokes or larger spokes and you have a perfect basket for an African violet.

Pin Cushion Pattern

(based on Peggy's pattern for Senior Action)

Weave a square base using ten 7 mm FO spokes 12" long.

Weave a locking row with 3/16" FF or a twine with #1 or #2 round reed.

Upset spokes. Weave 6 rows of 3/16" FO (about 16"). Weave 3 rows of 3/16" FO dyed. Weave 1 more row of 3/16" FO.

Rim: Use a rim row of 1/4" or 7 mm FF. The rim can be 3/16" FO or FF (thick pieces) or 1/2". Use seagrass between the rims and last with 3/16" FO. Cut and tuck the spokes before



To make pincushion, I cut a 9 - 10" circle of material, gathered the edges with thread, pulled tight. I stuffed the cushion with newspaper wrapped in batting. I also put a piece of cardboard (from a file folder) in the bottom, pulled as tight as possible and sewed the edges in place. I also made a yo-yo and put on top (completely optional). You can also cut another piece of cardboard to put in the bottom of your basket.