

WEAVE IN CONVENTION, JUNE 8, 9, AND 10 – Are you ready!!! The convention is next month at Embassy Suites, Verdae Blvd., Greenville, SC. **Our June meeting will be at the hotel from 7:00 until 9:00 on Thursday, June 7.** We will be putting plastic on the tables, taping trash cans to tables, helping vendors, etc., etc. For those of you from out of town, if you are not staying at the Embassy Suites Thursday night, please don't think you have to make two trips – one for Thursday night and then again Friday morning. We will get your help sometime over the weekend.

THE RAFFLE: Don't forget to get your raffle items to Maxine as soon as possible.

We are filling a basket with spa related items. Please bring your donation Saturday, May 5.

What to donate to the general raffle – a kit, a basket filled with goodies, tools, reeds, handles, bases, gift certificates, cash. Maxine and Shelia will combine donations as necessary (and glean junkie stuff).

Help by filling out a 3 x 5 card with your name, address, and item.

Bring your address labels so you can easily fill out your raffle tickets.

MARKETPLACE: If you would like to rent a table at Marketplace (Saturday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm), please contact Julie Honchar at 864-237-5826 or jfhonchar@yahoo.com. The cost of a table is \$5. We would like basket related items but other items can be appropriate. You must let Julie know by June 7. No late requests, PLEASE!

MAY 5 MEETING - Our May 5 meeting will be at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Wade Hampton Blvd. Our program will start at 10:00 with our business meeting at 11:45 am. A church group will be using the fellowship hall before our meeting but will leave before 10:00 am. Joyce Crain will lead us in the Bird Basket. If you need to bring a lunch/drink, please do so.

JULY 14 – DOUBLE WINE BASKET – Peggy McCarson will lead us in making a double wine basket using a base from Rusty Langston. See last page of newsletter for ordering information. All orders must be received by June 29.

AUGUST 4 – BROOM MAKING WITH DOUG GADDIS – Information to follow.

HOW TO DETERMINE CORRECT AMOUNT OF LASHING TO USE:

The following is written by Annetta Kraayeveld. Complete text with pictures can be seen on her blog at <https://www.prairiewoodbasketry.com>



The old rule, three times around the basket, works for baskets that have a simple construction (i.e. over one, under one weave with 1/2" stakes spaced about 1/2" apart) however circumference is not the only thing to consider when determining lasher length for your basket. **Lasher length is determined by a combination of number of stakes, basket circumference and rim width and thickness.**

How to figure out lasher length for your basket (without handles)

I'm going to give you a formula – don't roll your eyes and think this is a lot like math, because it really is simple and it really doesn't take but a minute or two to figure out. Use a calculator or your phone or a piece of scrap paper – this is just one *small* step to insure that you don't run out of lasher!

Here's the formula: **(N x number of stakes) + 8 = the length of lasher**

Let's break it down: (see 2nd page)

- **8** is the extra reed for starting and stopping – you can make it 10 or 12 if you are nervous.
- **number of stakes** – just count the stakes – all the way around and jot it down.
- **N** is the distance it takes the lasher to circle the rim while lashing one stake. It is easy to determine this with a flexible measuring tape.

Annetta also adds that if you plan to “x” a handle add 6” per handle. If you are double lashing your base, double the number of spokes.



LOST AND FOUND – At Priscilla’s sale someone bought A French Braid Basket kit, round hoops, bases, red reed. The box was left at the Church. I will bring this box back on Saturday for you to claim. If I don’t hear from you on May 5, I will donate the contents to the Weave In Raffle.

PATRIOTIC BASKETS:

Make a regular basket into a patriotic basket by:

1. Using red and blue reed. You can also paint reed white using acrylic paint.
2. Using ribbon. You can buy ribbon that is 3/8” or 1/2”. If you buy larger ribbon, fold in half and weave by itself or over a piece of reed.
3. Taking a wire wreath and weave each section in red, white, or blue flat reed – count number of sections before weaving. Or, weave with natural and then tape off your sections and spray paint the reed.
4. Painting stars on blue or red reed.
5. Painting a primitive star and add to your basket. You can also buy a small piece of balsa wood and paint a patriotic picture on it. Attach with glue a piece of reed to the top and bottom (or sides) and weave the ends of the reed into the basket.
6. Adding a patriotic bandana as a linen in a basket.
7. Going to an old Just Patterns book for a round reed Patriotic Basket or market basket.



http://www.justpatterns.com/weavers/patterns/roundreedamericana_basket.html

http://www.justpatterns.com/weavers/patterns/summer_market.html

8. Suzanne Moore also has free Patriotic Patterns.
<http://www.ncbasketworks.com/americana-mail-free-pattern.html>
<http://www.ncbasketworks.com/patriotic-picnic-time-free-pattern.html>
<http://www.ncbasketworks.com/patriotic-pride-free-pattern.html>

Below are pictures of my baskets with the Patriotic ribbon.



SMOKE 'N WINE
UPPER SC BASKETMAKERS GUILD
SATURDAY, JULY 14, 10 AM TO 2 PM



Using a wooden base by Rusty Langston, this basket starts with pre-inserted spokes that are held in place by your rows of twining. Smoked reed and a dyed reed accent are used on the sides along with a cross-stitch pattern. After lashing once around the basket, the rim row is nailed into the wooden upright. The cost for the entire kit is \$28. This includes the stained base, pre-started spokes, weavers, cross stitch and pattern. The base and pattern alone can be purchased for \$14. (Note: Instead of wine you could use bread and special olive oil).

If you want to bring your own materials, here is the material list. I glue the spokes in before weaving. **Base:** 3" x 7" oval, handle 11" from Bases by Rusty; **Spokes:** 1/2" FF - 24 @ 11"; **Weavers:** #2 Round reed - 2 @ 115"; 1/4" FO - smoked - 8 @ 27"; 1/4" FO - natural - 18 @ 27"; 3/8" FF dyed - 1 @ 27"; Cane - 2 @ 50"; **Rim:** 7 mm FF - 1 @ 27"; 1/2" FO - 2 @ 26" (You might want to use 1/2" FF for the inside rim); 3/16" FO smoked - 1 @ 110"; 2 small nails

ALL ORDERS DUE BY JUNE 29. ONLY ONE PER MEMBER! \$5.00 EXTRA CHARGE FOR NON-MEMBERS. (NOTE: IF THERE ARE EXTRA BASES AFTER JUNE 29, LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT AN EXTRA KIT (SPOKES NOT INSERTED) OR ONE OF THE EXTRA BASES. I WILL CONTACT YOU!)

_____ \$28 - KIT- stained base, inserted spokes, weavers, pattern - members only
OR

_____ \$33 - Kit - stained base, inserted spokes, weavers, pattern - non-members
OR

_____ \$14 - Base and pattern

Name _____

Phone _____ email _____

Do you want me to contact you if there are extra kits (spokes not inserted)? Yes or No

Do you want me to contact you if there are extra bases? Yes or No