

**Awl the News .....November/December, 2017**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**



**NOV. 4, SATURDAY, 10 AM TO 2 PM – ANGEL ORNAMENTS WITH PATI ENGLISH**

The angel ornaments were pre-ordered through Pati. If you did not order an ornament, you are still welcomed to bring your own project and weave. The pattern is on the website if you want to bring your own materials.

**DEC. 7, THURSDAY – CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – 11 AM TO 1 PM**

We will have a catered lunch. Members are asked to bring a dessert to share. Our meeting will be at 11:00 am. Lunch will start at 11:30. Our Dirty Santa activity will start around 12:15.



**DIRTY SANTA** - Bring a basket in a Christmas bag or wrap as a present without your name on it. The bags go in the middle of the room and everyone chooses a number. The holder of #1 will choose a bag/present. Number 2 will then decide to “steal” the basket from #1 or choose another basket. This continues until everyone has “stolen” or opened a bag. Don’t worry - you can only be stolen from twice.

Remember even if you are a beginner your basket is welcomed. We appreciate all weaving done by our members.

Please reply to this email to let us get a count for lunch. If you are receiving this by snail mail, then please call Peggy at 864-346-6959 so you can be counted.

**REMEMBER WE DO NOT MEET IN JANUARY.**

We are still working on the schedule for next year. The events so far are:

June 8, 9, 10 – Weave In Convention

Fall, 2018 – Workshop led by Guild members

November, 2018 – Carolina Snowflake – big, small, dyed reed, twill pattern

December, 2018 – Christmas Celebration

We really need suggestions for our programs. We also need people to volunteer to lead the programs. You can choose a kit from a retailer (NC Basketworks, Bases to Weave, etc.). You can also make up a kit of your own design. Also, some basket writers are willing to share patterns for a guild to use – check with the creator.

**PRESIDENT—ELECT, 2018** – We will vote on the President-elect nominations (and board) at the December meeting. The duties of this position include: helping to set the program and dates for next year. The board will probably meet before or after the December program to get this in place with your help. The other duty is to run the meeting when President is absent – don’t worry you will get an agenda to go by. Every organization needs volunteers to function – please consider this position. Remember that you will receive a lot of help. Contact Peggy if you are interested.

**BILLY OWENS:** Dear Basket Friends

As many of you have heard our friend and teacher, BILLY OWENS and his wife Teresa, lost their home and all that was in it on Saturday, October 14, 2017 to a house fire.. A GoFundMe account was set up to insure that they get back into a home as soon as possible. If you would like to help-go to the site below:

<https://www.gofundme.com> and search for the "Billy and Teresa Owens house fire fund" to donate.

At our Nov. 4 meeting, we will discuss our Upper SC Basketweavers Guild contribution to Billy and his family.

**WEAVE IN – SANDY IS WORKING ON THE BROCHURE.** Her goal is to get the program to the printer in December.



**Volunteers** – Once again we are seeking volunteers for the following positions:

1. **Marketplace** – Saturday, June 9 – around 6 pm. Assign tables to teachers who participate in marketplace. You will be given a layout of the tables. Most teachers will set up where they are weaving. However, not all teachers are teaching on Saturday. You will need to assign teachers to share a “weaving station” so everyone can participate.
2. **Cloth Trash Bags** – We need more volunteers to sew 10 – 15 trash bags. These hang from the table next to the weaver to hold trash. Peggy will bring patterns, directions and bags with gravel/sand. We also plan to iron on a label saying the bag came from our convention.

If you can't sew, you could bring to the December meeting 2 to 3 yards of cotton cloth in two complementary colors so the members who are sewing will have material to work with.

**From one of our members:** Spotlight on: Coffee and tobacco staining

For a unique look, try staining with tobacco and coffee. Buy two pouches of cheap chewing tobacco and put it in the leg of a panty hose. Tie off the end and cut off excess hose. Place in a bucket with six tablespoons of instant coffee and two quarts of ammonia. Then let sit for two weeks and voila, a beautiful stain!

**Christmas Basket** by Peggy McCarson

**Base:** With good side down, mark centers and lay horizontally five ½” FF spokes (24”) with four ¼” FF fillers (16”) between the spokes.

Insert a D handle (4” x 9”) stained red over the fillers and under the spokes, matching centers. On either side of the handle weave four (total 8) ½” FF vertical spokes (19”).

Base will measure approximately 4” x 9”.

Bend the fillers over to form “chicken feet”.

Upset spokes. (I did not need a locking row).

**Sides:** Weavers are approximately 32”.

Weave 2 rows of 3/8” FF.

Follow with 3 rows of 3/16” FO dyed reed.

Weave 3 rows of 3/16” FO natural.

Then weave 2 rows of 3/16” FO dyed.

Once again follow with 3 rows of 3/16” FO.

One more row of 3/16” FO dyed reed.

The last two rows are 3/8” FF natural.

**For rim,** I used ¼” FF as the hidden rim row. Cut and tuck spokes. Use ½” FO for inside and outside rims. The seagrass goes from handle to handle. Lash with 3/16” FO, making a cross at the handle.

Decorate with your favorite ornament.

