



**ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR:**

**August 31 – Deadline to pay 2017-2018 Dues.** Check on link above to print out the membership form or look in your July/August newsletter. The \$15 can also be paid at the Sept. 9 meeting from 10 am to noon.

**Sept. 9, Saturday, Open Weave – 10 am to 1 or 2pm –** bring a project to finish. Debbie will try stop in but if she cannot make the Sept. meeting she will be here in October. Hopefully, someone will be at the Open Weave who can help you with your gourd/project.

**Oct. 5, Thursday, 10 am to 2 pm – Pumpkin Patch Decorations –** see attached ordering form. Deadline to order is **Sept.15.**

**Nov. 4, Saturday, Angel Ornament with Pati English –** see next page.

**VI Reed & Cane** recently shared these tips for using Weaver's Stain:

Always stain outside or in a well ventilated area.

**HOLD CAN APPROXIMATELY 10 INCHES FROM YOUR BASKET**



- 1). Turn basket over and spray the bottom first.
- 2). Work your way up the outsides of the basket to the rim. By this time, stain has penetrated to the inside and you need only mist the inside of your basket.
- 3). Spray the inside of your basket.
- 4). If you have a wood handle, spray the handle last and wipe with a cloth immediately. The longer the stain is on the wood handle, the darker the handle will be.
- 5) DO NOT spray the same area twice.
- 6) Once you start spraying, keep the basket and the can moving. Your basket needs only 1 coat of stain.
- 7) Should you get more stain on one end of your basket than the other, do not wipe it to even it. It will even itself when it dries.
- 8) If stain is dripping from your basket, you are using way too much stain, or you are too close to your basket. If your basket is darker shade than normal, you are holding the can too close to your basket. The closer you hold the can to your basket the more intense the color.
- 9) You should be able to handle your basket after 15 minutes. However, let it dry 24 hours before actually using it. Any odor will dissipate after a few days. If you let your basket dry outside, in the shade, the odor will disappear sooner (during warm weather only). If it is damp or wet outside, it will take longer for your basket to dry. If possible bring your basket inside where it is warm and let it dry (place on a plain brown paper bag).
- 10) You may wish to use a wire coat hanger when staining. Open up the hanger and hook your basket to one end and hang from a tree. This way you can walk around your basket when staining.
- 11) We recommend that you take a large appliance box and cut the flaps out, set the box on its side and you have a stain booth. Eliminates any over-spray problem.
- 12) Do not spray outside when it is below freezing, 32 degrees. The propellant breaks down in the cold and you are wasting your stain. You'll know when it is too cold, stain will come out in a stream. If you have to spray a basket outside when it is below freezing, keep the can inside where it is warm. You may go out and spray your basket. Once the can becomes cold you will notice a stream of spray. STOP. Go back inside to let the can become room temperature again, then you may go out and finish your basket.
- 13) Do not spray on a windy day.
- 14) Do not spray next to your new car or next to your vinyl siding.

**VERY IMPORTANT TIPS:**

When finished, turn your can upside down and press nozzle for 1 or 2 seconds. This will allow the propellant to clean the cylinder and nozzle.

If the nozzle clogs, and it is a wide nozzle with a fat finger pad, you can remove this nozzle and soak it in mineral spirits for 15 minutes and rinse with water and place back on can. You're ready to stain again.

**Spotlight On: Cleaning Mold from Sandy Atkinson**

- As the weather gets cooler you may notice mold or mildew coming up on some of your baskets. It can be removed with a solution of one part Clorox to three parts water. Scrub the affected area with a toothbrush and dry in the sunlight. Test the solution on an inconspicuous area first, as it may bleach dyed reed.
- Mold can also be removed by freezing the basket for 48 hours. A toothbrush will then take it off.

Dyeing Reed: We already have a copy of "Dyeing in Small Batches" (let me know if you have misplaced yours). The following site gives pictures of how to dye reed in your kitchen – something I would never try. (Click "ctrl" and your left mouse key to open the link.)

<http://turquoiseandwill.blogspot.com/2015/03/tutorial-how-to-dye-reed-on-stove.html>



Did you lose a clothespin or a pair of scissors at the Guild meeting on August 3? If yes, contact Dottie Pittman at [dottiepittman@outlook.com](mailto:dottiepittman@outlook.com).



**Candy Corn Decoration:** We did these Candy Corn decorations with Sandy in October, 2015. Similar directions are listed below.

3/8" flat reed, 3 pieces 26" long (natural or dyed golden yellow)

1/4" flat oval, 1 long piece (space-dyed wine, dark green, and golden yellow)

#2 round reed, 1 medium length piece (natural or dyed golden yellow)

Mark the middle of the wrong side of the three, 3/8" spokes. Lay out one, wrong side up vertically, and place the other two on top in an "X". Clip in place with clothespins. Slit one spoke to the center to make an odd number for continuous weaving. Take your 1/4" weaver and taper one end for about 4". Start weaving between the split and weave 2 rows flat; upset the sides and straighten the packing as you go. Weave and shape until the reed is used up, tapering the last 4 inches and ending as you began. Fold the round reed in half and begin twining

until the reed runs out. End to the inside with both ends. Cut the other two 3/8" spoke down the middle and shape to curve outward. NOTE: Make three ears, one larger than the other two and join together with a rubberband. Tie with a raffia bow or other decorations.

#### **Nov. 4, Saturday, 10 to 2, Angel Ornament with Pati English**

Pattern is on our website for you to download and print. There will be a few patterns available at the Sept. 9 or Oct. 5 meetings. You can order a complete kit from Pati that includes reed, embellishments, head, etc. for \$7.00. You can order a kit that has the angel started for \$10.

Send your check made out to Pati English to:

Pati English  
151 English Hill Rd.  
Seneca, SC 29672

Or contact Pati at [BasketsMySpeciality@yahoo.com](mailto:BasketsMySpeciality@yahoo.com)

Deadline for ordering kit is Oct. 20.



The Pumpkin Patch  
Program for the Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017 Upper SC Basketmakers Guild  
Pattern by Mary Skillings, adapted by Peggy McCarson



The three pumpkins form a patch that will look great on your table, console, bookcase, coffee table, etc. All 3 patterns are included along with the materials to weave all three. Sizes range from 3" x 5" to 6" x 9". You should be able to make the large basket and medium basket during our meeting. The mini is the same pattern as the large and can be completed at home. Reed will be dyed like the pumpkin dye used in the picture. You will make some of the decorations by wrapping dark green round reed around a pencil. Other embellishments include raffia, jute, and twisted paper. Cost is \$20 for patterns (including amount paid to Mary), reed for all 3 baskets, and embellishment items. Bring pencils, different size dowels (if possible), small clips, glue in addition to regular basket tools.

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Cost: \$20.00 Make check payable to Peggy McCarson (One set per member.)  
Mail to 2617 E. Georgia Rd., Simpsonville, SC 29681 or bring to Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
Deadline to register is Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Sorry, no cancellations or late registrations.

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