Time flies and I can’t believe we are now ready to begin registration for the 2018 Weaving in the Sunshine State basket weaving retreat. It seems like just yesterday that I was planning for this year’s event.

I’m so excited by the growing interest in this event. It’s amazing how many basket weavers winter in south Florida! When you add in the number of weavers who just want to escape the cold and spend a few days in the south Florida sunshine … well, let’s just say that interest has been HIGH! I encourage you to register early as space is limited.

The details of the retreat can be found in the Retreat Brochure. The Class Catalog showcases the classes and teachers. The Class Schedule will aid you in planning your days. Be sure to include your registration fees when mailing your Registration Form.

Each of the documents are available on the website. Just click on the logo to the left to be linked to the appropriate page. I’m so excited to see you there!

Weaving near the ocean seems to be a theme this month. Jan Beyma is the coordinator for the NCBA Fall seminar “Beach Buddies and Baskets” that will be held in Supply, North Carolina on October 27-28, 2017. The event is hosted by the Port City Basket Guild and registration is now open. There are some great teachers and awesome weaving projects so please check it out! Just click on their logo picture above to be linked to full information.

Did you know that you can access back issues of “The Reed Reader”? If you’d like to read any of the newsletters you missed or share back issues with a friend, just click here … www.BrightExpectationsBaskets.com/Newsletter
"CALISTA" – Double Walled Corner Basket

Frustrated by trying to get the most out of your countertop space and dealing with the “dead space” in the corner? “Calista” to the rescue! Her unique doubled slotted and arched triangle base provides the foundation for a very, very sturdy basket. Her contemporary design will look attractive in your kitchen, bathroom, or laundry room. Her ample size would hold fruits or veggies, bath products, or detergent.

What? You’ve never made a double walled basket?? “Calista” has lot of pictures and detailed instruction on how to achieve a tightly woven and level basket that is not only beautiful to look at – but she’s super functional. You’ll be hooked and off to creating more coordinating baskets for your countertop.

To purchase this PATTERN, please click below.
“CALISTA”

"CHARLOTTE" – Beaded Storage Jar

I can’t deny ... I’ve been into a “bead thing” lately. I think it stemmed from me trying to organize a previous hobby (jewelry making) and discovering that I had a MULTITUDE of beads. Since it doesn’t appear that I’m headed back to that hobby any time soon, it just seemed appropriate to try and incorporate some bead inventory into my weaving.

And have I mentioned that I LOVE IKEA jars? They are so reasonably priced and versatile. “Charlotte” can be used as a canister, cookie jar, doggie treat holder, or coffee jar ... You may just want a set of these. IKEA offers more than one size too! No IKEA near you? You can either order one online, or simply use the technique on a jar you have easily available to you.

The pattern for “Charlotte” is very descriptive and has MANY pictures. In addition, if you would like to have a video that shows the technique in action, after purchasing the pattern, simply send me an email and I will happily forward you the short video clip.

You are going to see this same jar on another pattern coming soon. Be watching for “Ella”!

To purchase this PATTERN, please click below.
“CHARLOTTE”

If someone tells you that you have too many basket weaving supplies and you don’t need anymore, STOP TALKING TO THEM.
You don’t need that kind of negativity in your life.
How Do They Do That?? Teach Me!

I’m going to assume that there are many people like me – that I learn something new easier by SEEING it rather than just reading the instruction or tutorial. It’s one of the reason why you’ll find that my patterns include LOTS of pictures – often up to 20 or 30 photos in each one. Especially if there is a unique technique or method used in that particular project.

You can find free “download, print, and take along” tutorials for basic, beginner weaving skills on my website for the following. Clicking on each (from your computer or tablet) will link you to the PDF documents.

- Basic Handle Wrap
- Twining a Wood Base
- Triple Twining or Three Rod Wale
- Triple Twining with Arrow
- French Randing
- French Randing with Arrow

YouTube videos are a delight … when you can find the one that you are really looking for. Sadly, that can often include a LOT of your time. I’ve not ventured into too many “self” videos yet (however, I do have one for “Charlotte” – one of the new patterns released this month). Fortunately for all of us, there are some excellent teachers who offer free videos to watch and learn techniques. Here for your convenience are just a few. Please let these instructors know how much we appreciate the time it takes to prepare these.

- Wave Weave (new)
- Lazy Hearts (new)
- Four Rod Wale (new)
- The Incredible Scarfing Tool
- Braided Handle
- Cherokee Wheels
- Butterfly Knot
- Folded Rim
- Cross Stitch Weave Technique
- Sawtooth Border Technique

Please visit Debbie Hurd and Candace Katz at www.basestoweave.com for supplies, patterns, and kits. Link to Instructional Videos Here, Scroll for Options. Plus, you can see them BOTH at the 2018 Weaving in the Sunshine State basket weaving retreat!

I am a huge fan of Joanna's basket weaving. Her tutorials have been graciously shared for us all to enjoy. This is just a sampling of her offerings:

- Leather Handled Tote Strapping
- Singeing Tutorial
- Shaping the Sides of a Basket
- Double Lashing
- Clip and Tuck
- Weaving the Locking Row
- Laying out a Filled Base
- Wire and Bale Handles
- Weaving with Leather Handles
- Twining a Round Base
- Leather Handled Tote Strapping

Visit her website at www.joannascollections.com

Annetta Kraayeveld of www.PrairieWoodBasketry.com and also known as “The Basket Teacher” (and for quite good reasons) has a very informative newsletter as well as excellent weaving videos for viewing.

- Four Strand Braid Weave
- The Step Up
- Three Rod Arrow
- Three Strand Braid Weave
- Lashing a Basket with Waxed Linen
- Dyeing Reed 101 (Three-part series with great detailed information.)

Various Other Instructional Videos or Instruction:

- Shaker Cheese Basket with Johannah West
- Envelope Basket with Sandy Atkinson
- Braided Rim with Nancy Jacobs (Part 1)
- Braided Rim with Nancy Jacobs (Part 2)
- Braided Rim with Nancy Jacobs (Part 3)
- Unique Reed Flowers with Miriam Joy
- Adirondak Backpack with Jill Choate
- Speaking Fluent Twill in 5 Easy Steps with Jill Choate
- Diamond Weave with Basket Weaving Supplies
- Weave a Potato Basket (may need to translate)
Sampling of Bright Expectations Basket Patterns

Clicking on any PICTURE will connect you to the pattern listing.