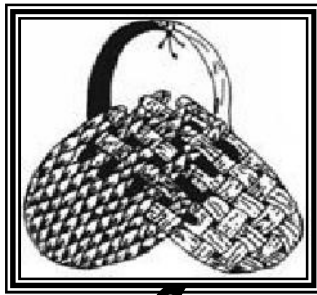


# Great Basin Basketmakers

*Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts*



# Newsletter

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## Calendar:

2/3 . . . . .1st Thurs. Meeting  
 2/14 . . . Valentine's Day  
 2/15 & 2/17. . . Special 2  
 Day Pine Needle Basket  
 Workshop

Welcome to our  
 New Members:



Janet Greene of  
 Yuba City, CA, Deb Nishi-  
 hara from San Mateo, CA,  
 Phyliss Lewis of Reno, Lau-  
 ren Lampe of Pittsburgh,  
 PA, Gayla Camino from  
 Sparks, and Cissie  
 McMenemy from Carson  
 City

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## GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

**LARRY D. JOHNSON COMMUNITY  
 CENTER, SPARKS  
 COMMUNITY CENTER  
 Business Meeting Begins at 12:30  
 Program will Commence at 2:00**

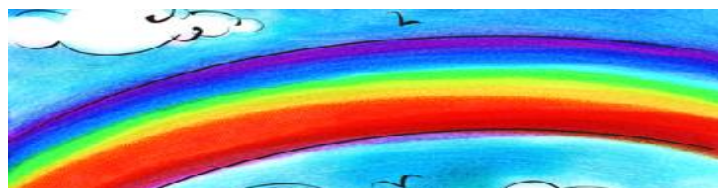
## February Guild Meeting Program

Rima Kent-Steiber will be discussing color and use of that color to impact artwork. There will be a small project workshop in conjunction with her presentation.

Supplies members need to bring:

1. Scissors
2. Ruler
3. Glue stick
4. Pencil or pen

She will also have a color handout/brochure that is available for purchase at approximately \$3.00 each. Rima will be printing copies as needed, and will need confirmation by January 30th via phone 741-6325 or e-mail [rksteiber@yahoo.com](mailto:rksteiber@yahoo.com) if a member wishes to buy a copy. She will also need to know if you would like a dark or light background for your project.





# PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS



## **Pine Needle Basket Workshop—2 Day Class**

**Tuesday, February 15th, and Thursday, February 17th, 2011**

**9:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Sky Peaks Community Room, Instructor: Margaret Marshall**

Tuesday's workshop will concentrate on pine needle starts. You will learn 3 different starts, one of which you will finish at home. This start will be your base for the 3rd Thursday workshop. On Thursday, you will begin forming the sides using the Mariposa Stitch. You will also learn how to end your basket. The fee for the 2 days is \$50, payable to Margaret Marshall at the time of sign-ups. If you have any questions, please call her at (775) 825-4397.

### **MATERIALS NEEDED FOR THE THREE STARTS AND FOR THE MARIPOSA STITCH BASKET:**

A nice bundle of dyed pine needles, a couple of Chenille and Tapestry needles (I think they are #18), one spool of #3 waxed linen thread, either matching or a contrasting color to the dyed pine needles and a small pair of scissors. Needle nose pliers are always helpful. For the other 2 starts you can use dyed or natural pine needles and raffia and/or artificial sinew. I do not recommend raffia or artificial sinew for the project basket as neither are stable enough to hold the rows apart. If you bring raffia for your non-project starts, please bring a small tub to dampen your raffia. If you wish to use artificial sinew, you may order from Allen's Basket Works, (760) 320-4467. I use Tan Sinew, 400'. Last time I purchased it was \$12.50 + shipping.

To begin a basket, pine needles must be damp. The night before the workshop, soak the needles in hot water for about an hour. Then wrap in about 6 to 10 sections of damp paper towel and place in a plastic bag (I use the bag our newspaper comes in). Put in refrigerator to mellow overnight.

**(DON'T FORGET TO REMOVE THEM FROM REFRIGERATOR IN THE MORNING AND BRING THEM TO THE WORKSHOP!!!)**

### **PINE NEEDLE DYEING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1) Wash **8-ounces pine needles** then soak separately for about 20 minutes.
- 2) Mix  $\frac{1}{2}$  **gallon of water** and **3 TBS Angleus leather dye** in a metal cooking pot (large enough to sub-merge pine needles) and bring to a boil.
- 3) Add cleaned and soaked pine needles to the boiling water and dye.
- 4) After boiling needles for 20 minutes, add **1 cup white vinegar**.
- 5) Boil for additional 10 minutes (boil longer if you want needles darker, use your judgment).
- 6) Remove pine needles and rinse thoroughly with cold water.
- 7) Lay pine needles out on newspaper to dry.
- 8) Do not use pine needles until completely dry as they shrink.

**NOTE:** The ingredient amounts should be doubled for 16 ounces of pine needles. It is not recommended to dye more than 16 ounces of pine needles in a batch.



**\*\*There is no 3rd Saturday workshop this month due to the Presidents' Day holiday weekend.**

## **Artist's Co-Op Sale**

The Great Basin Basketmakers have been invited to show and sell their work at the Artist's Co-Op during the month of September, 2011. The title/ theme of the show/sale will be "Colors of Nature." The show opening will be on Sunday, September 4, 2011. More details to follow (i.e. date for drop off/pickup, consignment forms, etc.) Thank you to the Artist's Co-Op for extending this opportunity to GBB once more. So start weaving—September will be here before you know it!

Rima Kent-Steiber will be collecting a short biographical statement from all of our artists. She will be creating a binder for all our artists, so that we have information available for future shows, etc.

### **Calls for Entries—Gourd Artists!**

LARK BOOKS

**500 Gourds**

**Call for Entries open until March 01, 2011**

Jurors: Jim Widess & Ginger Summit

Publication Date: July 2012

Lark Crafts seeks art gourd images to publish in a juried collection. Pieces may be functional or purely decorative in nature. They may be carved, painted, dyed, wood-burned, woven, and/or embellished with inlays, fiber, beads, etcetera. We accept high-quality transparencies, slides, and digital images. There is no entry fee. Artists will receive full acknowledgment within the book, one complimentary copy, and discounts on the purchase of additional books. Artists retain copyright of their work. You may enter up to four pieces.

For entry sheet go to [www.larkcrafts.com](http://www.larkcrafts.com) and then click under submissions.

## **GBB 2011 WORKSHOP CHANGES:**

In **February** - Rima Kent-Steiber will be presenting "*Color Theory*"

In **March** - Cat Mena will be presenting "*Natural Dyes*"

In **June** - No trip to Lowe's, but we will still have the Materials Sale

In **November** - Joan O'Brien will be presenting "*God Eye Techniques*"

\*\*Thank you for your attention to these changes

# GBB 2011 RETREAT

Hey Everyone!!!! I'm looking forward to the 2011 GBB Retreat at beautiful Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center at Lake Tahoe, Nevada. The three day conference will begin Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and run through Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost for this years' retreat will be \$220—which covers double occupancy, all meals and workshops (excludes workshop materials fees.) The retreat committee—Connie Douglas, Rima Kent-Steiber, Cat Mena, Joan O'Brien, and Karen Olson—have met and are making plans for the workshops and other activities during our 3 day adventure at the lake. We have two confirmed workshops for this year: Small Lidded Pine Needle Basket (full day) and Woven Fiber Rush Footstool (1/2 day.) We hope to have all workshops confirmed by the February meeting

For those of you who have never been to the retreat—we have 2 days of basket making workshops—Wednesday and Thursday, fun filled evening activities, a great basket raffle and silent auction. It's a wonderful event and a great getaway for everyone; the setting is gorgeous and the camaraderie is awesome. **AND YES, BILLIE WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT—YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!!!!**

We have begun sign-ups for the retreat and we already have 15 members signed-up. When you sign-up you will be required to pay your deposit of \$35 to reserve your space, with the balance due by the April guild meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the retreat please feel free to contact any committee member or Karen Olson at 852-5401 or [kvolson@charter.net](mailto:kvolson@charter.net) You can mail any deposit checks and/or final payment of \$185 made out to GBB to Karen Olson, 4201 Fairview Road, Reno, NV 89511. Start saving your pennies or dollars to come join us at this fun filled yearly event.—*submitted by Karen Olson*

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## GBB MEETING MINUTES—JANUARY 6, 2011—Submitted by Cat Mena

Meeting was called to order @12:32 By President Karen Olson. There were 35 wonderful members present.

Treasurer's Report (see page 7) and Membership Report by Sandy Zoerner: We have 2 new members which brings our current membership to 194—we still need 56 renewals.

Correspondence Report by Billie Walker: Nothing to report.

Meeting Program Report by Pat Westcott: Changes as follows—February's program is *Color Theory* with Rima Kent-Steiber. (Materials listed on front page). The March program will be *A Little About Natural Dyes* with Cat Mena and Joan O'Brien's *God's Eye program* is moved to November.

Monthly Workshop Report by Karen Olson: All workshops for 2011 are scheduled to take place at Sky Peaks unless otherwise indicated. Margaret Marshall instructs a 2 day Pine Needle Basket workshop on 2/15 and 2/17. Materials listed on Page 2. Molly Gardner is teaching a wall pouch on 3/19. Mel Silva needs payment for his weaving class to construct looms.

Special Workshop Report by Margaret Marshall: Flo Hoppe is confirmed for 9/10 and 9/11, 2011. She will be submitting a proposal with beginning and intermediate workshops.

Exhibits/Shows Report: Cherlyn Bennett proposed that GBB participate in the Artist Co-Op program in September. Discussion and a hands of participation confirmed our place. The Artists Co-Op is located at 627 Mill St., Reno ([www.artistsco-opgalleryreno.com](http://www.artistsco-opgalleryreno.com)). Sandy Zoerner shared information on the International Society for Experimental Artists, a group in Washington who needs more fiber artists. Contact Sandy if interested.

Retreat Committee Report: The 2011 retreat at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe is 5/17th-20th. \$220 is the cost, which includes 3 meals/day, room and all workshop instructions. Tuesday afternoon is check-in. All day workshops are scheduled for Wednesday with 1/2 day workshops on Thursday. Check out on Friday morning. There is a host of evening activities spearheaded by Billie, along with raffles, etc. Price does not include material fees TBA. A \$35 deposit can be made now with the remainder due by the April meeting. The all day workshops will be Linda Haven teaching a pine needle basket with lid and Karen Olson teaching a Choctaw pouch. Half-day workshops are a woven stool, taught by Joan O'Brien and a Willow Witch - team taught. We are still welcoming new ideas.

Library Report by Connie Douglas: Connie explained the library policy. Two new books arrived: *Wisconsin Willow*, *Adventures of a Basketmaker*, by Char TerBeest and *Basic Basket Making* by

*(Minutes continued on next page)*



One friend is a lot different than no friends. One friend is plenty.—Frosty the Snowman

## ***GBB Minutes Continued -***

Linda Franz, Molly's Gardener's friend, Karen Mitchell of Minnesota, sent us a box of books for our library. They will be incorporated—thanks a lot to Molly and Karen.

Old Business: Raffle items are always needed and appreciated. Scholarship applications are available on our website and at the monthly meetings. See Linda Haven or Billie Walker for details.

New Business: Sallie Moore takes care of the GBB website. All information about the website should go to her. Her e-mail address is: [weaveaire@sbcglobal.net](mailto:weaveaire@sbcglobal.net).

E-Bulletin Report by Margaret Marshall: Nothing to Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Show and tell ensued.

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## **GBB Board Meeting Information– submitted by Betty Hulse**

The next Board meeting will be February 3rd at 10:00 at Betty Hulse's home, 940 Grandview Ave. All GBB members are welcome to attend. If you have items to become before the Board, please let Betty know in advance of the meeting.

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**DUES REMINDER: Please remember to renew your membership. If the mailing label on your newsletter reads 2011, your membership fees are now due. This will be your last newsletter if dues are not paid. Thank you for your attention to this matter.**



### **December 2010 Treasurer's Report - Submitted By Sandy Zoerner**

During the month of December, we took in \$348.30 and paid out expenses of \$536.69 leaving the end of year balance \$10,746.89. The Larry Johnson Center has been reserved/paid for in 2011. Thanks to Billie Walker for the donation of \$40 from her materials sale. 54 members need to renew their membership if we are to keep mailing the newsletter. We received 4 new memberships increasing the roster to 194 members. Contact me at 775-786-2165 should you have any questions or updates regarding your membership. This will be my last treasurer's report; I have turned the books over to Karen Roselli. I will continue to maintain the membership records. Thank you to GBB for the opportunity to serve. **Remember: membership renewals are due NOW-If you're mailing label reads 2011, you need to renew your membership. Please don't put it off – Get your membership updated!** As always, copies of detailed reports are available upon request.

# Misti Washington Gourd & Basket Guild

## Gourd & Basket Weekend in the Garden

### April 30th & May 1, 2011

Happy Woman Twill  
 Cathead Basket  
 Instructor: Jackie Abrams



If you are interested in viewing all the wonderful basketry classes or in signing up to attend, go to [www.baskets-gourds.com](http://www.baskets-gourds.com), and click on 2011 conference. There is a wide range of classes, including traditional basketry, gourds with weaving, gourd carving, basketry with nontraditional materials and lots of jewelry projects. Included below are a few pictures of some of the projects being offered. The Guild holds its conference classes in the San Diego Botanical Gardens. This is a great opportunity to take classes from instructors you don't normally have access to, and to explore new techniques and mediums. Many GBB members have attended this conference and enjoyed it tremendously.

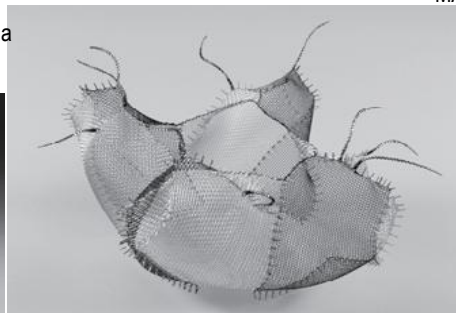
Gourd Masks  
 Instructor: Don Weeke



Sculptural People Rattle  
 Instructor: Polly Jacobs Giacchina



“Meshing”: Making Biomorphic Patchwork Baskets  
 Instructor: Lanny Bergner



Twill Shoulder Bag  
 Instructor: Judith Olney – Rowley, MA



### **Great Basin Basketmakers Membership Application/Renewal**

Membership Dues: \$20/yr, \$35/2 yrs, \$50/3 yrs. (Due annually in January)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

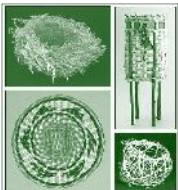
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**February, 2011**

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Established January 1987

- \* Meet the first Thursday of each month in Sparks at the Larry D. Johnson Community Center, 1200 12th Street,
- \* Open business meeting at 12:30 P.M. All are welcome.
- \* Show and Tell 1:30-2PM. Program starts at 2:00 PM
- \* Membership dues for Great Basin Basketmakers are \$20/yr, \$35/2 yrs, \$50/3 yrs, \$5 extra per household member per year. Dues are to be paid annually in January. Membership includes monthly newsletter, access to large library and reduced workshop rates.

Please direct address or e-mail changes, membership dues and requests for membership to: P.O. Box 11844, Reno, NV 89510-1844. Questions regarding workshops, events, etc., may be directed to GBB President Karen Olson at [kvolson@charter.net](mailto:kvolson@charter.net). Check our website at

**[www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org](http://www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org)**

E-Bulleting Board contact Margaret Marshall at [gmlmarshall@aol.com](mailto:gmlmarshall@aol.com)

### *Our Mission Statement*

The main focus of the Great Basin Basketmakers is to make baskets, to learn everything possible about the traditions and techniques of basketry and to pass this knowledge on along to others.

