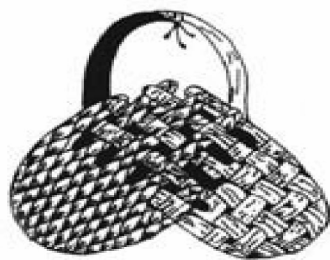


Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



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Welcome New Members!!!!!!

Lorrie Leiker, Sparks, NV
 Gwen O'Bryan, Reno, NV
 Judy Scribner, Napa, CA
 Shirley Williams, Sparks, NV



HANDMADE CORDAGE

With Joan O'Brien & April Barber
 General Meeting Program
 March 5th @ 1:00 PM
 Larry D. Johnson Community Center

Joan and April will demonstrate how to make cordage from daylily leaves and iris leaves, most of which we all have in our backyards. Feel free to bring some of these leaves.

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Reminder: Don't forget to bring your "Basket in a Bag" to share with the group. Also, remember you will get an extra raffle ticket for bringing Show and Tell items!!!!

Thank you, Jim McCormick for your inspiring presentation at the February meeting. Many words were tossed around to enhance our creativity. Just a few that I liked were: figural, momentary function, sculptural, imaginative, endearing, longevity, playful, monumentality, fussy.

What words caught your attention????

March at a glance...

March 5th	General Meeting,
March 19th	3rd Thursday Workshop, Round Reed Fruit Basket Larry D. Johnson Center
March 21st	3rd Saturday Workshop, Oriole Basket Sky Peaks Center

Alert!! Alert!! Alert!!

If your address label on your newsletter has 1/1/2009 and you have not paid up your membership dues, this will be your **LAST** newsletter!

Spiral Fruit Basket with Karen Rosselli

3rd Thursday - March 19, 2009

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Larry D. Johnson Community Center

Join Karen Rosselli for a fun day of weaving. We will be making a fruit basket with round reed and seagrass. It's a fun project for any skill level and you will leave class with a completed basket. It has a great rim!!!!

We will be using #4 round reed, #6 round reed, and #3 seagrass. Please sign-up soon so I know how much material I will need to purchase. You are welcome to use your own material. This is a 3 rod wale basket, so you will need plenty of #4 round reed and seagrass.

Bring all of your regular weaving tools: spray bottle, towel, awl, soaking tub, and clippers or scissors. And don't forget your lunch!
Class Fees: \$15 for member, \$20 for non-member, \$7 materials fee.



Oriole Basket with Mary Lee Fulkerson

3rd Saturday - March 21, 2009

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Sky Peaks Retirement Center, Reno

This basket, shaped like an Oriole's nest, is one of the oldest Appalachian basket styles, designed to be flat on the sides so it could ride easily on the side of a mule. Today we make it to honor our American basket heritage and to create a highly unusual basket. Check it out in Robin Taylor Daugherty's "Split Woven Basketry."



Students will have two options: making a either traditional basket of natural reed or a basket to match your personality, love of nature, and/or color favorites.

If making a non-traditional basket, bring wools, yarns, dyed reed, fabric strips, willow, any hard or soft materials you'd like to incorporate. I will be bringing natural and materials dyed in blues and greens, plus Oriole Frames.

This basket can be made by beginners to intermediate weavers; however your teacher needed patience and perseverance to size and insert the spokes.

Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. The materials fee will be \$15. Please bring soaking bucket, scissors, and a sack lunch. For more information contact Mary Lee at marylee@sbcglobal.net or (775)746-0328.

We're planning to schedule **Mark and Linda Pietz**, members of GBB and past instructors, for a one day class later this spring. Mark will be teaching Handmade Brooms, while Linda will teach, Bee Skeps.

Danielle Bodine, offers a variety of workshops, she has two types of baskets featured in the book 500 Baskets, in our library. We are hoping to book her for a two day class this fall. Danielle would be a new teacher to GBB and she is offering several exciting new designs. Check our website in the future for dates.

Flo Hoppe, internationally known basketmaker has taught in Reno before. She is a contemporary, as well as a traditional, weaver who uses mainly reed. Several of her books are in our library. Her classes are appropriate for both beginners and advanced students. She will be teaching a two day class in 2010.

Mary Hettmansperger, well known fiber artist focusing on basketry, teaches hard and soft sculptural baskets as well as many other types of contemporary works. She has taught our guild before and was a very popular instructor. We're expecting to schedule her for a 2 day class in 2010. Check out her website at www.maryhetts.com.

If you have any questions or want more information please contact Eileen Brilliant at (530) 544-5145 or email at brillianteileen@yahoo.com.

Our Museums are at Risk.....Proposed state budget cuts will have severe impacts on Nevada's state museums. The Nevada State Museum and the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City; as well as the Nevada Historical Society in Reno will be open to the public only 4 days a week. More than 10 employees will be cut from these 3 museums, the Historical Society galleries and store will be closed, and the Railroad and State Museum's Education programs will be cut.

Museums are a significant part of Nevada's children's education in history, geology and the environment, and social and ethnic relationships. They provide visual and often textural learning that cannot be provided in the classroom. The museums are also a significant factor in our tourism economy. If they are not open, visitors will have fewer reasons to come to Northern Nevada. Businesses will have fewer selling points to bring new employees to the region. Quality of life will suffer. Contact your legislative representative.

New Books in the GBB Library Connie Douglas, GBB Librarian

Time to Weave – Simply Elegant Projects to Make in Almost No Time by Jane Patrick

Use simple but timeless techniques and eclectic materials to create 16 contemporary projects that transcend the notion that weaving is hard or takes too long. Each project shows an appreciation for the natural world and encourages use of reconstructed, recycled, vintage, and natural materials.

Plaited Basketry with Birch Bark by Vladimir Yarish, Flo Hoppe and Jim Widess

In this beautifully illustrated book, a master Russian basketweaver shows the many uses of birch bark, especially in basketmaking. He demonstrates how the bark is harvested, and explains, with Flo Hoppe, how it is used in traditional and contemporary baskets. Detailed instructions are included for 18 projects.

Great SCOT! – A Beginner's Guide to Ply-Split Braids in Single -Course Oblique Twining by Linda Hendrickson

This little book illustrates some of the projects that Linda showed us when she taught here in November.

Split-Ply Twining by Virginia Harvey

The first written description of SCOT (single -course oblique twining), with sculptural variations and open fabrics using twine and wool. Purchased through Linda Hendrickson's website, it is one of her recommended texts.

DVD – Ply-Split Garlic Basket With Instructor Linda Hendrickson

Linda takes you to her Portland studio and shows the process for making her original ply-split garlic basket design. Also, a kit for this basket is available on her website, www.lindahendrickson.com.

2009 RETREAT

Tuesday, May 12th thru Friday, May 15th
Zephyr Point Conference Center
Zephyr Cove, Nevada

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This year's retreat has been expanded by one day to include more classes. We are again meeting at the beautiful Zephyr Point Conference Center at Lake Tahoe, Nevada. The cost this year for 3 nights lodging with double occupancy and 8 meals will be \$197. As a special treat this year GBB is graciously covering all the instructors' fees for the classes and the participants will only be responsible for the materials fees for any classes they wish to take. Scholarships to the retreat are available and the forms to apply for a scholarship are in the GBB library at the Larry D. Johnson Community Center. A deposit of \$25.00 is requested at the time of registering for the retreat. A signup sheet is available at all meetings or you can mail your check (made payable to Great Basin Basketmakers) to Joan O'Brien, 950 Yellow Pine Rd, Reno, Nevada 89511.

We have lots of fun activities planned. The evening programs will include making cordage with electric drills, lashings, making mini reindeer fetishes and so much more. Last year was such a joyful gathering!! Hope to see you there this year.

For more details about this year's classes go to www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org.

Hairy Bird's Nest Basket
Instructor: Carol Thomas
Wednesday, May 13, 2009
9:00am - 11:30am
Materials Fee: \$2.00



Signup sheets will be at the March meeting or you can call or email to reserve your spot in the class. Contact Carol Thomas at 775-345-0161 or plantweaver@sbcglobal.net.



Willow Reindeer
Instructor: Willow Bill Goulardt
Wednesday, May 13, 2009
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Materials Fee: \$17.00

Signups will be at the March meeting or you can contact Eileen Brilliant at 530-544-5145 or brillianteileen@aol.com.

Winnowing Tray or Small Burden Basket
Instructor: Sue Coleman
Thursday, May 14, 2009
9:00AM - 4:00 PM
Materials Fee: \$10.00 for each project



Beginning to advanced levels may sign up and try either one or both baskets. It is advised for beginners to pick just one to try. Advanced weavers will probably be able to do both if they wish. There will be additional help throughout the day from the experienced weavers in our guild. This will be quite an opportunity and challenge for all levels. Contact Sandy Zoerner at 775-786-2165 or zoerware@sbcglobal.net or signup at the March meeting. The baskets in the pictures were made by Carol Thomas.

Retreat Raffle Contest

New this year will be a contest to pick the best basket offered for raffle with the winner receiving a full scholarship to the retreat. As we did last year, we encourage all participants to make baskets for the raffle that helps to offset the retreat expenses. Last year we raised over \$700!! Wowie!! Zowie!!

Soooo.....put on those creative thinking caps and make a basket or two for this year's retreat raffle. Bring your finished (please no names) baskets to the May meeting for the judging. Each person present will get a ticket to vote for the basket they like best. The basket with the most tickets wins!!!!

Happenings Here and There

African American Exhibit (including baskets) at Sparks Heritage Museum, 120 Victorian Ave (just off Pyramid Way). Open 11-4 Tues-Fri, 1-4 Sat. Through March 14.

Congratulations to Tia Flores, who will be exhibiting her sculptural gourds in the Nevada Arts Council's LXS Gallery space on the first floor of the Nevada Legislature Building April 27-May 15.

Basketry Workshops by Nancy Moore Bess, Polly Jacobs Giacchina, and Cass Schorsch at Conference of Northern California Handweavers in Sonoma, CA, April 24-27. Check out the web site: www.cnch.org

"Coiling, the Sculptural Basketmaking Technique" with Lissa Hunter April 24-26. Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA, www.mendocinoartcenter.org

2009 Misti Washington Gourd & Basket Guild Weekend May 2 & 3 in Quail Botanical Gardens, Encinitas, CA, www.baskets-gourds.com.

Another Gourd fest at Greg Leiser Farms at Knights Landing, CA: Gourd Art Festival May 16 & 17 is preceded by 3 day pre-Festival classes (May 13-15) full of detailed instructions and hands-on learning. Classes are \$57.50. Opportunity for a free class, too. www.GourdFarmer.com

2009 Stowe Basketry Festival, Vermont, May 18-24, www.roundhearth.com

Call For Entries for Lark Book's upcoming "500 Found Object Works". Seeking one-of-a-kind images of found object art to publish in a juried collection. FMI: www.larkbooks.com/submissions/artist-submissions

New Mexico Fiber Art Trails, your guide to 250 fiber artists and their creations at more than 60 rural destinations, from galleries to farms to trading posts. Visit www.nmfiberarts.org to download 64-page brochure or call 1-800-879-4278.

Check out these sites: www.nadinespier.com, www.sallybright.com, www.shannonweber.com, www.mavismullerart.com. Some great ideas for beginning explorations.....or maybe future instructors...

Greetings from the Folklife Program at the Nevada Arts Council! As we are all feeling the strain of the economic downturn, I want to remind you of some grant opportunities that are still available through the Arts Council.

The Folklife Program offers Professional Development Grants to help defray travel and registration costs for meetings, conferences, and gatherings; for travel to work with a particular master artist; and for travel to do research on your own cultural traditions. For example, basket weavers may be interested in attending the 2009 Northwest Basket Weavers Annual Spring Retreat in March in Port Orchard, WA (www.nwbasketweavers.org) or the National Basketry Organization Convention this summer in Portland, OR (www.nationalbasketry.org). For out of state professional development, the Folklife PDGs will pay up to \$500.00 of your expenses. For more information on these grants, go to www.nevadaculture.org/nac and look at Folklife Professional Development Grants.

GBB Minutes

Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2009 submitted by Malinda Parks:

Membership: Our updated roster is available. Please check your information—questions or corrections should be directed to Sandy Zoerner. Membership stands at 194.

Library: Connie is creating a catalog of our books and resources, to be ready soon.

Meeting programs: Handmade cordage is the program topic for the 1st Thursday in March, please bring your completed Basket in a Bag to the March meeting. Thank you, Jim McCormick for your program on Creativity.

Workshops: Karen Rosselli is teaching a round reed fruit basket on the 3rd Thursday and Mary Lee's Oriole Basket for 3rd Saturday in March. Thank you, Betty for the February classes.

Special projects and events: Sign up for our retreat in May, contact Joan if you need more info. Paula will again coordinate the Alpine County Library exhibit of our baskets. Bring your small (6x6) treasures to display to the April meeting. Bring your Retreat Raffle Basket to the May Meeting, for judging.

Other: The 2009-2010 Special Teacher line up is impressive. Keep an eye on the newsletter and website for more details. Lets support these special classes so we can have this opportunity to learn in our own group.

2009 New Board Officers: President—Karen Olson, Vice-President—Paula Pennington, Secretary— Pat Morfoot. Board meetings will be scheduled on the Wednesday's preceding the 1st Thursday meetings in May, August and November.

Board Business: Show entry fee has been reduced to \$5.00.

Show and Tell: To encourage members to participate in Show and Tell, a free raffle ticket will be given to each person bringing an item share.

GBB Board Meeting 2/3/09 Respectfully submitted, Pat Morfoot

Election of Officers: Karen Olson—President; Paula Pennington—Vice President; Pat Morfoot—Secretary. For the 2010 year, the election of officers will take place in October so they may attend the November Board Meeting.

Board Meetings are open to all members. The meetings are held four times a year. The next meeting will be held at Karen Olson's on May 6, 2009.

New Rosters and Library lists will be available at all meetings, or they can be sent to you electronically. Contact Sandy Zoerner for a roster, and Connie Douglas for the library.

The Scholarship/Grant form is being re-worked to make it more user friendly. Forms are available at the meetings or from any Board Member.

Exhibit entry fees have been reduced from \$7.50 to \$5.00 per member.

Family memberships will be \$5 per extra household member: 1 year \$25; two years \$45; three years \$65.

2009 Rosters Are Available

Sandy Zoerner now maintains and updates the membership rosters. Copies of recently updated rosters are available at the monthly meetings. Rosters can also be e-mailed to you in excel format or via postal mail if your membership dues are current. If you are unable to attend meetings and need a new roster, contact Sandy at (775) 786-2165 or zoerware@sbcglobal.net.

Alpine Library Exhibit

I'm hoping we have a variety of baskets for the next GBB exhibit at the Alpine County Library in mid May to mid June. Bring your baskets to the April meeting for Paula to take with her.

The library display case is small, so baskets must be not much larger than 6 x 6 inches. The display case is locked and visible to whoever is working at the library desk so they will be very secure.

Betty Hulse



January Treasurer's report by Sandy Zoerner

During the month of January, we took in \$1851.24 and paid out expenses of \$790.80 leaving a balance in our accounts of \$11,918.96. The income amount includes \$995 received from membership dues plus amounts submitted for retreat deposits and calendar sales. Expenses include \$400 to the US Post Office for newsletter postage for the upcoming year and bulk mail permit. Given anticipated and allocated expenses at this time, the remaining balance is \$6900 for operations. Copies of detailed reports are available upon request.



April's Editor is Sandy Zoerner (775) 786-2165 or zoerware@sbcglobal.net

Great Basin Basketmakers Membership Application/Renewal

Annual Membership Dues: \$20/yr, \$35/2 yrs, \$50/3 yrs. (Renewals due in January)
Family membership: \$5 extra per household member per year

Date _____ Amount: \$ _____ New _____ Renewal _____

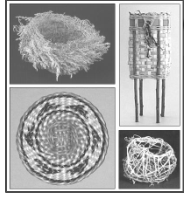
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Established January 1987

- ? Meet the first Thursday of each month at the **Larry D. Johnson Community Center**, 1200 12th Street, Sparks.
- ? Open business meeting at 11 AM. **Everyone is welcome.**
- ? Bring a sack lunch.
- ? Show and Tell/Lunch 12-1 PM. Program starts at 1:00 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 email 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 Pat Morfoot at 775-626-8108 or check our website at

www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org

E-Bulletin Board contact Margaret Marshall at gmlmarshall@aol.com

Our Mission Statement

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

