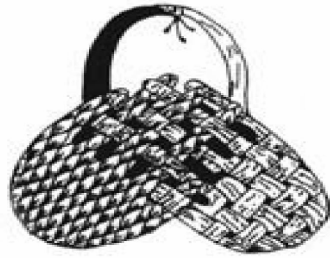


# Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



## Newsletter

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**Welcome New Members....**  
 Connie Evans, Reno  
 Annie Fernandez, Sparks  
 Matt Pendergast, Sacramento,  
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Grande Basket Projects for 2010 Interwoven  
 General Meeting Program  
 July 2nd @ 1:00 PM  
 Larry D. Johnson Community Center

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Last month, we conducted a “free range thinking“ session at the Nevada State Museum. The museum would like us to construct some large baskets for their new annex to advertise the 2010 Interwoven Exhibit which will run from April through July. We worked in small groups to outline some ideas for these large installations. The ideas of all the groups have been summarized into eight “basket projects”, which we will be voting on today. It was decided to attempt three of the projects to be finished by the end of November. Each project idea will be described at the meeting, prior to voting.

April Barber, Nancy Grundy, and Billie Walker have offered their homes to be used as a workshop for each of the three projects. If you cannot be at the meeting and want to vote for your three favorites please contact Betty Hulse, Exhibit Chair at 747-5794.

***Thank you Eileen Brilliant for getting us started on this venture!!***

**JULY** at a glance...

July 2nd	General Meeting,
July 16th	3rd Thursday Workshop, Small Diagonal Water Jug Larry D. Johnson Center
July 18th	3rd Saturday Workshop, Simple Sophistication Basket Sky Peaks Center
July 31st	Artists Co-op Show Entries Due

- ?? Hanging mobile with objects or baskets (wind motion)
- ?? Woven bridge with natural and recycled material
- ?? Large nest placed over the exit doors (seen from above)
- ?? Tumbleweed frame/open frame (interactive element)
- ?? Spiral dust devil with a lighting element
- ?? Woven mining cart
- ?? Open woven element in front of the diagonal plane of windows which reflect the sky
- ?? Coiled large basket natural &/or recycled materials with objects placed inside

# Workshops

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## *Small Diagonal Water Jug with Leah Brady*

**3rd Thursday - July 16, 2009**

**9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Larry D. Johnson Community Center**

Decorations are optional. 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, \$10 materials fee.

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## *Simple Sophistication with Over the Hill Gang*

**3rd Saturday - July 18, 2009**

**9:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Sky Peaks Retirement Center**

This rectangular to oval shaped basket is made with a variety of flat and oval flat sized reed.

It's approximately 8" x 10" x 7" with a cross-stitch pattern using binder cane.

Class fees: \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members; \$15 materials.

Please bring the usual tools: soaking bucket, scissors, towels, spray bottle, awl and don't forget your sack lunch.



Please sign-up and pay your fees no later than July 8th. For more info contact Bert at (530) 823-2433.

# Special Workshops

## **"Tall Twined Baskets" with Danielle Bodine**

September 19-20, 2009 (Saturday & Sunday)

Learn the ancient technique of twining to create contemporary baskets out of a variety of materials. The class will learn various twining techniques on 5-6 foot bamboo or willow spokes. We will be experimenting with a variety of natural and manufactured weaving materials. Collaging with mulberry papers, stamp printing, painting, using dyes and embellishing will all be explored.

Danielle will bring samples, books and a digital presentation of contemporary basket makers' works. Open for beginners to intermediate weavers. Her work is featured in the book 500 Baskets (in our library), and can also be seen at [www.jsauergallery.com](http://www.jsauergallery.com). The two day workshop is cost approximately \$200, depending on the number of students signed-up. We need a minimum of 8 students for the class with a maximum of 12. If you would like to sign-up or need more information, please contact Gretchen Ericson at [gericson@yahoo.com](mailto:gericson@yahoo.com) or call 775-762-7589.

### **2010 Special Workshops**

**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](http://www.maryhetts.com).

If you have any questions or want more information please contact Gretchen Ericson at (775) 762-7589 or email [gericson@yahoo.com](mailto:gericson@yahoo.com).

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### **Happenings Here and There**

**"American Masterpieces-Artistic Legacy of California Indian Basketry"** An exhibit at the California Museum for Women, History & the Arts, 100 "O" Street, Sacramento, opened March 14 goes through early 2010. Sounds interesting!

**WaSheShu It'Deh 19th Annual Native American Arts Festival**—July 25 & 26 at the Tallac Historic Site in South Lake Tahoe, CA.

**15th Annual Folsom Gourd Festival**—September 26th & 27th at Folsom City Park, CA. For directions and more info about the 150 vendors and artists, [www.folsomgourdfestival.com](http://www.folsomgourdfestival.com)

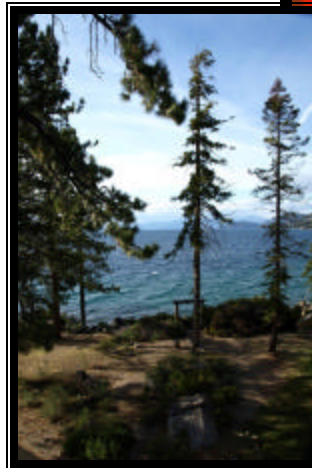
**Basket Weaving Cruise 2010**—February 13-20, 2010. Cruise to the Caribbean and enjoy 7 wondrous days filled with sightseeing and weaving activities. Ports of call are Nassau, Bahamas; St. Thomas, USVI; and St. Marrrten, NA. Take classes during three days at sea from: Anne Bowers, Sandy Bulgrin, Flo Hoppe, Debbie Hurd, Sue Kamin, Candace Katz, and Karen Zane. Check out the website at [www.basketweavingcruise.com](http://www.basketweavingcruise.com) or call 262-835-4041.

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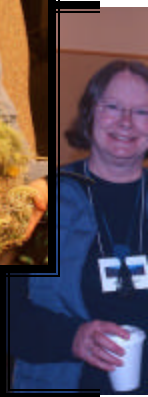
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**WE REALLY DID MAKE BASKETS**

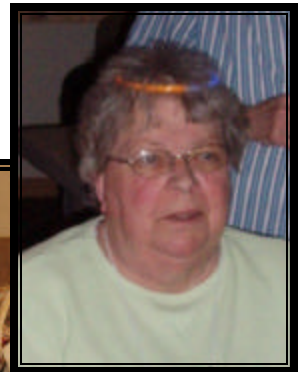


**SOME HAPPY RAFFLE WINNERS**



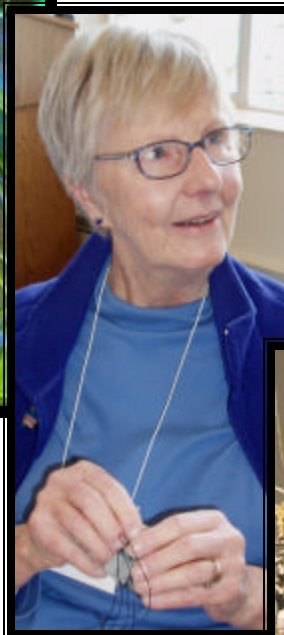
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# GBB Minutes

## **Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2009 submitted by Malinda Parks:**

Brief business meeting held:

—Membership: welcome to our 6 new guests hope to see you at our next meetings.

—Meeting programs: Change in July's program, decided to move Cornelia Kallerud's ply-splitting to the September meeting, so we can begin our planning for the group basket projects for the 2010 Interwoven exhibit.

—Workshops: Thank you to our June teachers Tia Flores and Special Teachers Mark and Linda Pietz. July's 3rd Thursday, Leah Brady will be teaching a small water jug and the 3rd Saturday class will feature the Over the Hill Gang teaching the Simple Sophistication Basket.

—Special Exhibits: Artist Co-op show and sale will be opening August 2nd 1-4pm, sign up to bring wine and/or finger foods. Baskets and the inventory list are due to Betty by 7-31-09. There is a \$5.00 entry fee per person for the show payable to GBB. If you need help getting your baskets to Betty call her. Lets make this a great show.

—Other: A very big "Thank You" to Joan O'Brien and helpers for another wonderful retreat at Tahoe. We purchased a couple of luggage carts for the retreat center in lieu of replacing the tables—damaged during the reindeer workshop. We are already looking forward to next year!

—Program: Our first look at the new Nevada State Museum's atrium entrance/concourse was a delight. It's a wonderful space with great lighting; and will be quite a challenge for us to make some large baskets for the area. Ray Geiser informed us of the recent necessary changes due to budget cuts; these include changes to operational open days and staffing. The opening of the exhibit would be early April closing in early August. He envisions some large baskets displayed in the atrium prior to the show opening, as early as Dec or Jan. We had a brainstorming session with small groups working on ideas for large group baskets; we came up with many good ideas. These ideas will be organized and presented at our next meeting. We need to move forward with plans to meet our goal. We may have some program changes to allow for planning/implementing our designs so keep your eye on the newsletter and website for more info.

## **May Treasurer's report by Sandy Zoerner**

During the month of May, we took in \$1,493.50 and paid out expenses of \$7,993 leaving a balance in our accounts of \$12,285.58. The 2009 retreat has been paid for except for a few minor outstanding incidental expenses giving us a profit of over \$1000 received from the retreat raffle which will be applied towards next year's retreat. I continually update GBB rosters and can e-mail you a copy in Excel format or send one via postal mail if your membership dues are current. As always, copies of detailed reports are available upon request.

# Exhibit Opportunities

***Creative Minds + Various Materials + Active Hands = CREATIVE BASKETS***

The Reno Artist Co-op show is coming. Remember, August is the month for the show at the Co-op. Time to get busy and make those baskets you've been thinking about.

Entry day is July 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. We do have a time crunch so if you can not bring your baskets on the 31<sup>st</sup>, please contact Betty Hulse (747-5794) or CherylN Bennett (852-5090) so we can make some arrangements about getting your items. Billie Walker has also offered to receive baskets if you cannot deliver them directly to the Co-op on the 31<sup>st</sup>. We pay the Co-op 30% of sale price, so price your items accordingly. An entry fee of \$5.00 (payable to GBB) should accompany your inventory list.

The reception will be Sunday, August 2 from 1-4 p.m. GBB members are responsible for bringing snack finger foods and wine (bottles only, no cartons). There will be sign-up sheets at the July meeting along with inventory sheets and hangtags

The show will end on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up your baskets that day or make arrangements with Betty or CherylN if you cannot do so.

The guild is grateful to the Reno Artist Co-op, particularly CherylN, for giving us the opportunity to show and sell our artwork.

....Betty Hulse



August's Editor is Sandy Zoerner (775) 786-2165 or [zoerware@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

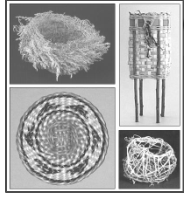
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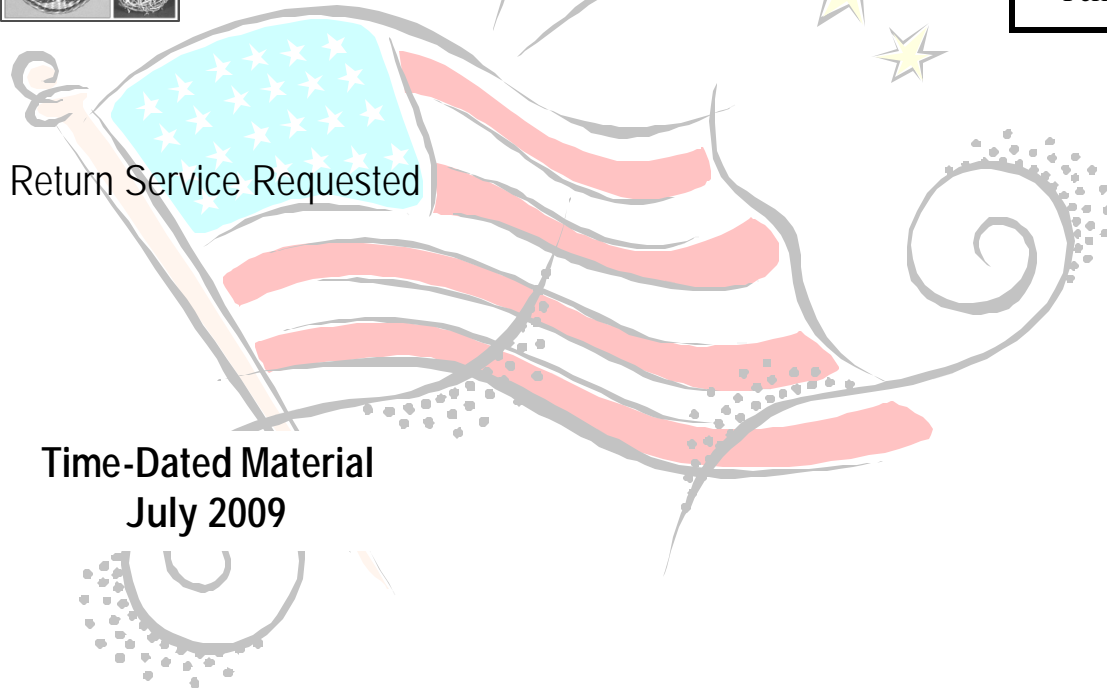
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Established January 1987

- ? 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 Joan O'Brien at 775-849-3442 or check our website at:

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

E-Bulletin 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 tradition and techniques of basketry and to pass this knowledge along to others.

