

Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



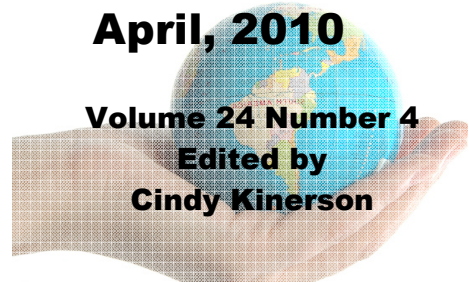
Newsletter

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Welcome to new Members:

Betty Battle, Incline Village
Pam Wilcox, Washoe Valley
Nola Bockhold, Reno



GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM
April 1st, 2010 at the Larry D. Johnson
Community Center
Open Business Meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.
Program begins at 1:00 p.m.

Program: Recycle! It's good for the Earth!

Our presenter will be Pat Wescott. She will be demonstrating how to turn recycled materials into baskets, beads, purses, cordage and other wild things. Every day is Earth Day to Pat. Pat will have samples of paper bag projects, magazine beads and coils for weaving, aluminum can and plastic bottle baskets, plastic bag purse, cereal box and map plaited baskets, and telephone wire baskets. If you have recycled creations please bring them to share. Earth Day is right around the corner. Pat challenges you to reuse, reduce, repair and recycle.

CALENDAR:

General Meeting4/1
 3RD Thurs. Workshop . . .4/15
 3rd Saturday Workshop . .4/17
 EARTH DAY4/20
 INTERWOVEN is open—time to go see it!

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You will need to bring:

Scissors, plastic wrappings off of TP, Kleenex or paper towels (bulk size), white plastic grocery bags (at least 8), iron, small ironing mat or board, freezer paper or towel, acrylic paint or metal paints, sponges for painting.

Fee: It's free! We are using things you throw away.

Please save bottle caps, pull tabs and corks for Pat. Another three projects in the works she'll share with you later.

What will your carbon footprint look like?





Basketry Workshops



3rd Thursday Workshop—Twined Nylon Mason’s Cord Basket with Pat Westcott April 15, 2010 - 9:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Larry D. Johnson Community Center in Sparks

This is a basket made from nylon and/or poly cords over waxed linen spokes. It is not an easy basket because of the slippery surface of the nylon. It is small because of the techniques. You will learn to make arrows, stacks, checkerboard, three-rod wale, and other twined stitches. You can choose to try them all or use just a couple of techniques.

Materials and supplies needed: packing tool or awl, 18” ruler, scissors, beads (optional—hole large enough to thread 7 play waxed linen), a small jar (2 –3 inches across the bottom and 3 –4 inches tall), and a large eye round needle. Fee is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. There will be a \$5 materials fee that is for the waxed linen and mason’s cord. The cord comes in very bright colors only. **This is an intermediate class with class size limited to 12.** For questions or more information, contact Pat at (775)465-2769 or e-mail her at graybadgers@hughes.net.



3rd Saturday Workshop - April 17th - 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Bias Plaited Paper Baskets with Karen Olson at Sky Peaks Retirement Center

Instructor: Karen Olson

Here is a basket you can make using old road maps. It would be a great basket to make with maps from a trip as a memento or to make for a friend far away - the possibilities are endless. So dig out those out of date road maps or a sentimental map and come join us for a fun day of cutting and weaving.

Materials and supplies needed: old road map or atlases, cutting mat, clothespins or alligator clips, rotary cutter or exacto knife, scissors and an awl. Bring any embellishments that you have, including decorative brads, buttons, beads, etc. Class fee is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. For more information, contact Karen at kvolson@charter.net or 775-852-5401.

3rd Saturday Workshops– Schedule

April 17th	Bias Plaited Paper Basket with Karen Olson
June 19th & July 17th	Need a class and instructor
August 21st	Felted Vessel—by Gayle Still
September 18th	Lariat Basket—by Jeff Myers
October 16th	Tule Basket—by Sue Ann Monteleone
November 20th	TBA—by Cornelia Kallerud



If you would like to teach a class for the June or July dates, please contact Carol Thomas, Joan O’Brien or Karen Olson.

INTERWOVEN DEMONSTRATIONS

Guild Members Demonstrating at the Nevada State Museum in conjunction with the 2010 Interwoven exhibit:

Making Baskets from Trash with GBB members Pat Wescott, Cornelia Kallerud and Karen Olson on April 24th from 10 am - 1 pm. The demos will show how to recycle plastic and paper bags into cordage and baskets. Demonstrators will also recycle fencing wire and baling twine into colorful sculptures. What to do with those old garden hoses and soda cans? Please come and join us for a fun day of celebrating Earth Day—Trash to Art!!!

May 22nd join Betty Hulse and other members of the Great Basin Basketmakers in creating a ***large community basket outside the NSM***. There will also be members of the guild demonstrating various basket making techniques—twining, coiling, and plaiting—using natural materials which include willow, iris leaves, daylily leaves, tule, and pine needles. The demos will run from 10 am - 1 pm inside the concourse of the museum.

2010 Retreat—Tuesday, May 18th—Friday, May 21st, Zephyr Point Conference Center, Lake Tahoe

Have you forgotten to sign-up for this year's retreat at Zephyr Point? You have one more chance to - don't miss this exciting event. Billie Walker and Cornelia Kallerud will be on hand to orchestrate the evening activities and we have a whole variety of weaving projects to fill the days. If you haven't signed-up, get with the program and contact Karen Olson at kvolson@charter.net or call 775-852-5401. For those of you that have signed-up please pay the balance of your retreat fees (\$170) by the April 1st meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, please mail your check (made out to GBB) to Karen Olson, 4201 Fairview Road, Reno, NV 89511. The cost for the three night conference--with double occupancy including meals—is \$205. There will be two full day workshops on Thursday, May 20th, "Large Double Wall Cherokee Basket" being taught by Karen Rosselli or a "Random Weave Kelp/ Seaweed Basket" being taught by Gayle Still (this class is full). On Wednesday, May 19th there will be two half-day workshops, "Making a Rain Stick" with Joan O'Brien and "A Coiled Wire Medallion" with April Barber. These half day classes will be taught from 9 AM to noon and from 1 PM to 4 PM so you can sign-up for both classes. Material fees for the classes can be paid directly to the instructors before the retreat. Cornelia Kallerud will co-ordinate this year's raffle which will be held on Thursday night, so everyone make a basket or bring an item for the raffle—this is our fund raiser for next year's retreat. It's looking like it's going to be another memorable retreat, so join us at one of the most beautiful sites in the Sierra Nevadas!!!!

Random Weave Seaweed Basket with Gayle Still—Retreat Workshop on Thursday, May 20th, 2010, 9 to 4 p.m.

Materials fee will be \$15.

Tools needed: scissors, a towel, and newspaper. Gayle will bring shells for embellishment, but bringing shells you've collected is a great idea to weave in memories of a special trip. The class is limited to 12 students.

***** this class is already full *****



Cherokee Double Wall Basket—Retreat Workshop

Taught by Karen Rosselli

Thursday, May 20, 2010 - 9 am to 4 pm

Learn how to make a traditional Cherokee basket in this workshop. This will be a medium-sized version, about 5"-6" tall and will include design techniques such as arrows and darts. We will use #3 round reed for the entire basket and you can use 2 colors of your choice, plus natural reed. (One lighter and one darker color along with the natural reed) Split your coil of #3, keeping $\frac{1}{2}$ natural, then split the remainder of the coil in half dyeing each $\frac{1}{4}$ -coil portion in one of your colors. All weaving levels are invited to attend. This is fun basket to make!

Bring your regular basketry tools, such as your scissors, soaking tub or bowl and spray bottle. Also bring 3 plastic grocery bags to keep your damp reed in.



Coiled Wire Medallion Taught by April Barber - RETREAT CLASS Wednesday, May 19, 2010 9 am to noon Or 1 pm to 4 pm

For tools, I think anyone that has a wire cutter, flat-nose pliers with no teeth and round nose pliers should bring them. A #2 and #4 file is handy but not necessary as we can share. They can bring any 26 gauge colored or copper wire they have and beads they want to use or buy some from Cindy. A notebook and pencil are necessary to sketch out their design before beginning. There will be a \$5 materials fee for wire.

WOVEN RAIN STICK—RETREAT CLASS

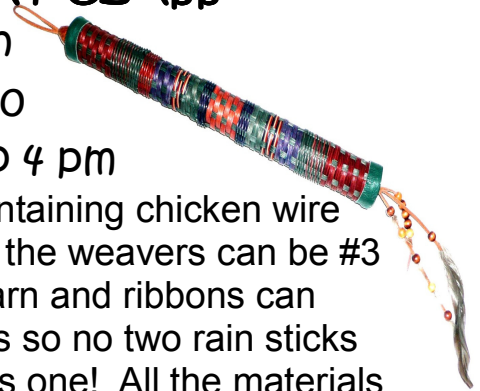
Taught by Joan O'Brien

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

9 am to noon or 1 pm to 4 pm

We will be weaving rain sticks utilizing golf tubes containing chicken wire and small pebbles. The spokes are ¼" flat reed and the weavers can be #3 or smaller round reed or ¼" or narrower flat reed. Yarn and ribbons can also be used. The reed will be dyed in various colors so no two rain sticks will look the same. Let your imagination run with this one! All the materials will be supplied including the leather end pieces and lacings. Beads and feathers will also be available. If you have leftover dyed reed that you would like to use up this is a good project to do that with.

Materials fee: \$ 5.00



Special Weekend Workshop - Antler Workshop

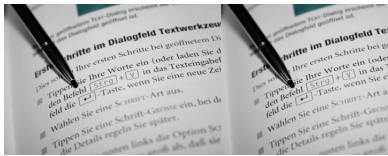
June 26-27, 2010 -Taught by Joan O'Brien

We've had many of you request another Antler Basket class. This basket is a good two day workshop, so Joan has offered to teach a class on a summer weekend in her backyard under the pine trees. We will begin sign-ups at the April meeting; the class will be limited to 12 participants...so get your reservations in early. The 2 day class will cost \$50 (with \$10 going to GBB), plus a material fee of \$15. At the time of signing-up for the class you will need to pay the material fee as a deposit. Make your check out to Joan O'Brien; this allows Joan time to purchase the antlers and other materials for the class. For any of you out-of-town members who might want to attend this weekend workshop, please contact Joan directly at joaneob@charter.net or call her at 775-849-3442. This is a great deal for a two day workshop, especially since Joan is providing lunch for the class. Awesome!!

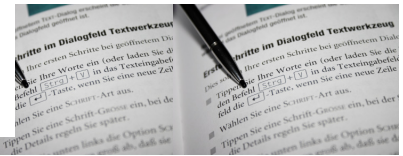


February 2010 Treasurer's Report by Sandy Zoerner

During the month of February, we took in \$1,407.78, paid out expenses of \$122.68, leaving a balance in our accounts of \$12,640.83. Income included \$870 in deposits to be applied to our 2010 Retreat and \$410 towards membership dues. As of March 8th, we have 163 members included on our roster and 43 members who have not renewed their membership. The 43 members have been removed from the roster for the next newsletter mailing. We will have to increase alternatives to mailing the newsletter if we cannot increase our membership back up to 200. Contact me at 775-786-2165 should you have any questions or updates regarding your membership. As always, copies of detailed reports are available upon request.



GBB Meeting Minutes -submitted by Malinda Parks



GBB General Meeting Minutes

3/4/10. Cherlyn Bennett's home

30 members present

Called to order by Karen Olson, President - 11:10am

Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report by Sandy: Please see the newsletter.

Membership Report by Sandy: Membership stands at 159 with 2 new members in Feb.

Last call, to renew memberships, please send your renewal to Sandy Zoerner, Treasurer.

Correspondence Report by Billie: A card in Memory of Bobbie Talso, long time GBB member, was circulated and will be sent to the family

Meeting Programs Report by Karen: April's program will be led by Pat Wescott, who will demonstrate how to use recyclable materials for weaving.

Monthly Workshops Report by Carol: April's 3rd Thursday Workshop will be a Mason Cord Basket taught by Pat Wescott. This is an intermediate level class, limited to 12 at Larry D. Johnson Center. April's 3rd Saturday Workshop is a Bias Plaited Paper Basket taught by Karen Olson at Sky Peaks. There are no workshops in May due to the retreat. 3rd Saturday Workshops still need teachers for June and July. Contact Carol Thomas if you can help teach.

Special Workshops Report by Karen: Flo Hoppe is confirmed for September 10th and 11th, 2011 for a 2 day- 1 basket class, more details to come. Mary Hettmansperger is confirmed for Aug. 28th and 29th, 2010, still pending are the classes to be offered.

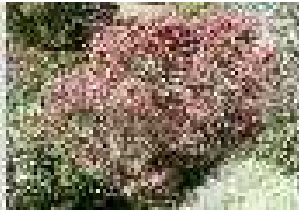
Exhibits and Shows Report by Betty: Interwoven 2010 update - the postcards for the opening Reception have arrived. If you would like to mail postcards to your friends and family you need to place first class postage over the non-profit mailing permit. Thank you to those who worked so hard on the coiled basket and panels, it is at the museum now. The grant award for funds to print the catalog is still pending. If received the catalog cannot be printed until after April 1st...the award is for the period April 1 thru June 30. Betty thanked everyone who will be bringing food to the reception on March 25th. Joan reported on the reception, that she is working with Charm at the museum to organize it and set-up.

Special Projects/Events Report by Karen: The May retreat is fast approaching. Sign-up sheets for the retreat classes were circulated. Billie is in charge of Game night, which she says is every night. If you have any special diet needs please contact Karen. The \$35 deposit can be sent to Karen, with the full balance paid by the April 1st meeting. Cornelia is in charge of the raffle and organizing a Friday outing. Begin bringing your raffle items for the retreat to the April meeting, but no later than the May meeting—unless you are out of town, then bring to the retreat.

Publicity Report by Karen: Please let Cindy know if the workshops you will be teaching are open for drop-ins. She will adjust the publicity for your workshop as advised.

Library Report: none

Meeting adjourned: 12:15pm



Plant of the Month: Redbud (cercis orbiculata)

- submitted by Pat Westcott



Redbud is a deciduous shrub or tree which grows 10-20 feet on dry slopes and canyons below 4000 feet. Beautiful masses of magenta flowers bloom in the spring, hence the name. In the summer the tree is covered with dull red pods one and a half to three inches long and less than an inch wide. The leaf has a round lily pad shape.

Western redbud is highly valued by Native American basket weavers for their young wine-red branches, harvested in the fall after the first freeze when the plant is dormant and the leaves have fallen. It is used in the warp, weft, and design of baskets. If harvested in the spring when the bark slips, the white inner sapwood may also be used as weft or lacing on twined gathering baskets. Bark thread of first year's growth and young shoots are used for coiling stitches and decorative elements. Redbud can not be purchased from traditional basket suppliers or catalogs. It is traded from the Western side of the Sierra Nevada mountains by neighbors of the Washoe with whom they have always traded.

Split the shoots and peel away the inner core, leaving the red bark on the cadmium layer. It must be split while still green and not dry for success. To use, soak it until it becomes flexible for weaving.

The Newsletter Editor for May is the fabulous Sandy Zoerner: zoerware@sbcglobal.net 775/786-2165

UPCOMING: May 6: Materials Sale! Spring cleaning will give you more space for new weaving materials and some cash in your pocket for buying new materials. It's a "can't loose" situation and you recycle, reuse, and reduce!

Great Basin Basketmakers Membership Application/Renewal

Annual Membership Dues: \$20/yr, \$35/2 yrs, \$50/3 yrs. (Renewals due in January)

Date _____ Amount: \$ _____
New _____ Renewal _____

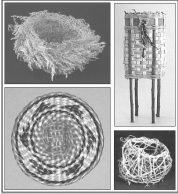
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Established January 1987

- * Meet the first Thursday of each month in **Sparks at the Larry D. Johnson Community Center**, 1200 12th Street.
- * Open business meeting at 11 AM. *All are 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 yr. 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 PO Box 11844, Reno, NV 89510-1844

Questions regarding workshops, events, etc may be directed to GBB President, Karen Olson at kvolson@charter.net 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.



Basket by Pat Westcott