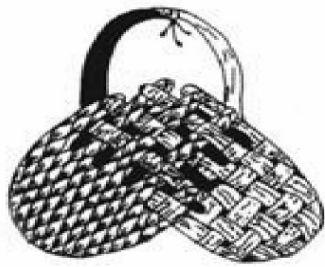


# Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



## Newsletter

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### *Message from the President*

How lucky Nevada is to have such a great collection of baskets. How lucky GBB members are to have such great people to arrange our meeting at the museum so we could see those baskets. I would like to thank Sande Rowan and Sue Ann Monteleone for their work in arranging the vault tours and a meeting room for our group.

Dr. Gene Hattori was very informative and enthusiastic. I think he is a man who enjoys his job. In case you weren't aware he told us anyone can arrange to see the vault collection by contacting him for an appointment.



April is here already and it is back to business as usual. We will be having some great classes and Molly is going to show us about bark processing at our monthly program. I am really looking forward to that.

Please take the time to read your newsletter it is loaded with lots of very important information.

*Susan*

### Opportunities for GBB members

Two exhibit opportunities to display your baskets.

**The Alpine County Library** display is April and May. Paula Pennington will be collecting **small** baskets for this display at the April meeting.

Members will not get those baskets back until the June meeting.

**The Carson Library** display will be in May. Sande Rowan will collect baskets at the April meeting. The Carson Library has two large display cabinets, large baskets will be accepted.

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April 3rd Program 1-2 pm By Molly Gardner

## HARVESTING BARK AND OTHER NATURAL MATERIALS

1st Congregational Church ~ 627 Sunnyside Dr. Reno  
The program will follow the monthly meeting 11:00 ~ 1:00pm



It's Spring! Hooray! Now is the time to be peeling bark that can be used in baskets. Winter has left us, hopefully and the trees will soon stop hugging their sap and the bark will be easier to pull. Molly will demonstrate how to harvest and prepare local bark for use in basketry. She also will have information on local plants used for weaving, such as vines, leaves and roots.

Lots of tools and techniques will be shared and perhaps members will bring some of their own baskets that have been made with bark, branches or roots so that we can all learn from them. So, don't go out

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## Community Goings and Comings

We are so fortunate to have members who are involved in the Great Basin area, it really shows others that we as a group are anxious and happy to share our knowledge of basketry. Some members who already have or are planning to teach classes in various communities should be recognized.

- ◆ Kaylee Mayne has been teaching and participating in classes and fairs around Yerington.
- ◆ Judy Magiera is doing the same around Fernley
- ◆ April Barber and Betty Hulse just went to Pine Middle School to teach a coiling class.
- ◆ Sande Rowan, Kristy Dial, Susan Lester, Betty Hulse and Karen Rosselli are going to be teaching classes in upcoming months in Carson City.

If you are involved in such Community Outreach activities please let the newsletter editor

### ***ALL Membership Basket Contest***

This year **all** members will be able to participate in a Member Raffle Basket Contest. Any members, whether you plan to attend the retreat or not, are asked to bring an item they have made to the May meeting and be entered into the contest. Members attending the meeting will be the judges. The winner will get \$50.00. This a great way to support the Guild with creative projects to raffle at our retreat. The raffle is a very important money maker for us. Please give us your support and make an item for the May meeting.



# April Classes

## Appalachian Egg Basket

**Thursday, April 17, 2014 9:00 - 3:00 up to 5:00**

1st Congregational Church, 627 Sunnyside Dr. Reno  
with Jane Milner

Cost of class: \$15.00 members; \$20.00 non-members  
Materials fee: \$20.00



Tools needed: Usual tools...soaking pan, spray bottle, shears, and especially an awl.  
If you have it, bring your Stanley sure-form shaver. Karen Zane recommends this to shape your ribs.

We will be working with 2 10" unfinished Oak hoops. I will sand them (they're pretty rough) and if you want a finish on yours BEFORE you weave your basket, I can bring them to the meeting in April and after your materials fee is paid, you can take a pair home and stain/finish them as you wish. We will be making a God's Eye start with dyed or undyed 3/16" flat oval reed, weavers can be as plain or colorful as you would like. The entire basket can be woven of undyed 1/4" flat reed (a more traditional approach), or you can make it as colorful as you would like. I will have dyed and undyed 1/4" flat, dyed and undyed #2 & #3 round reed, sea grass, and some dyed sisal. Sisal can be purchased at Home Depot in a large cylinder-shaped roll.



## Wine Basket

**Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:30 to 3:00**

St. Peter's Rectory, 300 North Division, Carson City, NV  
Instructor: Kaylee Mayne 781-9356 [elftory1@gmail.com](mailto:elftory1@gmail.com)

Cost of class: \$15.00 members; \$20.00 non-members

Materials fee: \$20.00

All skill levels welcome.

The Wine Basket class is a fun and easy project!  
Most of the basket is woven in simple start and stop weave - everyone should be able to leave with a finished basket. Please bring any embellishments you might want to add; grapes, wine corks, leaves or just about anything.

All materials will be cut and ready. Please bring a pencil, tape measure, scissors, packing tool or straight edge screwdriver, spray bottle, old towel, soaking tub, apron and a spoke weight & Lash buddy if you have them. Remember your lunch and drink. *Looking forward to weaving with you!*

# Great Basin Basketmakers Annual Retreat

**May 13-16, 2014**

**We still have a few openings:** Please come join us for our Annual GBB Retreat at Zephyr Point Conference Center located on beautiful Lake Tahoe. \$250 plus materials fees for double occupancy rooms, all meals and two full day classes are included. In addition, we will have a raffle and silent auction, embellishment fair and game night. All information regarding the retreat & classes can be found on our website.

Contact April at [ecolgeo@yahoo.com](mailto:ecolgeo@yahoo.com) or mail your request to:

April Barber at PO Box 21146 Reno, NV 89515. A deposit of \$50 is required at the time of signing up.

**The balance and all material fees will be due by the April 3 GBB meeting.** Checks for material fees should be made out to each instructor.

## Wednesday Classes



### **ANTLER BASKET Wed, May 14**

**Instructor: Joan O'Brien**

Supplies you must bring: Drill, drill bits-1/8", 3/16", 7/32", scissors, twist ties or pipe cleaners, pencil, spray bottle, awl, needle-nose pliers, clothes pins.

Skill level: All skill levels

Material Fee: \$25.00



### **TWINED BEAD WORKSHOP Wed, May 14**

**Instructor: Polly Jacobs Giacchina**

Student brings: small sharp scissors & individual task light with extension cord. All skill levels

Material Fee: \$15.00

## Thursday Classes



### **CHECKERBOARD BASKET Thurs, May 15**

**Instructor: Karen Rosselli**

All skill levels

Material fee is \$25.00



### **PEOPLE RATTLE WORKSHOP Thurs, May 15**

**Instructor: Polly Jacobs Giacchina**

All skill levels

Materials Fee: \$15.00

You may bring small beads and found objects to personalize your project

## Attending the Retreat?

### Embellishments Needed

We need a few people who will be attending this year's retreat to sign up to bring their ideas for embellishments.

Please participate so we can have another fun embellishment fair event.

Contact Karen Olson  
with your ideas.  
kvolson@charter.net

## GRANTS AVAILABLE

Remember, GBB offers grants to members to help offset cost of attending classes, workshops, conferences or the retreat. The application form is available on our website.

You may contact any of the grant committee members: April Barber, Bonnie Kennedy, and Joan O'Brien

## Great Basin Basketmakers Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2014 GBB Board Meeting at Carson City Museum; Submitted by Julia Richardson

Susan Lester opened the meeting, eight in attendance

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Judy Magiera resigned from secretary duties, Julia Richardson nominated and approved as secretary.

Pam Wilcox, librarian, brought damaged library books. The damaged books will be shown at a general membership meeting and borrowers reminded to be careful with books. Pam will encourage borrowers to return any borrowed books through her.

Bonnie Kennedy, treasurer, shared a synopsis of 2013 year end. Net income was (\$197.42) 2014 budget spreadsheet was discussed, revised and approved.

Community outreach classes in Carson City by GBB members will be advertised on the GBB website. Instructors will be asked to hand out GBB brochures, potentially recruiting new members.

Inclement weather contingency for the general meetings was discussed. It is at the President's discretion to cancel a meeting, however, the decision will be made the night before and an email sent to members informing all of the cancellation.

National Basketry Organization (NBO) request for donations. GBB has free membership, however, paid membership is encouraged. Board will review budget at year end and determine if GBB can make a donation/pay for membership.

Question from Judy – is it OK to advertise GBB meetings in Fernley postal mailer?  
Yes, free advertising is encouraged to promote GBB.

Meeting adjourned 10:30



## SAVE THE DATE:

**MAY 1<sup>st</sup>:** The first Thursday general meeting program will include the annual member material sale, before the Basket Raffle contest. So, clean out your craft area and bring any overstocked or unused supplies & materials to sell. There will be a 10% commission paid to GBB for all sales.

**REMEMBER:** The Retreat preempts the regular Thursday & Saturday May classes.

### MAY 30<sup>th</sup>:

Join Kristy Dial in a "Rock Art Impressions" Gourd class through our Carson City Community Outreach. Contact Kristy for information at 619.995.2475 or [kristy.dial@yahoo.com](mailto:kristy.dial@yahoo.com)



### Next Month's Newsletter Editor is:

Sandy Zoerner  
[zoerware@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zoerware@sbcglobal.net)

Please submit articles for May  
newsletter by April 12.

### Treasures Report as of March 14, 2014

Total Cash includes	
checking & saving	\$10,435.00
Expenses to Date	<u>-100.00</u>
New Balance	\$10,335.06

We are looking for a lead person  
for special workshops in 2015.  
Please contact Susan Lester  
with your ideas.

[fordtraveler@gmail.com](mailto:fordtraveler@gmail.com)

### 2014 GBB Officers and Board Members:

President .....	Susan Lester	338-7910
Vice-President ...	Kaylee Mayne	
Secretary .....	Marge Purdy	
Treasurer .....	Bonnie Kennedy	
Board .....	Phylliss Lewis	
Board .....	Judy Magiera	
Board co-chair ...	Paula Pennington	
Board .....	Julia Richardson	
Board co-chair ...	Sandy Zoerner	786-2165
Membership .....	Karen Olson	843-1361

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

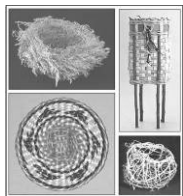
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Send this completed form and check payable to **Great Basin Basketmakers** and mail to:  
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## Great Basin Basketmakers

Established January 1987

- ◆ Meet the **first Thursday of each month at the First Congregational Church of Reno, United Church of Christ located at 627 Sunnyside Dr., Reno.**
- ◆ Open business meeting at 11:00 AM. ***All are welcome.***
- ◆ Bring a sack lunch.
- ◆ Show & 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, 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, Susan Lester at **[fordtraveler@gmail.com](mailto:fordtraveler@gmail.com)** or check our website at: **[www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org](http://www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org)**
- ◆ Information to be exchanged among GBB members may be directed to: **[gbbreno@gmail.com](mailto:gbbreno@gmail.com)**

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## 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.

