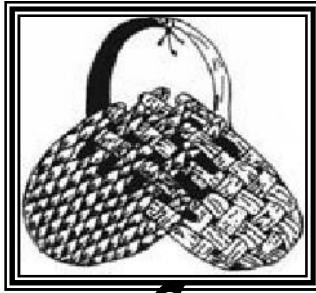


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- Earth Day . . . . .4/22

**Special Navajo Weaving Workshop Temporarily Cancelled**

**GBB Retreat : May 17th to May 20th**

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**GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM**

*April 7th, 2011*

**LARRY D. JOHNSON COMMUNITY CENTER, SPARKS**

**COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Business Meeting Begins at 12:30**

**Program will Commence at 2:00**

April 7th

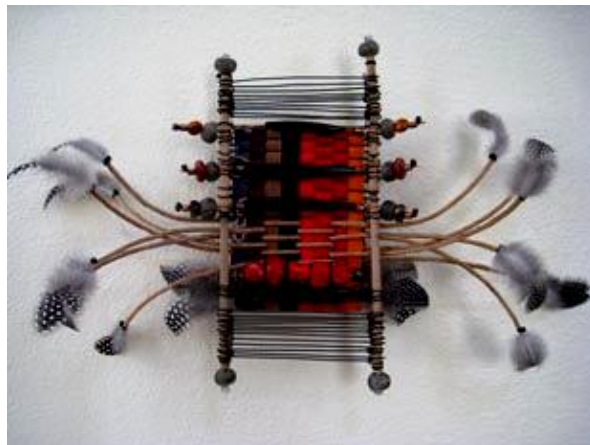
Please Welcome

**Ann Berg**

A Contemporary Fiber Artist

for her presentation on

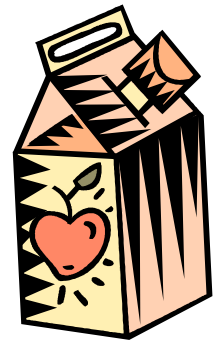
**“New Ways of Looking at Weaving”**



Example of Ann Berg's work from a recent Wild Women Art Show in Reno, NV



# PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS



## 3rd THURSDAY WORKSHOP

### PLEASE RE-USE

April 21st, 2011 with April Barber  
Sky Peaks Retirement Community Center  
9:30 to 3:00

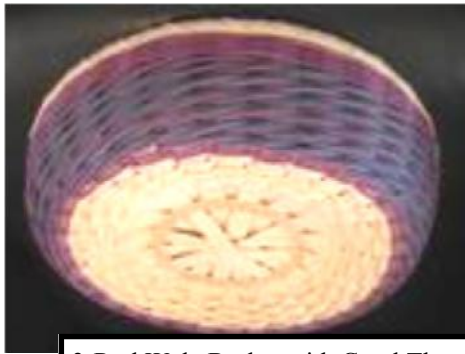
This is a fun basket made with a juice carton, recycled bags and any additional recycled materials that you may have, like the plastic netted bags that onions and tomatoes sometimes come in, pull-tabs from juice cartons, straws, or aluminum soda tabs for a cool rim effect. You will need scissors, ruler, a few clothespins, pen and pencil, and the recycled items mentioned above (please wash and dry the juice carton so it won't be sticky or smelly.) It will be fun and creative—no two will be the same!

The class will be from 9:30 to 3:00 but it will probably not take that long. The class fee is \$15, \$20 for non-members. There is no material fee. Please bring materials mentioned above as directed. April will have extra to share.

Questions? Contact April at [ecolgeo@yahoo.com](mailto:ecolgeo@yahoo.com).



**REMINDER: THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP  
NAVAJO WEAVING ON 4/14 AND 4/15 HAS BEEN  
POSTPONED. WE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE A NEW DATE.**



3-Rod Wale Basket with Carol Thomas

# GBB RETREAT 2011



Painted Paper Twill Basket with Karen Olson

The 2011 GBB Retreat at the beautiful Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center at Lake Tahoe is upon us and it is time to make your final payment of \$185. If you haven't already made the commitment to attend the May 17th-May 20th event you can still sign up. The total cost for this year's retreat is \$220—that includes room and board and three workshops. Wednesday will be the full day workshops with participants choosing either a small Pine Needle Basket with Lid (no material fees) taught by Linda Havens, or a Double 3-Rod Wale Basket (\$15 material fee) taught by Carol Thomas. If you haven't signed up for either one yet, please let us know when you pay the balance of the retreat fees. On Thursday, we have scheduled two half day workshops, both to be offered in the morning and the afternoon, that way everyone has the opportunity to take both workshops. Our half day workshops are a Woven Fiber Rush Footstool (\$10.50 material fee) with Joan O'Brien and a Painted Paper Twill Weave Basket (\$5 material fee) with Karen Olson. We are going to assemble and glue the footstools at the May meeting; then you will be able to take them home to stain or paint, that way they will be ready to weave on at the retreat. If you are unable to attend the May meeting (for those of you living out of town) then we will have a gluing session Tuesday night. We will bring a variety of stains for you to use on them; but if you want to paint your footstool you will need to bring the paint to the retreat. If you have any questions about the footstools please contact Joan O'Brien at 849-3442.

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 a silent auction. It's a wonderful event and a great getaway for everyone; the setting is gorgeous and the camaraderie is awesome. Something new this year: Meg Price, a Certified Personal Trainer, will be organizing morning and late afternoon stretching and flexibility sessions—what a beautiful setting. Of course, the evening activities will include card games with the Spite and Malice crew on hand to teach us how to play; or if you are not a card player, we'll have some quick woven projects to do and everyone will be encouraged to paint their watercolor paper for their Thursday twill weave basket. There is never a lack of activities at the retreat. Thursday night will be the finale with the raffle and silent auction; as well as singing the song of GBB. Cornelia Kallerud will be handling the raffle/silent auction again this year— if you cannot bring your raffle basket to the May meeting, you can either bring it directly to the retreat or if you want to participate in the Raffle Basket Contest you can mail it to Karen Olson.

If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the retreat please feel free to contact any committee member (Connie Douglas, Cat Mena, Joan O'Brien) or Karen Olson at 852-5401 or [kvolson@charter.net](mailto:kvolson@charter.net). If you are not able to attend the April 7th meeting please mail your checks made out to GBB to Karen Olson, 4201 Fairview Road, Reno, NV 89511. If you have any special dietary needs, please let us know when you sign up and pay your fees.

Footstool with Joan O'Brien



Great Basin Basketmakers  
Board Meeting Feb 3, 2011

Present: Karen Olson, Karen Rosselli, Sandy Zoerner, Paula Pennington, Kyle Mayne, and Betty Hulse

**Treasurer's report** -- Karen R. circulated the treasurers report via email previous to meeting. There were no questions regarding her report. Sandy reported that there were 202 on the mailing list and 39 people have not renewed. Decided to send reminder cards to them.

**May retreat** -- Karen O. reported that some workshop teachers have been lined up but they are still looking for a half-day workshop instructor.

**Special workshop** Flo Hoppe is coming Sept 10 & 11. Tish Kendricks has offered to host her.

**Newletter mailing** – After discussion we decided to keep mailing a paper copy.

**Letter from Pat Wescott** -- Pat's letter of resignation from program chair & vice-president was accepted. Joan O'Brien, Board president, has phoned and spoken to her. Discussion followed about addressing Pat's concerns. We decided that the President, Karen O will call everyone to order when it is time for the program, rearrange the furniture if necessary and introduce the presenter. She will ask people to take private conversation outside to the lobby, but people can still use the library.

**Thurs Monthly programs** – May 5th we will assemble stool kits for the Retreat; June is the material sale; we will need an Oct. program.

**City Exhibits** – Rima asked permission to pursue possible exhibits at city venues. Permission approved.

-Notes by Betty Hulse

Congratulations to the Nevada State Museum in Carson City for receiving the Governor's Arts Award in the category, Leadership in the Arts: Organizations. The award recognizes the museum's exceptional artistic achievement, outstanding programming, and specific leadership initiatives that have stimulated excellence and availability of the arts to broad audiences. The Board of the Nevada Arts Council was impressed by the museum's commitment to preserving traditional and folk arts through Native American and bilingual (Spanish/English) programs and exhibits. GBB would like to thank

### The Basket Retreat Raffle

We will hold our annual Retreat Raffle at Zephyr Cove and need your donations. This year we will hold a competition again for the most popular homemade item. The winner has their material fees paid for by the Guild. More on this later.

Your handmade creation will be the most popular, but anything unusual, basket related is accepted. It should have a handmade element to it, but a special book or project kits are appreciated also. Look through your shelves and storage and find those "jewels" that you haven't been able to find a good home for. Have too much reed or pine needles or waxed linen or doodads? We'll take them. **The proceeds from the raffle will defray some of the costs of retreat, so please remember to bring a donation!**

Historically the raffle brings in up to \$1000.00 and lots of happy folks.

Bring your item to any meeting or to the retreat. *Submitted by Cornelia Kallerud*

# GBB MEETING MINUTES—March 3, 2011 at Larry Johnson Center

Submitted by Cat Mena

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

Treasurer's Report Unavailable at this time.

Membership Report Unavailable, but new faces at the meeting were lovely to see.

Correspondence Report by Billie Walker: Sympathy and get well cards were circulated.

Meeting Program Report by Karen Olson: Check out the GBB website for current program changes. Please contact Karen if you have a request or would like to be a presenter.

Monthly Workshop Report by Karen Olson: Mel Silva's Navajo Rug Weaving Class (4/14-15) is cancelled due to a death in the family. Checks were returned to those present. Contact Karen Olson if you did not receive yours. On March 17th, Karen Rosselli will teach a small round reed basket— a fun basket for all and great for beginners. Molly Gardner is teaching a wall pouch basket on March 26th at Sunvilla Estates. April Barber will teach a Recycled Basket project on April 21st.

Special Workshop Report by Joan O'Brien: We need to get a number of interested students for Flo Hoppe's workshop (Sept. 10-11, 2011). Please contact Joan if you are planning to attend.

Exhibits/Shows Report: Rima Kent Steiber shared information on several different shows: the airport concourse and City of Reno venues do not have display cases so it was agreed to pass on them. Rima is still exploring; if you have any suggestions, contact her. The Artist Co-Op program in September is on; let the creative juices flow. The Artist Co-Op is located at 627 Mill St., Reno ([www.artistscoopgalleryreno.com](http://www.artistscoopgalleryreno.com)).

Special Projects/Events Report:: GBB 2011 retreat signups continue; \$35 deposit can be made now, with the remainder due by the April meeting. Contact Linda Havens or Billie Walker for scholarship information. There will be a basket raffle contest @ the May meeting—the winner will receive the material money for whatever workshops he/she signed up for at the retreat.

Library Report : Nothing new to report.

Publicity Report: Nothing new to report.

E-Bulletin Report: Nothing new to report.

Announcements: Paula Pennington brought back the Markleeville baskets; if you did not get yours contact Paula. Remember Museum Advocacy Day March 10th—support Nevada museums.

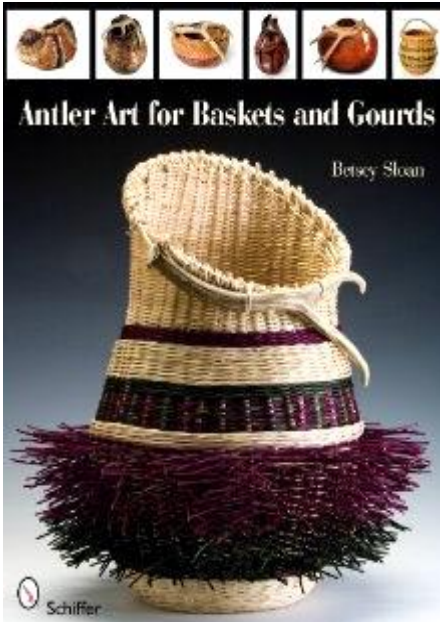
Old Business: Raffle items are always needed and appreciated. Sallie Moore takes care of the GBB website. All information about the website should go to her at [weaveaire@sbcglobal.net](mailto:weaveaire@sbcglobal.net).

New Business: Willow collecting at Chrissy Caughlin Park in Reno is scheduled for March 12th—contact Betty Hulse.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. Show and tell commenced—Remember to show and tell about your treasures. **They inspire and encourage us all.**



# NEW BASKETRY BOOKS!



## **Antler Art for Baskets and Gourds,** by Betsey Sloan

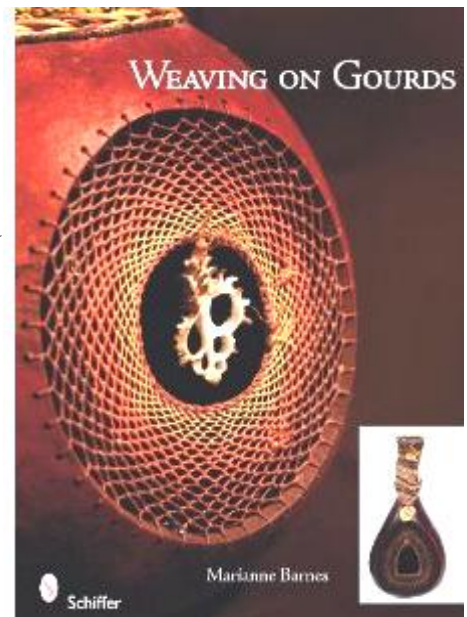
Enhance your gourd vessel or basket with antlers. Containing 169 color images and step-by-step instructions, learn how to drill, frame, and attach antlers to a traditional weave basket, gourd bowl, floor vases, and even masks. Twenty projects for both baskets and gourds are featured for the beginner and advanced crafter. A gallery provides inspiration for your own creations. The author, Betsey Sloan, is a self-taught artisan who has dabbled in various art forms, including oils, ceramics, antler basketry and fused glass. She lives in South Carolina.—reprinted from Amazon.com

*Release date: February, 2011*

## **Weaving on Gourds** by Marianne Barnes

Combine basket weaving and gourd art in this new DIY. With 200 color images and step-by-step directions, five projects are presented for both the beginner and advanced weaver: Twine and Triple Twine Gourd, Twill Woven Gourd, and a Gourd Basket with Four Rod Wale. Chapters cover preparing the gourd, weaving techniques, strengthening the rim, and adding embellishments to your finished woven gourd. Six contributing artists provide tips, and a gallery of completed works offers inspiration for creating your own designs. - Also reprinted from Amazon.com

*Release date: October 2010*



## **March 2011 Treasurer's Report - Submitted By Karen Rosselli**

During the month of March, we took in \$898.34 and paid out expenses of \$233.24, leaving a balance of \$5,119.64 in the checking account and \$7,337.23 in the savings account. As always, copies of detailed reports are available upon request. If you have any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report, you can contact Karen at [strongbear@aol.com](mailto:strongbear@aol.com).

# Check it Out

Have you ever looked at the basketry videos on U Tube? There are some very good instructional videos for beginners. To locate them, just type “basketry instruction U Tube” into your search engine (yahoo, google, etc.) and an entire index will pop up. There is a very good one by Nadine Spier on including a stone or fossil centerpiece in a pine needle basket.

At the March meeting of GGB we had a guest member from New Jersey, Gretchen Birdsall. She and her husband were visiting Tahoe and came by to the meeting. Anyway, she said that her group just loves the GGB newsletter. She provided her e-mail and website [gmbirdsall@gmail.com](mailto:gmbirdsall@gmail.com) & [peapodweavers.com](http://peapodweavers.com). She has some beautiful baskets to view. - *Submitted by Susan Hanchett*

## A FUN CLASS TO TAKE:

### **BOOK ARTS: BATIK CARDS**

Tuesdays, 4/19 to 5/17—6 to 9 pm

During this class, students will create hand-made cards by applying hot wax to paper that is then dyed with bright colors. Perfect for a holiday, special occasion or just for fun. Students will create 16 beautiful, unique cards. To learn more and sign up—visit the NV Museum of Art website [www.nevadaart.org/elcordschool/schedule](http://www.nevadaart.org/elcordschool/schedule).



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## **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 \_\_\_\_\_

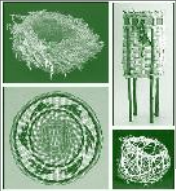
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Send this completed form and check payable to **Great Basin Basketmakers** and mail to:  
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**April, 2011**

## Great Basin Basketmakers

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.

