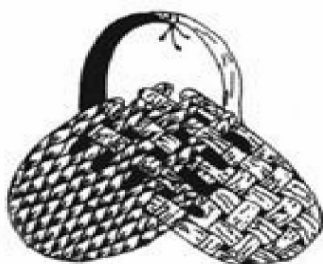


# Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



## Newsletter

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Susan Lester



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Join us at our meeting place at the First Congregational Church of Reno, located at **627 Sunnyside Dr, Reno**. Open business meeting begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by show & tell and sack lunch from 12-1:00 p.m. **All are welcome**. Program begins at 1:00 p.m.

### GBB Involvement

Thank you members who have indicated they would be interested in positions on the GBB Board of Directors and Committee Assignments. There are still some holes which we will be filling in the coming months. Again, our thanks go out to those who want to be involved. It isn't too late if you still wish to become involved please contact Bonnie Kennedy at [b.kennedy1254@yahoo.com](mailto:b.kennedy1254@yahoo.com).

### August 1st Program, Tension Tray with Joan O'Brien

This tray can be woven from round reed or willow that has been dried and re-soaked for a more rustic look.

Joan O'Brien will provide #6 round reed which will make a small 6" tray. If you have reed you would like to use, please bring it. Round reed #8 will make a 10" tray, #7 will make an 8" tray, and #5 will make 4" coasters.

Please bring scissors and a tape measure if you plan to participate in the program.



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## ***A Simple Reed Basket "Free Willy"***

***Saturday August 17, 2013***

***Instructor: Kaylee Mayne***

***Place:*** Sunvilla Estates Community Room  
(Molly's Clubhouse)

***Time:*** 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

***Fees:*** \$15 Members/\$20 Non-Members

***Material Fee:*** \$15



**Another good beginner basket!** Everyone should be able to finish in class. Both of these in the picture are woven from plain reed. I will have information on how to complete both finishes. In addition, I will have some spray stains and tools for sale. (10% of the sales will go to GBB) All materials for the basket will be pre-cut and marked so most of our time can be spent on the weaving.

Please bring your lunch, a drink or two, towel to keep reed moist, spray bottle, packing tool (or flat head screw-driver), scissors, spoke weight, sharp knife to whittle the rim, tape measure, apron, and a small sponge, and an intent to have fun! Any questions please call Kaylee at 775-781-9356 or e-mail [elftory@gmail.com](mailto:elftory@gmail.com).

## ***Weaving through Scotland***

By Jo Campbell-Amsler/Willow Ridge

It is time for another adventure - a basket tour of Scotland, May 1-May 12, 2014. I will be hosting the trip and Celtic Journey's will be organizing all of the details for the travelers. The Scottish Basket Weavers have many things to share and we will be meeting and working with 4 different groups throughout the trip. Add some museums with basket collections, a castle or two, a cruise on Loch Ness, whiskey distilleries, enjoying the beauty of Scotland, and a great travel adventure is created!

Attached you will find the trip itinerary and the registration form. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Celtic Journey's with any questions you may have. There is great interest in this trip, and with only 15 participants, it could fill up very fast - make your decision quickly!

[Scotland Itinerary 2014](#)

[Registration form](#)

## **SOMETHING DIFFERENT GOURD**



We will be cutting out gourds in unusual shapes; wood burning flowers, leaves, quail, animals, etc. This will improve your skills in cutting, wood burning and painting.

**Sept. 19, Thursday, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.**  
**At Cheryln Bennett's house.**

***September newsletter editor is  
Susan Lester***

***Send your articles to [Fordtraveler@gmail.com](mailto:Fordtraveler@gmail.com) by August 12.***

### **Special Workshops News and Updates:**

**Polly Sutton Classes:** Yes it is finally time for some summer fun. All the classes are a go on the following dates.

**Double Decker Cedar:** July 25 at Phyliss Lewis' Home. Class starts at 9:00 am sharp

**Cedar in Color:** July 26 at Phyliss Lewis' Home. Class starts at 9:00 am sharp

**Sweetgrass Sculpture:** July 27 at April Barbers Home. Class starts at 9:00 am sharp

**Squatty Cedar Crossbark:** July 28 at April Barbers Home. Class starts at 9:00 am sharp

**Remember to bring: towel, spray bottles, scissors, lunch, and drink**

### **Cookie Hansen's Classes:**

**King Palm Basket:** September 14 and 15 at Wescott's in Wellington. Classes start at 9:30. Please bring towel, scissors, spray bottle and lunch. Drinks will be provided. I will give those who signed up directions in person, email or by mail.

**Kumohimo Bracelet Class:** September 15 at Wescott's in Wellington. Class starts at 10:00. Please bring lunch, small scissors. All other materials will be provided.



### **Shannon Weber (3 day class):**

Shannon Weber is from Oregon and will be teaching a three day **Woven Vessel Fiber Meets Wax class** at the Wescott's June 20-22, 2014. This is a mixed media class and is filling fast. We have 12 openings total. You will be using encaustic medium, paint, brushes, paper, heat gun, wire, molding clay and painters tape just to name a few things. Check out a website for more information.



Wait there is more.....

We have Polly Giacchina coming for two days to teach at our May 2014 Retreat. The committee hasn't met yet to decide on the classes, but Polly has agreed to come join us and teach up to 15 students per class. Polly is a member of the Misti Washington Guild in the San Diego area. She has been in NBO, The 500 Basket Book and many other basket sites and places. She is loads of fun and something new for the retreat. For now, if you have any questions about Special Workshops contact Pat Wescott at [graybadgers@gmail.com](mailto:graybadgers@gmail.com)

## GBB Meeting Minutes June 27,2013 Meeting held at the home of Karen Olson

*Submitted by Sandy Zoerner for Marge Purdy*

*Meeting was called to order @ 11:30am by Susan Lester*

**Minutes from Previous Meeting**— *Had a few Typos that were corrected.*

**Membership**— *Karen Olson reported that Nancy Strickland who was present was a new member and we have just over 120 current members.*

**Treasurer's Report by Bonnie Kennedy** — details in this newsletter

**Meeting Program**—*August: Joan O'Brien will teach us how to make a tension trivet and Sandy Zoerner spoke about the Sept. program "Mystery Basket in a Bag"*

**Monthly Classes** — *Carol Thomas thanked Laruen Lampe who was present for a fun class working with Waxed Linen. Joan O'Brien will teach a Ridge Weave Basket July 18 at her house. Aug 17 Kaylee Mayne teaches "Free Willy" an easy basket at the Sunvilla club house.*

**Special Workshops**—*Pat Wescott updated us on Polly Sutton's workshops end of July and Cookie Hanson's workshops in Sept. We were told of plans for next year in June for a 3 day workshop with Shannon Weber. Pat informed the membership that she plans to resign from the position of Special Workshops Chair next year and would like someone to step up to mentor with her now in preparation for assuming the position.*

**Exhibits/Shows**— *Paula Pennington picked up items for the show at the Alpine County Library. She will be returning those items September or October. Sandee Rowan advised that Carson City Library would like us to have an exhibit.*

**Publicity**- *Susan Lester will send something to the paper about the Alpine County show*

**Old Business**- *Judy M. and Kaylee M. went to Imlay and taught some classes. It was a great experience.*

*Bonnie K. reported on the nominating committee (Her) and passed around a sheet of volunteer opportunities for 2014.*

**New Business**— *We are getting low on books so Betty H is going to look into costs of printing some more and will report.*

**Announcements**— *Billie recently spoke to Molly Gardner and she is not doing too well health wise and Tish M. is having lots of pain due to her knee replacement. Karen W. announced there would be a weave at Billie Walker's house Sat. July 13.*

**Meeting adjourned 12:00** -*followed by show and tell, a great potluck and fun program of felting on soap.*

### **Treasurer's Report as of July 14,2013**

Total Cash includes checking & saving	19,221.11
Income from dues	20.00
Miscellaneous Income	141.04
Workshops/Monthly & Special	277.45
Expenses to Date	<u>-85.50</u>
New Balance	19,574.10

### Message from the President

We had a lively discussion at last month's meeting regarding the upcoming September Program, Mystery Basket in a Bag Exchange. We were throwing out ideas left and right about how to handle the exchange. Some very clever thoughts came about and I can't wait to see how Sandy decides to hold the exchange. I have the feeling the results of the event are going to be very fun to see. Hopefully, at the November meeting the mystery will be solved when we all bring our works of art for show and tell. If your are in Alpine County don't forget to visit our exhibit. Susan

### **Announcement:**

Start looking through those extra materials you have set aside. Someone might come up with a clever way to use them! Start collecting the materials in a bag or box. Hopefully, you will gather enough materials that can be transformed into a creative basket made by someone else.

The September Program will be a Mystery Basket in a Bag Exchange. You will put the materials in a bag or box and bring them to the September meeting for the mystery exchange. Members participating in the exchange will be asked to bring back what they have created to the November meeting. Sandy Zoerner will be in charge of this program.



## Staying in Touch

Donna Crispin and Pat Wescott stay in touch. Pat recently received an email from Donna containing this: "I've attached a little addition to my Japanese embellishment booklet. Have a great summer! "

Below is a link to Donna's addition. Maybe we can try it next year as a meeting program.



### [Musubi on a Rock](#)

Karen Winberg is teaching a weaving on a smoked pot class at the new gadZooks artist studio in Gardnerville at 1411 Highway 395. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 2013 time to be announced later. We will also be embellishing, which is always fun. Class fee is \$30, plus a \$20. material fee. Come have fun, make a beautiful smoked pot and enjoy a great new art studio. To sign up or for more information, call Karen at [775\) 790-0316](tel:7757900316)



#### 2013 GBB Officers and Board Members:

President.....	Susan Lester
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852-5401	

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

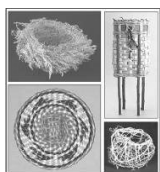
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Send this completed form and check payable to **Great Basin Basketmakers** and mail to:



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Post Office Box 11844  
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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 Basket makers 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 775-338-7910  
fordtraveler@gmail.com or check our website at:

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## Our Mission Statement

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

