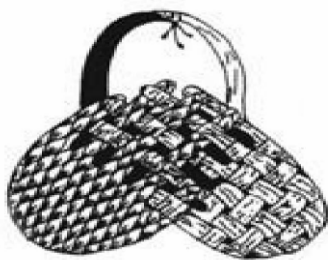


# Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



## Newsletter

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### ***Basket Starts: God's Eye***

**Larry D. Johnson Center, Sparks, NV**

**August 4, 2011**

**12:30 pm—3:00 pm**

Joan O'Brien will be doing a hands-on demonstration of constructing a God's Eye. If you would like to participate please bring two sticks about 12" in length and a 7 foot length of 1/4" flat reed that has been soaked and placed in a plastic bag to mellow. Any two sticks will do, then you can follow along with Joan's demo. The God's Eye is used as a start for various types of ribbed baskets, for example the egg basket, potato basket, Oriole basket, etc.



Remember to bring your completed gourds, willow baskets and other completed projects for show and tell. Business meeting begins at 12:30 followed by show and tell and then the program.

### **August** at a glance:

- Aug 4 GBB General Meeting & Program
- Aug 6 Flower Deadhead Dyeing Class
- Aug 18 Plysplit Garlic basket with Cornelia Kallerud
- Aug 20 Beginning Broom making with Mark Pietz

### **Coming Up in September**

- Sept 1-30 Sparks Library Exhibit
- Sept 1-30 Artist Co-op Show & Sale
- Sept 9-11 Flo Hoppe Workshops
- Sept 17 Outdoor Sculpture Basket and demonstrations at May Arboretum

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBER:**

**Linda Spoonhunter**

### **RETURNING MEMBER:**

**Shari Tibbals**



Current membership stands at 185

**3rd Thursday Workshop August 18**  
**Sky Peaks Community Room at 1520 Sky Valley Drive, Reno, NV**  
**9am to 3pm**

*Ply Split Garlic Basket with Cornelia Kallerud*  
Using Linda Hendrickson's pattern and instructions.



This is a very sturdy basket to set on the countertop or to hang from a hook, if it's not too full with garlic or onions or chocolates (my choice). You could even line the large basket with fabric and use it as a small purse. All three baskets have a handle.

**Recommended choices:**

**Beginner**

– no ply split experience - **small basket** – 4" dia at the rim.  
\$5.00 /cordage set + \$5.00/grip fid.

**Intermediate**

– comfortable with ply splitting – **medium basket** – 5 ½" dia at the rim.  
\$10.00/cordage set + \$5.00 /grip fid. If your grip fid is .15" dia it'll work.

**Expert**

– can finish the basket at home – **large basket** – 6 ½" at the rim.  
\$15.00/cordage set - \$5.00 grip fid. If your grip fid is .15" dia it'll work.

Class fee is \$15.00, \$20.00 for non members.

When you sign up, I need to know which size basket you want to make so that I can cut the correct length for the cordage set. I also need to know if you need a large size grip fid.

If you have Danish cord you can use it: small basket = 40 ft, medium basket = 71 ft, large basket = 110 ft.

*Tools to bring = scissors only.* Don't forget lunch and a drink, it may be warm in the room.

For more info or questions call Cornelia at 530-581-4672 or email at [cktahoe@hotmail.com](mailto:cktahoe@hotmail.com)

*Regarding the picture = the large (left) basket is per instructions, the medium and small baskets are experiments.*



**Cobwebber**

## Beginning Broom Making

*Instructor: Mark Pietz*

*Saturday, August 20, 2011*

*Sky Peaks Community Room*

*9:30 AM - 3:00 PM*

All materials are provided for students to construct a simple pot-scrubber, a small wisk, and a cobwebber. These items are made from genuine broom corn, jute, and waxed linen cord.

The cobwebber stick is elm or other indigent wood and length will vary. Construction techniques are period-correct to the 1800s and involve simple stitching and a small amount of weaving. Students will learn the operation of an "Arkansas Broom Box" [foot operated].

**Skill level:** This class requires working with one's hands and a minimum level of upper body strength. Not recommended for those with physical disability or condition such as arthritis or weakness in hands, feet and joints. Students must be able to sit in a chair and have their feet reach the floor to operate the "broom box". Typical time to complete these projects is about four hours, so class will end when all projects are com-

pleted.

**Dress:** Wear old clothes. Shoes are mandatory, such as work shoes, sneakers, or running shoes. Bare feet, sandals, thongs, or similar footwear is **not acceptable**.

Cost: \$55 (includes materials fee) For more information or questions please contact Mark at 530-367-5607 or email at [pietz@sebastiancorp.net](mailto:pietz@sebastiancorp.net). You must be pre-registered for the class; no drop-ins allowed.



**Potscrubber**

**Small Wisk**



# GBB'S ANNUAL SPARK'S LIBRARY EXHIBITION

Chaired by Billie Walker

**GBB's annual basket exhibition at the Spark's Library is scheduled from Thursday, September 1 through Friday, September 30. The library (1125 12th Street) is across the street from our meeting location.**

**Because the 1st is our meeting day, baskets should be delivered to the library at 11:00 a.m., allowing time for set-up. There are two mirrored and lockable display cases to showcase your art work. Please include an inventory and a brief description and materials used. This information will be used to make information/tent cards to go with your work.**

**September is a busy month for our guild...Spark's Library Exhibition and the Artist Co-Op sale. The library exhibition has become an annual event that locals look forward to. Please bring one or more baskets so we can, again, showcase our basketry art to the community. Pick up on the 30th is at 11:00 a.m.**

## COLOR, COLOR, COLOR, & CREATE!

*A celebration of color and creativity for our September show at the Artist Co-op.*

**The gallery has invited us to show and sell our creations, so let your talent shine! With an emphasis on the marvelous colors of nature, such as our Nevada blue skies, bright blooming flowers, and our beautiful valley filled with green trees, let color inspire your artwork to show off our boundless creativity! Just step out into your garden or visit Rancho San Rafael for more ideas for baskets and other stunning art pieces!**

**All entries are due at the Artist Co-Op Gallery (627 Mill Street Reno, NV) on September 1, 2011, from 11 AM - 4PM. The exhibit runs the entire month of September. You can pick up your remaining artwork late on the 30th.**

**There is a \$5.00 entry fee per artist (Co-Op receives a 30% commission). For the opening on Sunday, September 4th, a donation of food, wine, or monetary contribution of \$10 is requested (opening runs from 1-4 PM).**

**The inventory form is included in this newsletter. In addition, I will have tags available at the August meeting and at the Co-Op on the 1st. If you have any questions, please contact:**

**Rima Kent 775-741-6325 or Margaret Marshall at [GMLMarshall@aol.com](mailto:GMLMarshall@aol.com) for show information.**

**Cheryl Bennett 775-852-5090 for gallery information**

Thank you all for your participation!



# GREAT BASIN BASKETMAKERS

## INVENTORY FORM

PLEASE PRINT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

I understand that ARTIST CO-OP (gallery, etc) will charge a commission of 30% % on all sales from SEPT 1, 2011 (date) to SEPT 30, 2011 (date). GBB will also charge a 5.00 donation. I understand that, although all reasonable care will be taken in handling this inventory, the above named entity and GBB will not be held responsible for loss or damage.

**SIGNATURE**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## INVENTORY LIST

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## LOCAL EVENT:

### FLOWER DEAD HEAD DYEING CLASS

Learn How to Prepare A Silk Scarf and Dyes for Fabric and Yarn Using Your Flower Dead Heads with Instructor Marilynn Clarke, BFA

You will take home a one of a kind, unique silk scarf.  
CLASS WILL BE HELD SATURDAY AUGUST 6TH, 2011;  
10 am to 1pm At THE WILBUR MAY ARBORETUM At  
RANCHO SAN RAFAEL PARK VISITOR CENTER

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 15 PEOPLE SO SIGN UP EARLY  
775-785-4153 or 826-7479  
Email: [kskreno@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kskreno@sbcglobal.net)

Cost: \$40.00 for Rancho San Rafael Botanical Society Members; \$50.00 for Non-Members. There Will Be A \$10.00 Material Fee Collected At The Event. All Proceeds Will Be Donated To the WILBUR D. MAY ARBORETUM

**\*\*\*Botanical Society Members check your membership coupon book for a coupon for this class.**



July's guild meeting was held at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. There were 27 people attending the "Behind the Scenes Datsolalee Basket Collection Tour". Gene Hattori provided three very educational and personal tours for our group while viewing some of Datsolalee's baskets being cared for in their backroom storage facilities. Thank you, Gene. There was no formal guild meeting. We shared a potluck luncheon in the museum's auditorium and had a casual visit with friends and members. Submitted by Karen Olson.



Baskets of sympathy go out to Jean Taylor, whose husband, Frank, died last month after a short illness. Also to the family of Ruth Papke. Ruth was an early member of GBB and she passed away in July.

## Next Month's Newsletter Editor is:

Cornelia Kallerud [cktahoe@hotmail.com](mailto:cktahoe@hotmail.com)

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Great Basin Basketmakers \* P. O. Box 11844 \* Reno, NV 89510-1844**

There is still time to sign-up for the Flo Hoppe workshops scheduled for September 9, 10, & 11, 2011. If you have already signed-up, then it's time to get your checkbook out for the final payment. Don't miss this opportunity to learn some great basket weaving techniques from a renown basket maker. Contact Joan O'Brien to sign-up (775) 849-3442 or joaneob@charter.net.

### Saturday, Sept 10, Color Play basket



### Friday, Sept 9, Mandalay basket

### Sunday, Sept 11, Athena basket

## Treasurer's Report

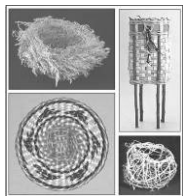
Information from the June treasurer's report submitted by Karen Rosselli indicates we received \$1,637.15 and spent \$587.45 leaving a balance in our accounts of \$13,345.12. Retreat income from the raffle and silent auction brought in \$752. Income from the June meeting materials sale brought in \$112.85. Thank you to everyone contributing to the retreat raffle and yearly materials sale. Remember retreat raffle income helps to pay for next year's instructors. Monthly raffles and the materials sale help pay for our facilities.

May you stand outside first thing  
this morning and greet the  
day...touch the earth, hear the  
birds, and thank the Earth Mother  
for all her beauty.

Aug. 19 "A Basket of Blessings"

## Betty's Willow Workshop





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## 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 followed by show and tell begins at 12:30pm. **All are welcome.**
- \* Bring a sack lunch if you wish.
- \* Program generally 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 pr 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, Karen Olson at 775-852-5401 or [kvolson@charter.net](mailto:kvolson@charter.net) 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.

