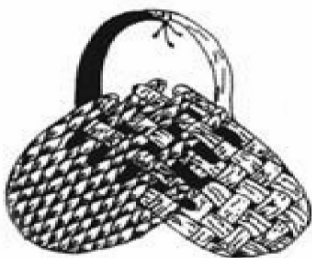


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April 4th - Business Meeting & Program

1st Congregational Church of Reno, 627 Sunnyside Dr, Reno

Business meeting at 11, followed by lunch & show & tell, Program starts at 1pm.

Ready to tie the knot? Or Just get Knotty?

The April meeting program will be knots. They are inspired by Donna Crispin's booklet she donated to the GBB library. I will supply all the material needed to create 3-4 knots. All you need to bring is scissors. If you wish to weave knots on items of your own, please feel free to bring those items. *Bonnie Kennedy*



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*Pic's by Kaylee throughout the pages:
March meeting and Judy Gush class.*



Welcome New Members:

Kathleen Smart
from Verdi, NV

Cheryl Smith is a returning
member - welcome back



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Set aside May 14-17 for our 2013 Retreat at Zephyr Point—sign-up during April meeting!!

Keep an eye on your newsletters & website for date & location changes on upcoming programs & classes.

2013 SPECIAL WORKSHOP REMINDERS

Thanks to all who participated in the Judy Zugish classes. They were a smashing success. We learned a great deal about the harvesting and preparation of natural materials. Judy is a fantastic teacher and generated great conversations and interests in the guild and at the last guild meeting.

Polly Sutton Classes:

Double Decker Cedar - Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 9:00 am at Phyliss Lewis' (FULL)

Cedar in Color – Friday, July 26, 2013 starting at 9:00 am at Phyliss Lewis' (FULL)

Sweetgrass Sculpture – Saturday, July 27, 2013 at 9:00 am at April Barber's (FULL)

Squatty Cedar Crossbark – Sunday, July 28, 2013 at 9:00 am at April Barber's – 1 opening

Cookie Hansen King Palm Basket Classes:

Saturday, September 14, 2013 starting at 9:00 - 2 Openings

Sunday, September 15, 2013 starting at 9:00 - 3 Openings

Both classes will be held in Wellington, NV at the Wescott's.

For all Special Classes contact Pat Wescott at graybadgers@gmail.com or 775-465-2769. Don't forget to check the website for more details about the classes and to see pictures. If you have any special requests for teachers, techniques or materials that you would like to see for future classes please let me know.

Great Basin Basketmakers Minutes March 2013

Submitted by Marge Purdy

Meeting Date: 3/7/2013 Location: 1st Congregational Church

Time Called to Order: 11:03 am by President Susan Lester

Minutes from February Meeting Approved

Treasurer's Report: by Bonnie Kennedy

Membership Report by: Karen Olson. There are 132 paid members to date.

Meetings Program Report: by Karen Olson. April program will be about knots presented by Bonnie Kennedy.

Monthly Workshops Report by: Susan Lester's class making a double dream catcher will be @ Washoe Valley Fire Dept. community room Saturday, March 16, 2013. Karen Rosselli's round reed fruit basket (great for beginners) will be Thursday, March 21st at 1st Congregational Church. Jane Milner's class for making a double twill tote will be Thursday, April 18th at 1st Congregational Church. Kaylee Mayne's class we will learn how to make rain sticks (also great for beginners) Saturday, April 20th at the Washoe Valley Fire Dept. community room.



Special Workshops Report: by Karen about our Retreat; so far 25 have signed up and deposits need to be paid. There are still openings in both Polly Sutton's workshops and Cookie Hansen's workshops. Pat Westcott asked for suggestions for future workshops.

Exhibits/Shows Report: by Margaret. Will be setting up exhibit at Sierra View Library to run through March. Reviewed fees and conditions for exhibit at North Tahoe Arts. It was moved by Cherlyn and 2nd by Margaret to not participate; motion carried. Susan reported for Phyllis about Elko exhibit.



Special Projects/Events Report: None however Betty Hulse reported on her experience with the 4th grade class and how enjoyable it was. The children were able to weave a boat basket, complete the project and would love to do it again. Those attending Judy Zugish classes were complimentary of the instructor as was Judy's compliments about working with GBB.

Publicity Report: by Susan Lester. She will volunteer to chair the publicity. Has made contact with RGJ and will be contacting others.

Library Report: No report

Announcements: Sandy mentioned the NBO monthly newsletter was sent out on email to our members.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jane Milner donated two books to our library.

GBB Retreat May 14-17, 2013

For more detailed info about the classes see the website at <http://www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org> and click on "Retreat 2013"

Once Again at Zephyr Point on Beautiful Lake Tahoe

The fee for the retreat lodging, meals and classes is \$235 plus material fees. A \$40 deposit will be due at the time of sign up with the remainder due by the April meeting, if not before. Once signups are made for individual classes, instructors will be collecting their material fees. To sign-up or for more information contact April Barber, Retreat Coordinator, at ecologeo@yahoo.com. Please come join us at the Lake in May!



Wednesday Afternoon Waxed Linen Basket Necklace

Instructor
Karen Winberg
Mat fee = \$10.00



Wednesday Morning Horse Hair Workshop

Instructor
Nancy MacGillivray
Mat fee = \$25.00



Wednesday All day class Pine Needle Coil Attachments

Instructor Sande Rowan
Mat fee = \$20.00

Thursday Afternoon Knotless Netting Class - "Smilies"

Instructor
Pat Wescott
Mat fee = \$10.00



Thursday All Day Class Neolithic Basket

Instructor Betty Hulse
Mat fee
Natural reed = \$5.00
Space dyed = \$7.00

Thursday Morning
Tiny Tule Treasure Bag
Instructor
Sue Ann Monteleone
Mat fee = \$10.00



May Materials Sale

While doing your spring cleaning you may want to set aside those items you have been meaning to get rid of. As part of our May meeting we will be holding a materials sale. It's a good chance for us to sell those things we no longer need. Remember that 10% of your proceeds go GBB.



From the President

We have had some great classes and programs so far this year. Those who got to attend one of the Judy Zugish workshops will tell you how nice it was to be able to have such a talented weaver teach us some of her techniques. We have many more good classes lined up for the remainder of the year. We all have to remember that those who organize and host these classes and workshops are volunteering their time to do so. Let's all do our part in making their jobs easier by reading all updates sent out regarding the classes and getting all payments to the proper parties on time. I appreciate everyone's help and support.

Susan

GBB Board Report *Betty Hulse*

At the March GBB Board meeting we discussed special workshops. The Board voted to pay travel fees, including shipping of materials for instructors and for one class and material fee for the hostess of a special workshop. The hostess will be responsible for any additional classes and material fees.

* Guidelines for special workshops were discussed. The board will consult with Pat Wescott and set some time frames for interest; commitment for the workshop; payment for deposit and final payment; and refund of deposits if not able to attend.

- Susan Lester volunteered to be Publicity Chair through the end of the year. She will look into other formats of media.



Fourth Graders Like to make Baskets

Betty shared information about Native American baskets with 4th graders at Hunsberger Elementary School. The students liked the baskets and were interested in the willow and bulrush Betty brought. Each student made a boat basket. They were enthusiastic about their project.



GBB Library News

By Connie Douglas

As I worked on organizing the library materials to hand them over to our new librarian, Pam Wilcox (Thank you, Pam!), I came across some items that were overlooked or forgotten over the last couple of years. So we have a whole stack of things added to the library, and the return of a couple of books that have been languishing in the repair bin. And to those of you who have donated some of these items, I apologize for the delay in getting them added.

These items are now available for checkout:

Pine Spirit written and donated by new GBB member Sande Rowan. Nice book!

Into the Weave about the incredible woven sculptures of Laura Ellen Bacon. Donated by Mary Lee Fulkerson

Basket Inspiration for Makers and Collectors by Billie Ruth Sudduth. Lots of inspiration and some instructions too. Donated by Mary Lee.



Fancy Handles for Decorative Woven Baskets by Nancy Gruber. Replacement for a lost book.

Fibre Basketry by the Fibre Basket Weavers of South Australia. Lots of good ideas, especially coiling.

Papermaking for Basketry and Other Crafts edited by Lynn Stearns. Replacement for lost book.

Pine Needle and Nut Crafting by Judy Mallow. An older book with good pine needle ideas. Donated by Sarah Pusey

Advanced Pattern Book for Pine Needle Raffia Basketry by Jeannie McFarland. Another oldie but goodie.

How to Make Baskets, Book One – Melon, Potato & Heart basket patterns

How to Make Baskets, Book Three – Key, Bread & Market patterns by Lyn Siler. Nice little booklets with good patterns. Replacements for lost books.

Third Saturday April Class

By Kaylee Mayne

MY "APRIL SHOWERS" RAINSTICK IS 9:30-3:00 THE 20TH OF APRIL.
FEES ARE \$15.00 MEMBERS AND 20.00 NON-MEMBERS, MATERIAL FEE \$12.50
TOTAL \$27.50. CLASS TO BE HELD AT THE WASHOE VALLEY VFD COMM ROOM.
THIS IS ANOTHER GREAT BEGINNERS CLASS. ALL MATERIALS TO MAKE THE
RAINSTICK WILL BE PROVIDED. WE WILL WEAVE IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT



STYLES, WITH SEAGRASS, YARN, ROUND, FLAT & FLAT OVAL REED. LEATHER, FEATHERS AND BEADS WILL FINISH OFF YOUR STICK. THIS IS AN EASY PROJECT TO GET FINISHED IN CLASS.

PLEASE BRING YOUR LUNCH AND PLENTY TO DRINK. WEAVING ITEMS: SPRAY BOTTLE, TOWEL (TO KEEP REED MOIST), SCISSORS, TAPE MEASURE, PACKING TOOL (OR FLAT SHORT SCREWDRIVER), PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN EMBELLISHING ITEMS.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT KAYLEE AT 775-781-9356, OR E-MAIL ELFTORY@GMAIL.COM.

PS: Cornelia donated her "RETREAT made" rainstick to a Southern Utah B&B. After lots of shaking and dancing they had major floods right afterwards—the sticks work!!



Here's your opportunity to learn to weave a not-so-big tote basket in a third Thursday (April 18th) class at GBB!

Time: 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM or so...(I can stay later if needed)

Place: First Congregational Church of Reno

Cost: \$15.00 members, \$20.00 for non-members. Kit available for \$20.00

Skill level: beginning/intermediate

Goals: To learn to weave a twill pattern by following a graphed design, and to lose your fear of twills...they are my passion!

Size: Base is 3" x 10", basket is 10" high, and features a strap of 2 yards of 1" shaker tape (long enough to allow you to wear the tote across your body). 1/2" flat oval rims.

Materials: 1/4" flat reed, natural (spokes and some of the weavers) and dyed with fiber-reactive dyes (weavers), your choice of color. Shaker tape (see sample card at the March and April meeting on the first Thursday). I will also have samples of the dyed reed at the April meeting so you can pick out what color shaker tape you will like. I will be placing my order to the Country

Seat after the April meeting.

Tools needed: Usual basketry tools...towel, soaking bucket or basin, spray bottle, scissors, heavy duty packing tool is nice, but not essential for this basket (I will have extras for sale (\$7.75 plus tax and shipping), or you can borrow mine). IF YOU HAVE IT: a mat used for a rotary cutter is nice because it is a great work surface for laying out your base and squaring it. Little copper clips from Radio Shack to hold your corners and your row starts (I'll have plenty). Helpful if you have a shaver tool (Stanley sure-form shaver from Home Depot) for scarfing the rims (I will have mine). You will not need a spoke weight as we will be using a "loom" of 3 pieces of scrap reed to lay out the spokes of your base. I'll have plenty of zip ties for rim lashing. This basket has a 4 over 4 twill base, a 3 over 3 twill start up the sides woven in "start/stop" rows, the twill patterned design woven with dyed weavers, and plain over 3 under 3 weave at the top. The rim is lashed.

Ah, please remember your lunch!



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**Please submit articles for
May newsletter by April 12.**

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Membership Application/Renewal

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

Date _____ Amount: \$ _____ New _____ Renewal _____

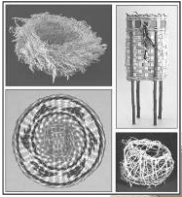
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- * Meet the **first Thursday** of each month at the **First Congregational Church of Reno, United Church of Christ** located at **627 Sunnyside Dr, Reno.**
- * Open business meeting at 11:00 AM. **All are welcome.**
- * Bring a sack lunch.
- * Show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

