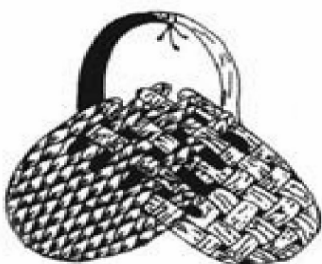


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February 6 Meeting Program:

Join us on February 6 for our meeting at the First Congregational Church of Reno, United Church of Christ. Open business meeting at 11:00 am, show & tell & sack lunch noon till 1 pm. Program meeting begins at 1 pm.

February's meeting program will be a basket start taught by Bonnie Kennedy. We will be making the start of the basket that will be taught by Joan O'Brien on February 20 (see page 2). Even if you aren't going to take Joan's class you can still do the start.

Please bring scissors, a spray bottle, spoke weight, and crimping pliers (if you have them) everything else will be supplied. If you are going to take Joan's class, there will be a \$5 material fee which is collected by Joan. If you did not sign up at January's meeting, contact Bonnie Kennedy at b.Kennedy1254@yahoo.com or (775) 323-8554 so she will know how much material to bring.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

Don't let this be your last newsletter!!

If You have not responded to Karen's email reminders and have not paid your dues, this will be your last newsletter.

so don't wait —
send your annual
dues now, so there's no lapse...

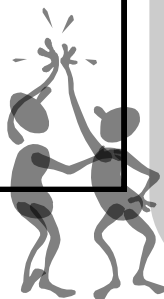


Welcome New Members

Dori Goldman
from Reno

Sandra Wendel
from Gardnerville

Karen Traynor
from Reno



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Join the Fun - February classes



Horsehair Bracelet

Saturday, February 15th ~ 9:30 - 3:00

St. Peter's Rectory, 300 Division St. Carson City

by Nancy MacGillivray nanmac56@gmail.com

Or 760-484-6503

During this class you will learn how to create a beaded braided eight strand horsehair bracelet. You can choose to cord the strands 1st or not and I will have samples of both. I am going to supply everything so all you need to bring is your creativity. I have a variety of colors of horsehair to choose from. Time permitting, I will also demo how to braid 12 strands which make a four sided cord.

Please bring any special beads you may want to use, otherwise I will have some.

Cost of class: \$15.00 members; \$20.00 non-members Material fee: \$25.00

Sampler Basket

Thursday, February 20 ~ 9:30 -3:00

1st Congregational Church 627 Sunnyside Dr. Reno

by Joan OBrien joaneob@charter.net or 775 849-3442

All skill levels welcome.

This sampler basket will introduce students to various weaves and decoration techniques. We will be doing three rod wale, chase weaving, figure eights over insertions, diamond weave and a rolled border.

All materials will be provided. Please bring your base*, scissors, soaking bucket, clothespins, measuring tape, flat packing tool, awl, towel and lunch.

* **Note:** The base will be woven in the preceding program on Thursday, February 6th. Before class, please soak your base about 15 minutes in warm water and place it in a baggie to bring to class.

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

Materials fee: \$5.00



Great Basin Basketmakers Annual Retreat

May 13-16, 2014



Please come join us for our Annual GBB Retreat at Zephyr Point Conference Center located on beautiful Lake Tahoe

Double occupancy rooms, all meals and 2 full day classes are included.

In addition we will have a raffle and silent auction, embellishment fair and game night.

\$250 plus materials fees

Sign ups begin February 6, 2014 at our GBB meeting in Reno or by email to April at ecolgeo@yahoo.com or 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 we are delighted to have a visiting instructor Polly Giacchina teaching twined beads as well as our member Joan O'Brien teaching a beautiful antler basket class.

Thursday Polly will teach a second class, a People Rattle. We are thrilled to have our member Karen Rosselli returning to teach a twill weave market basket.

We will initially accept each person into only one of the visiting instructor classes so everyone gets a chance to take a class from her. If there are extra spaces we will take names off the waiting list.

So find someone to be your roommate, decide on the classes you want to take and prepare to sign up for another fun retreat!

Twined Bead Workshop

Wed, May 14

Instructor: Polly Jacobs Giacchina

The workshop will concentrate on small format weaving using the basketry technique, twining.

Distinctive individual beads will be created with colors chosen by the student. Varied patterns and textures can be incorporated.



Waxed linen, embroidery floss and the other components needed, will be supplied.

All skill levels

Materials Fee: \$15.

Student brings: small sharp scissors and individual task light with extension cord

More Retreat Classes



ANTLER BASKET

Wed, May 14

Instructor: Joan O'Brien

At the retreat we will be weaving this antler basket using twisted seagrass with palm inflorescence and/or twisted coconut as accents. The framework for the basket will be completed at the May program when we will drill the antler and glue the spokes in place. If you cannot be present at the May meeting I will be available Tuesday night (May 13th) so you can drill your antler

and glue your spokes then.

In this class you will learn the techniques for antler drilling as well as how to determine the shape for your antler basket and spoke placement. Each antler is different so each basket will be distinctive.

You may bring additional materials to use as highlights but they must be very flexible. As well as the weaving (ranging) you will learn when and how to add ribs and how to pack. To control your basket shape you will also learn when and how to use braces using #10 round reed. At the finish we will use large wooden beads to balance the basket.

Materials provided: Deer Antler, #6 round reed for spokes and ribs, seagrass, palm inflorescence, twisted coconut cordage, #10 round reed for braces, beads, glue.

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

BASKETRY WORKSHOP: PEOPLE RATTLE

Thurs, May 15

Instructor: Polly Jacobs Giacchina

Learn the basketry technique twining or push your established skills to a new level.

We will concentrate on a dimensional design forming the body. Embellishments will complete the figurative form, weaving with large hemp.

All materials will be included.

You may bring your own small beads and found objects to personalize your project (optional)

All skill levels

Materials Fee: \$15.



Retreat Class

Twill Weave Market Basket

Thurs, May 15

Instructor: Karen Rosselli

We will create a lovely twill weave market basket. Bring your regular weaving tools as well as a spoke weight, tape measure, soaking bucket, spray bottle, and some clothes pins. If you have a cutting mat (scrapbook or paper artist supply), bring it. This is not absolutely necessary, so don't go buy one, but it is very helpful when weaving with flat reed. I will have various dyed reed as well as plain. This is sure to be a fun-filled class and you will come away with a useful and beautiful basket.



All Skill Levels Material fee is \$25.

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 for further information. The committee includes April Barber, Bonnie Kennedy, and Joan O'Brien.

SAVE THE DATE:

March 6th.....

Tour the Nevada State Museum Basket Vault & Exhibits with Anthropology Curator Dr. Gene Hattori, and Museum Registrar, our very own Sue Ann Monteleone. This is an amazing opportunity to view the outstanding basket collection, tucked away in the vaults for safe keeping. It's a rare chance to see the work of the **first** Great Basin Basket Makers, to marvel at their design and form, and to aspire to their greatness. Because we will have so many attending, we will be divided into groups for the vault tour. The Feb. 6th meeting will be the deadline for choosing the group you wish to join for this memorable tour. Group tour times are 9am, 10am or 11am. If you wish to go, but will not be attending the Feb. meeting, please contact Sande Rowan 775.841.6315 or sanderowan@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

March 15.....

Tule Basket Making Class with Sue Ann Monteleone

March 20...

Beaded Baby basket class with Susan Lester

Message from the President

It's cold outside and that should mean more time inside to create wonderful baskets and projects. So how come I can't seem to ever find the time to spend a day weaving? I don't believe in New Years resolutions, but this year I am going to really try hard to put weaving on the calendar and then that is what I do that day. If I can do this, maybe, I'll use some of the supplies that are taking up so much room in the closet. I have such good intentions when I buy all that stuff. Does that sound familiar to anyone beside me? Let's all devote some extra time to what we love doing and less to those mundane daily chores that eat away at our precious hours.

On another note, I want to send out a great big **THANK YOU** to Pat Wescott. She chaired the Special Workshop committee (of one) and did such a good job. We have had some wonderful visiting instructors under Pat's watch. Pat has decided to hand the reins over starting this year so if someone is interested in taking over this very important role please get in touch with me. As of today there are no special workshops scheduled for this year.

Susan

GBB Board Update as of January 2, 2014

GBB Board meeting was held on January 2nd to welcome new board members Sandy Zoerner, Julia Richardson, and Judy Magiera. A thank you gift was given to outgoing board chair Betty Hulse. Thank you Betty for all your hard work! Betty will continue working on the education committee. Paula Pennington and Sandy Zoerner have taken on the positions of board co-chairs. Judy Magiera has taken on the position of board secretary. Expenditures were approved as requested by the class committee for supplies and class meeting space in Carson City. Next board meeting will be held in Carson City on March 6 prior to the museum tour. All GBB members are welcome to attend. If you have items or issues you would like addressed by the board, please feel free to contact any board member.

Submitted by Sandy Zoerner, GBB board co-chair

Great Basin Basketmakers Meeting Minutes Jan 2, 2014 at 1st Congregational Church

Submitted by Marge Purdy

Meeting was called to order 11:00 am by Susan Lester

Minutes of previous meeting approved with no corrections

Treasurer's report by Bonnie Kennedy

Membership report by Karen Olson. Karen has been sending reminders out to members to pay their dues. Forty two members still not paid. There are 117 paid members and two new members Dori Goldman and Sandra Wendell.

Meeting program and monthly workshop report by Sande Rowan. Bonnie Kennedy gave a report on Feb meeting program of a basket start taught by Joan O'Brien and Bonnie. If you plan to complete a basket from this base taught by Joan O'Brien that will take place Feb 20th at Sunnyside Church and there will be a fee for the class. Joan reported she will be using a variety of weaving styles by Flo Hoppe to complete the basket. Feb 15th Nancy MacGillivray will teach a horsehair bracelet class at St Peter's Rectory in Carson City. March 6th regular meeting will meet at Nevada State Museum in Carson City for a tour. There is an \$8.00 fee. More info to follow. Carol Thomas thanked Kristy Dial for the 2014 Newsletter and Sande for volunteering for the program and monthly meeting reports.

Special workshops report by April Barber re: the Retreat at Lake Tahoe May 13th -16th. Signups will start in Feb.

Exhibits report by Phyliss Lewis. For Douglas County Library exhibit Nancy MacGillivray is taking items to Karen Winberg to set up display. Northwest Library's calendar is full for 2014 and we are on their waiting list. There will be an exhibit at Carson City Library in May. Passed by unanimous vote. Sande will set up and take down. Sparks Library usually in Sept.

McKinley Arts schedule for 2014 is full. It was suggested to make a date for 2015.

Publicity report by Susan Lester. Nothing to report.

Library report by Pam Wilcox. There are two new DVD's about pine needle weaving.

Announcements: Billie reported on Donna Newlin status. Molly reported death of Rebecca Eagle's son. Susan will send card from guild.

There being no old business or new business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 with 26 in attendance.

HELP WANTED:

Low pay, no insurance, but
priceless goodwill & Admiration.

BACK UP TEACHERS

If you have an interesting
project, and are willing to be
called on short notice to replace
a teacher/class that has been

cancelled, please call
Sande Rowan 841.6315 or
email sanderowan@hotmail.com

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

fordtraveler@gmail.com

Basketry Happenings Coming Up Outside Our Area

March 12-16: Northwest Basket Weavers, Vi Phillips Basketry Guild Spring Retreat. Brochure & Forms available at

<http://www.nwbasketweavers.org/retreat2014.html.springretreat@nwbasketweavers.org>.

April 25-27: Baskets and Gourds—Containers of our Culture V. Visalia. Contact Toni Best at tonibestbaskets@gmail.com or (559) 627-5430.

April 25-27: CNCH 2014—Branch Out with Fibers at the Oakland Convention Center. www.cnch.org

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Please submit articles for
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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 _____

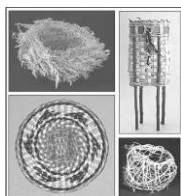
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- ◆ Meet the **first Thursday** of each month at the **First Congregational Church of Reno, United Church of Christ** located at **627 Sunny-side Dr, Reno.**
- ◆ Open business meeting at 11:00 AM. ***All are welcome.***
- ◆ Bring a sack lunch.
- ◆ 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 or check our website at: www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org
- ◆ Information to be exchanged among GBB members may be directed to: 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.

