

Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



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The July Meeting is being held in June, what a surprise. And on top of that we are meeting outdoors at Karen Olson's Alpaca Ranch, 4201 Fairview Road, Reno, NV 89511. We'll all get started around 11:00 am for a business meeting, then a Show and Tell—**POTLUCK LUNCH**. After lunch we're going to have fun—felting around a bar of soap (your choice—Yardley at Target is a good one) and/or a rock of your choice. All you need for the program is a bar of soap or a #%^(*& rock and an old pair of pantyhose. Coming from Virginia Street—take Holcomb Ranch Rd—1.7 miles to Dryden Lane on the left—turn left, then right on Fairview Road. Go to the Stop sign at Lamay and we are on the right hand corner, across the road. Call (775) 852-5401. Please bring a lawn chair and a potluck dish



Welcome New Member
Nancy Strickland

GET INVOLVED!!!

Now is the time you can get involved in your guild and help make a difference!

- Have you ever taken a Thursday or Saturday class?
- Have you ever taken a special workshop?
- Have you ever stayed after the meeting for the monthly program?
- Have you ever read the Newsletter?
- Do you enjoy your time with the Great Basin Basketmakers?

Unfortunately, these don't just happen, it takes planning and execution. If you want to get involved and help plan or execute any portion of the programs and projects you can volunteer for numerous positions in the coming year (2014).

Following are positions available: Board Member (2 are vacant); the Guild Vice President; Program Committee; Class Committee; Newsletter Editor; Newsletter Labels & Distribution; Special Workshops; Retreat; Publicity; and the newest committee just formed - the Education Committee. Most of these positions do not demand a lot of time but they do need to be done. If you are interested in helping out in any of these areas, or want more information as to what is involved, please contact Bonnie Kennedy at b.kennedy1254@yahoo.com.

Meeting

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July and August Classes

We only have one class scheduled for July—due to the Special Workshops with Polly Sutton and only one class in August due to a teacher cancellation. The 3rd Thursday class has been moved to Saturday. Summertime is always a tricky time for classes with many people on vacation or out of town.

Ridge Weave Basket

Joan O'Brien, Instructor

Thursday, July 18, 2013 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

At Joan O'Brien's house:

950 Yellow Pine Rd, Reno, NV 89511

\$15.00 members; \$20.00 non-members

Material Fee: \$15.00



Sign-up sheet will be available at the June meeting or email Joan @ joaneob@charter.net. Class size is limited to 12 people.

This class is for all skill levels of basket weavers. We will be starting the basket with a slotted 4" base and #5 round reed spokes. The sides are woven by chase weaving with 11/64 mm flat oval reed and #4 smoked round reed creating the ridge weave. The basket is 11" tall and 8" wide.

Tools needed are scissors, soaking bucket, measuring tape, packing tool or awl, needle nose pliers, twist ties or yarn for markers, pencil, spray bottle, clothes pins. Don't forget a lunch.

For more information call Joan at 849-3442 or email.

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 straight edge screwdriver), 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.



Saturday August 17, 2013
Instructor: Kaylee Mayne
A Simple Reed Basket

Special Workshop's Notes

Polly Sutton Classes: July 25-28, 2013

The classes are all filled and paid for. You should have received directions to Phyliss and April's home for the classes you signed up for. I have either given these directions to you in person or mailed them to you. If you didn't get the information please let Pat Wescott know. **There may be a change in the location of the first two classes as Phyliss is moving.** Pat will let you know if this happens. For now we will still meet at the location you were given.

Cookie Hansen Classes

We have one opening on Saturday, September 14, 2013 in the King Palm class. We have also added a Kumohimo Bracelet class on Sunday, September 15, 2013 in addition to the King Palm class that day. We have two openings left in the bracelet class.

The \$95 class and materials fees for the King Palm Basket are due by July 1, 2013. The \$20 class and material fees are due for the bracelet class as well.



NEW! NEW CLASS FOR 2014

Shannon Weber is coming to teach for us June 20-22, 2014. This is a 3 day class with only 12 openings. We have this class posted on our website and announced it at our June meeting. There are only **6 spots** left and we will have a waiting list.

For any questions about classes contact Pat at 775-465-2769 or email her at graybadgers@gmail.com

The Woven Vessel When Fiber Meets Wax

Teacher: Shannon Weber

Dates: June 20-22, 2014- This is a 3 day long class.

Cost: \$112.50 class fee

Materials Fee: \$50.00

Class Size: 10-12

Hours: 9:30-4:00 each day for 3 days

Where: Wescott's in Wellington, NV (we need lots of electrical outlets and access to a shop. This is a messy process.

Shannon is a wonderful multi-media artist who will be teaching us how to work with encaustic medium, paint, brushes, paper, heat gun, wire, molding clay and painters tape just to name a few things. You will create a vessel made of reclaimed materials, embellished with paper, encaustic medium, objects entrapped in the wax, paint and additional embellishment techniques. You will learn to make detachable embellishments that will be part of the piece.

Supplies you need to bring: apron, sharp garden cutters, scissors, clothing suitable for making art, black sharpie, old towel, 4 or 7 ply waxed linen, small heat fusing gun.



June Meeting Pics



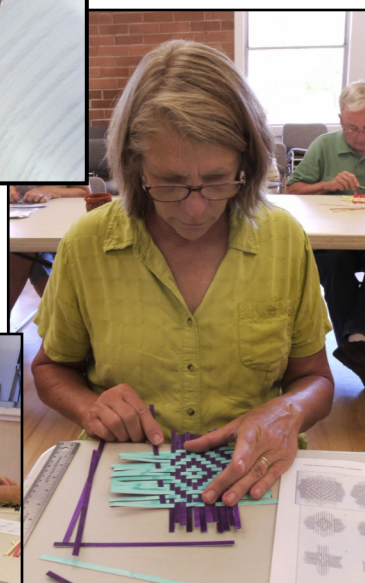
Anne Bacon
with her latest
pineneedle
creation



L-R: Pam Wilcox,
Anne Bacon,
Catherine Norris,
and Carol Thomas



Billie's Birthday Basket Hat



Above: New member, Nancy
Strickland weaving a twill
pattern.



L-R: Trisha Work, Betty
Hulse, Don & Pat Wescott.



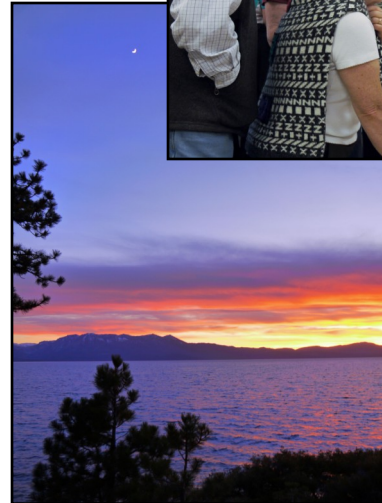
YUP That's Twwwill!!!

New Beginnings – Retreat 2013

Billie Walker's Journal: Lake Tahoe Retreat, May 14-17, 2013

Thanks to April Barber and Karen Olson, registration went well. NO problems. The workshops went well: 1) Horsehair with Nancy MacGillivray; 2) Pine Needle Coil Attachments with Sande Rowan; 3) Waxed Linen Basket Necklace with Karen Winberg; 4) Tiny Tule Treasure Bag with Sue Ann Monteleone; 5) Neolithic Basket with Betty Hulse; 6) Knotless Netting "Smilies" with Pat Wescott. The teachers did a great job.

I thought the food was very good.



The raffle & silent auction brought in \$824.
Enough to put a down payment for next years reservation.
Tai Chi stretching was available at 7 am and coffee, provided by Kaylee.
On game night we had 16 people who played "Spite and Malice." Billie said she couldn't do her pole dance because the broom handle pole was worn down to a shish kabob skewer.

Billie Walker

GBB Ad hoc Education Committee

Notes from meeting at GBB Retreat, May 16, 2013

Present: Bonnie Kennedy, Pam Wilcox, Pat Wescott, Sande Rowan, Lorrie Moore, Kaylee Mayne, and Betty Hulse
Purpose of Education Committee: To develop a series of basket projects with lesson plans that could be taught to elementary school age children. To instruct GBB members and organize teaching teams who could go to schools or other organizations who request our help.

Committee would like a GBB program in 2014 where we could show/teach various Lesson Plans and Projects to the membership. Various ideas suggested were:

Weaving with straws	Using pipe cleaners and yarn	Using old T-shirts
Using recycled material such as plastic bottles, cartons, plastic bags		Using telephone wire
Make plastic cordage	Make rain sticks using paper towel centers	
Use nature materials such as tule, iris or daylily leaves, cornhusks, etc		

Suggestions for finding ideas:

Website – Primitive Pathway	Website – Home Schooling – Art
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If members have additional ideas, lesson plans, or would like to be part of the Education group, please contact Betty Hulse.

Great Basin Basketmakers Minutes June 2013

Submitted by Marge Purdy

Meeting Date: June 6, 2013 Location: 1st Congregational Church Time Called to Order: 11:05am by Vice President Kaylee Mayne

Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report given by Bonnie Kennedy

Membership Report given by Karen Olson. We have 120 members.

Meetings Program Report by Karen Olson. Our July meeting will be June 27th and will be a potluck. The program will be a wet felting project.

Monthly Workshop Report by Carol. No 3rd Thursday class in June. Lauren Lampe's class "Weaving on a Penny" will be Saturday, June 22nd. July 18th will be a ridge weave basket taught by Joan O'Brien at her home. August 17th class by Kaylee Mayne will be a basket made with flat and round reed and will be at Sunny Villa Clubhouse. Molly Gardner's class for a small lidded reed basket on Aug 17th was cancelled. We were advised we can no longer have classes at SunVilla on Thursdays.

Special Workshops Report by Pat. All Polly Sutton classes are paid up. One opening was available for Cookie Hansen's class. There will be a Sept. 15th class by Cookie Hansen on how to make Kumohimo bracelets at Pat Wescott's. A workshop has been set up for June 20-22, 2014 with Shannon Weber from Oregon and it will be multimedia at Pat Wescott's.

Exhibit/Shows: No report as Phyllis is still recuperating from surgery.

Special Projects/Events report by April. Retreat a complete success and was fun.

Publicity Report: None

Library Report by Pam. No new books. There are still books that have not been returned and are way overdue. The policy is to borrow books for a 30 day period. If you need additional time you can borrow for an additional 30 days.

Announcements: Sandy spoke with Gatekeepers re: Native American program Aug 17th. Tahoe City is celebrating 150 years. Sande Rowan will be teaching a class on pine needle basket making at the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City July 9th and 11th. Betty still has books "Weaving Naturally" for sale. Also had an ad-hoc meeting at the Retreat re: Education Committee and suggested putting together easy projects for GBB members to use in classrooms.

Old Business: Bonnie gave a report as one of a two member nominating committee. Also presented a booklet she had prepared re: duties of each office and committee and reminded all members to take part in the guild in some capacity they are comfortable with.

New Business: Sande introduced her guest Kristy Dial and Karen introduced guest Nancy Strickland and expressed hopes the visitors would become members.

Meeting Adjourned 11:50am. Number in Attendance: 27

Message from the President

I can hardly believe the year is half over.

Just as I suspected this year's Retreat was a great success. We all learned some very interesting and fun techniques and have the baskets, etc. to prove it.. I think I can speak for all that attended in saying a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to those who were involved in making it all work so smoothly. Be sure to fill out the questionnaire that April sent attendees to make next year even better.

It is exciting to see enthusiastic members coming together with great ideas for the newly formed education committee. The brainstorming session at the retreat was great.

This month we have the pleasure of having Polly Sutton come to teach some special workshops. I know I am really looking forward to those. Thanks in advance to those who will be hosting her.

Remember to refer to our website www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org, and always read your emails, for updated information on classes and workshops as there have been some recent changes.

We will be meeting June 27 at Karen Olson's for our July meeting. Hope to see you then.

Susan

Treasurer's Report, June 12, 2013:

Total Cash (inc ckg /svgs)	\$18,301.33
Dues Income	20.00
Misc Income	325.91
Expenses to date	(354.40)
 New Balance	 \$18,292.84

Alpine Library Exhibit Announcement:

Paula Pennington will pick up baskets for the Alpine Library exhibit at the June 27th meeting. There are 4 shelves in a locked display case. Each shelf is 10 in. high by 7 in. wide so baskets need to be small. Paula will not be able to return the baskets until the October meeting.

Announcement:

Start looking through those extra materials you have set aside and think 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 will 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.

Pineneedle Coil Attachment Class

Join Sande Rowan for a two day basket making "Coil Attachment" class at the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City on Tuesday, July 9th & Thursday, July 11th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This project will begin with a custom ceramic bowl from Nevada Potter Kym Maehl. You will learn how to begin by attaching to the top of the bowl, how to build coiled walls, how to add beads, and how to finish the rim. Class fee is \$65 plus a materials fee of \$20 (includes binding, pineneedles, bowl, and beads.) To sign-up or for more information contact Sande Rowan at Sanderowan@hotmail.com.

Next Month's Newsletter Editor is:
Susan Lester at
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Please submit articles for the
August newsletter by July 12.

2013 GBB Officers and Board Members:

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Board.....	KayLee Mayne
Board.....	Paula Pennington
Board.....	Judy Scribner
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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 _____

Name _____

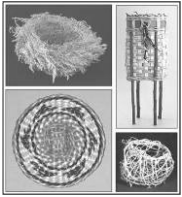
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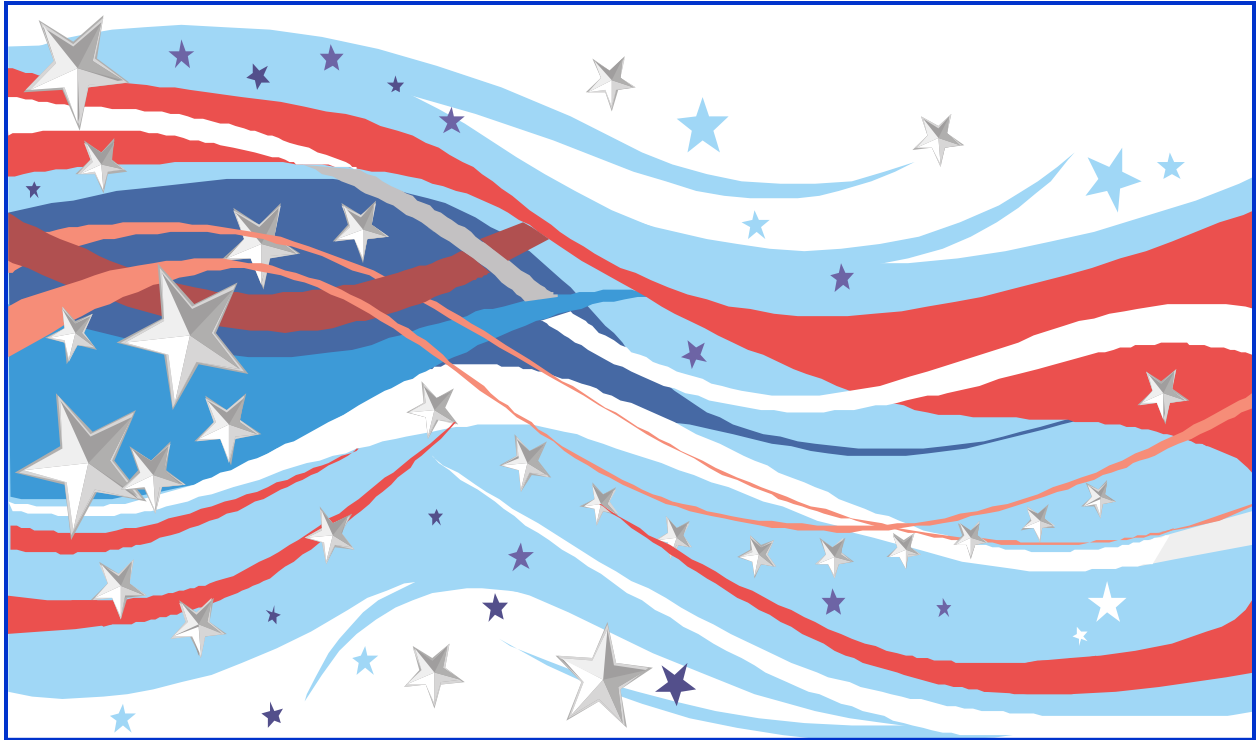
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Send this completed form and check payable to **Great Basin Basketmakers** and mail to:

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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 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 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

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.

