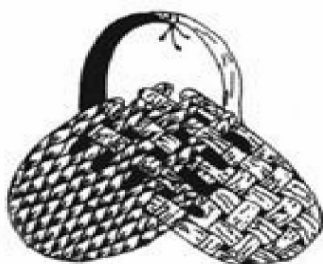


Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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Edited by
Susan Lester



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 in the Guild and Committee Assignments. There are still some holes which we will be filling in the coming months. It isn't too late if you still wish to become involved. We all have to pitch in and do our part to keep GBB successful. Please contact Bonnie Kennedy at b.kennedy1254@yahoo.com.

Message from the President

We were so lucky to have had Polly Sutton come to the Great Basin Basketmakers to teach us. Those who were able to attend her workshops will agree that she was a delightful teacher and shared many great tips with us. As you will see in this newsletter, we ended up with some fascinating baskets. This month, another visiting artist, Cookie Hansen will be here. Can't wait to see what her workshops produce.

The September meeting should be a fun one. We are having a mystery basket bag exchange. We'll get to see what's inside everyone's bags. Then, at the November meeting, we will hopefully see participants finished projects.

We have the opportunity to exhibit some of our baskets at the Sparks library in September and we have been invited by one of our members to participate in the Museum Contempo, "Magnificent Miniatures and More Show", near Olympia WA. You can read about all this and more in this month's newsletter.

Susan

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September Program – Mystery Basket in a bag exchange

You have had a few months' warning to prepare and now it's time to get your creative juices flowing! Please put whatever materials you have gathered and set aside into a bag or box. Put your name inside with the materials and seal the parcel up to bring to the September meeting. We are hoping you have put enough materials in your parcel to create a basket or some type of woven object. At the meeting, I will give you a number so that you can pick from the other mystery parcels. We will each open the chosen parcel to show the group what we have. The group will help provide ideas and inspiration to complete a project. If there is time, we can sit down together and start our creations. Once you are home, you can finish your creations with the materials in your parcel or add to it with other materials you may have. Feel free to get as creative as you would like to be and bring your finished creations to share at the November meeting. Please help this to be a fun program by encouraging everyone to participate.

Program organizer: Sandy Zoerner



SOMETHING DIFFERENT GOURD



**Thursday September 19,
9:30 am to 4:00 pm.**

**At Cheryln Bennett's back yard 12550 Boili Dr. Reno.
Call 852-5090 for directions. benart@att.net**

Class: Gourd sawing unusual shapes and practicing wood burning designs (Ex: Bear shape opening; flower cut outs); etc.

Supplies: Lunch and apron. Also any embellishments you would like to bring.

Cost: Gourd and all supplies: \$15.00 Cheryln

Willow Rib Basket

Thursday, October 17, at First Congregational Church
Jane Milner and Betty Hulse, teachers

Class begins at 9:00 a.m. and may run later than 3:00

You will be learning basic instructions for inserting ribs into a round rim/ hoops, 8-10 inches in diameter, to make a small willow basket. Each basket can be a different shape depending on rib construction and number of hoops / rims. You may choose to have a single rim (and create a potato style basket), recommended for beginning willow weavers, or use 2 rims so you will have a handled basket. From this basic information, students can make other rib construction baskets.

If you made a willow rim/hoop at the February GBB program you may use it or a rim/hoop that Jane and Betty can provide.

Jane has purchased willow which is easy to weave from Margaret Mathewson, therefore the cost of materials is \$25.00.

Tools and supplies: 2 towels to wrap willow in, sharp knife, awl (the larger, the better) pruning shears, angled cutters, needle nosed pliers, and a piece of leather (about 10" x 10") or heavy denim...a cut off pants leg will do...This will protect your thigh when using the knife.

If you want further information, please contact Jane or Betty.



September Program Addition Puffy Stars with Jane Milner

We will be making puffy stars at the September meeting. They are made out of magazine or catalog covers cut into 1/2" strips (I will bring these). All folks need to bring is a **pair of sharp scissors**. It's quick and easy to show, and you can make gazillions. She'll have instruction sheets.



GBB Meeting Minutes August 1, 2013 Meeting held at 1st Congregational Church

Submitted by Donna Newlin for Marge Purdy

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

Minutes from Previous Meeting— *No corrections .*

Membership— *Karen Olson reported that Kristy Dial 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 will present the Sept. program "Mystery Basket in a Bag" Check the newsletter for details.*

Monthly Classes — *Carol Thomas Aug 17 Kaylee Mayne teaches "Free Willy" an easy basket at the Sunvilla club house. Sept 19 Gourd Class at Cheryl Bennett's house Pay \$15.00 Class fee when signing up and can pay Cheryl the materials fee later. In place of the Aug 15 class there will be a weave in at Billie Walker's house.*

Special Workshops—*Pat Wescott was thanked for all her work on the Polly Sutton classes as well as the two hosts ,April and Phyliss. Pat reported on Cookie Hanson's workshops in Sept. We were told of plans for next year in June for a 3 day workshop with Shannon Weber and passed around interest sheets for Jackie Abrams and Sherrill Kahn for 2015. Jane Milner volunteer to help Pat as a Co-chair for this committee.*

Exhibits/Shows—*Phyliss Lewis proposed we participate in the Elko Show again this fall and the membership voted not to do the show this year. Not enough time to prepare. We will be having an exhibit at the Sparks library in Sept and Billie Walker volunteered to set it up as Phyliss will be out of town. Billie will collect items at the Sept 5th meeting. We will be showing at Northwest library November and December.*

Library- *Pam W. She has copies for all the Polly Sutton classes except Sweetgrass Class. Susan Lester to make a copy to provide to the library to complete the set..*

Old Business- *Karen Rosselli will not be able to be a newsletter editor so we are looking for a someone to replace her. New member Kristy Dial volunteered to be an editor. Thanks! Bonnie Kennedy passed around a sign up sheet for position on next year's committees and board positions. She discussed the positions that need the most help.*

New Business— *We are almost out of GBB brochures. We will be printing 500 new one and were asked by Susan to hand them out anytime we are doing a class or show. In the mean time we have business cards to hand out please take some today.*

Announcements— *Cards were sent to Molly G., Cat w. and Kay L. Photos from the 2013 retreat are available to and can order from Kaylee. Sande Rowan and Kristy Dial are participating in a open house at Greenhouse Garden Center Aug 17 and invited all to attend. Susan L., Announced Party in the Garden at May Arboretum Aug 17. Kristy D. announced Artist Show at McKinley Art Center Aug. 27 to Sept 8 please come. Betty Hulse passed around an article for the NY Time about baskets. Carol Thomas talked about how worthwhile the special workshops and teachers are, and thanked Pat W.*

Meeting adjourned 12:25 -*followed by show and tell, and program.*



Treasurer's Report as of August 7,,2013

Total Cash includes checking & saving	13,353.79
Miscellaneous Income	190.00
Workshops/Monthly & Special	97.85
Expenses to Date	-200.00
New Balance	13,441.64

Sue
Coleman



Are you looking for a source for wire. We used 31 gauge copper wire to make some of the Polly Sutton basket and she shared her source. MWS Wire Industries 31200 Cedar Valley Dr . Westlake CA 91362
818-992-8553 www.mwswire.com
Paramount Wire Co is another reliable source.
www.parawire.com

Special Workshops.....(Don't forget to check our Website for new classes and information.)

Cookie Hansen's classes are all set. Everyone who signed up should have been notified with directions to the classes, dates and times. Remember these classes will start at 9:30 for the King Palm Basket and 10:00 for the Kumihimo Bracelet class on Sunday. Don't forget to bring lunch, spray bottle, scissors, apron and towel for the King Palm and scissors and lunch to the bracelet class. Call Pat if you have questions at 775-465-2769.



Polly Giacchina

Polly will be teaching 2 classes at the 2014 Retreat at Lake Tahoe for our guild. Once the committee meets the details will be released and sign-ups will begin.



Shannon Weber (3 day class): June 20-22, 2014.

This is a three day class call *Woven Vessel Fiber Meets Wax*. It will be held at the Wescott's in Wellington, NV. 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 and call Pat to sign-up. We have very few spaces left. The fees for this class will be due in January 2014.

- *Of course there's more.....*

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Currently Pat is working on setting up a class with Jackie Abrams and Sherrill Kahn. Jackie is an international teacher and board member of NBO. She is most noted for her paper baskets. Sherrill on the other hand works with multimedia materials and will be teaching us Embellishments. Keep watching for details on both teachers for 2015.

September Sparks Library Show

Please bring the baskets for the Sparks Library Exhibit to the September 5th meeting. After the meeting the baskets will be taken by Billie Walker and put on display until taken down on September 28th at 11 AM.

The baskets you wish to display should be inventoried and include a hang tag or tent card and picture if possible. Inventory sheets are available on our website.

City of Reno 2013 Visual Art BLAST

The city of Reno is putting on a juried Art Show consisting of 15-18 artists in various mediums.

Gallery Exhibition: August 27 thru Sept. 8, 2013- Gallery Exhibition opens in the McKinley Galleries, 925 Riverside Dr., Reno. Hours 8am-5pm, M-F and during the BLAST Art Fair.

BLAST Art Fair: Saturday, September 7(10 am to 6 pm) thru Sunday, September 8 (10 am to 5 pm) - BLAST Art Fair @ McKinley Arts and Culture Center.

Scenes from Polly Sutton's Classes



Tish Kendrick & Polly Sutton



Pam Wilcox and Polly Sutton



Polly demonstrating technique to the class



Susan Lester with her Sweet-grass Basket



Karen Olson, Karen Roselli, April Barber & junior member Rose.



Margaret Marshall
August 1 2013, meeting



Joan O'Brien , Judy Scribner, and
Katherine Norris Aug 1, 2013 Tension
Trivet Program



All eyes
on
Polly

Museum Contempo Oct to Nov 15, 2013

GBB members are invited by one of our very own members, Andrea Mastrangelo, to participate in the Museum Contempo fall miniature show, "Magnificent Miniatures and More". The museum is located just outside Olympia, Washington. Andrea has shown GBB pieces in the past and said, "there is a demand for GBB pieces". She added, "collectors are requesting our baskets". There is a maximum of 5 pieces per person, pieces are not to exceed 14"x14"x14". Items must be submitted by September 15, along with artist BIO and a business card, if available, and include a photo of the artist if possible. There is no submission fee and the consignment fee is only 20%, so we can keep prices low and sell what we send. All unsold work will be sent back to artists after Nov 15. Anyone interested in participating in the show can contact Andrea at 360-870-6619 or 360-870-5889 or call Susan Lester 775-338-7910 for more information. This sounds like a great opportunity to sell some baskets and get some exposure.

Susan

Welcome new member Kristy Dial

Welcome Back, Sue Coleman

Congrats on your awards for your baskets.

October newsletter Editor

Sandy Zoerner zoerware@sbcglobal.net

2013 GBB Officers and Board Members:

President.....	Susan Lester
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Board.....	Paula Pennington
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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 _____

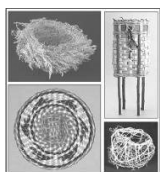
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Great Basin Basketmakers

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:

www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org

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.

