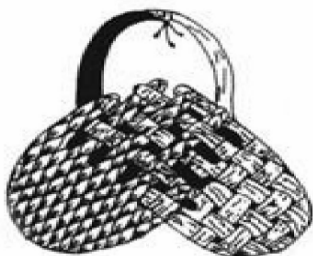


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Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



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July 3 - "SUMMER SPLASH" Meeting & Program

The meeting is at April Barber's house in Washoe Valley.

Meeting at 11:00am, Show & Tell and lunch immediately after.

The program begins at 1:00 p.m.

Please email or call April if you need directions. Ecologeo@yahoo.com 775-849-1985

Everyone should bring a folding chair. We have some chairs for those who don't have one. Let's have a salad potluck for lunch. Bring your own drinks.

July Program after the meeting is *Knotless Knitting on a Rock* -

We have some small rocks and glass pieces but you can bring whatever you want to knotless net around and any embellishments you want to add. We have plenty of waxed linen and wire to share with everyone, as well as beads. Oh, and swimming suits for those wanting to dive in.

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Missing Item

We are missing a one-of-kind item from the Library. A white binder Cordage Techniques by Nadine Tuttle went missing at the April meeting. Please check your things and see if you accidentally picked it up and took it home. If you have it, please call Pam Wilcox and let her know. Thank you

SAVE THE DATE

August 7The program after our general meeting in August will feature Karen Winberg, teaching the start for Billie Walker's Shell Basket. This start will be used to complete the basket, during Karen's class on **August 21st** in Minden.

August 16..... Join Judy Mageria at Sunvillas for a fun day creating a Dragonfly that is guaranteed to add a smile to anyone's patio.

August 21....Complete your Shell Basket with Karen Winberg, using a pattern from our very own master basket maker, Billie Walker.

August 29.....Susan Lester still has a couple openings in her Carson City Community outreach class "Catching the Dreamer". Susan will teach you how to make a beautiful double dream catcher. Please check the web site for full details, and call Susan to secure your place.

Opportunity to teach basketry...

We have another opportunity to teach basketry out in the community. The Silver State Young Chautauquans are performing July 15-17 at Rancho San Rafael under the big tent as part of Artown.

Lots of kids watch the performances in the mornings. After the performances we often do crafts with the kids that come by. We will be setting up about 9am and we will have small classes making baskets 11:00-1:00. All materials and patterns are provided. We could just use a few extra hands for the teaching as sometimes summer camps with many kids show up at once.

If you are interested and could help please call April 849-1985.

Community Outreach

Carson City Outreach Classes

The classes of this summer's GBB community outreach have been a great success!

June 27: Betty Hulse's ~ "Go Natural"

July 25: Karen Rosselli's ~ "Double Wall Cherokee Round Reed basket"

August 29: Susan Lester's ~ "Catching the Dreamer" *There are a few openings.*

Sept. 26: Sande Rowen's "Traditional Coil Basket"

Check out our web site for detailed class descriptions. Signing up for a class would be a great way to have a GBB presence to welcome new basket makers and prospective new GBB members.

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Don and Bonnie Kennedy represented GBB at a booth at this year's Reno Mini Maker Faire.

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Susan Lester had a table at the annual Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Art and Craft Day in June and shared information about GBB.

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Kaylee Mayne is teaching classes in Imlay again and recently participated in the Mineral County Art Show winning 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> for her baskets and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and honorable mention for photography.

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Please if you are doing basket related activities in your community, please let us know so you can be acknowledged!

Grants Available!

Great Basin Basketmakers offers grants to members to attend conferences and classes.

There is still money available for the second half of this year. If you would like to fill out an application, please download it from our website and send it to the chairman of the grants committee, April Barber

ecolgeo@yahoo.com



Covered Pine Needle Basket

July 18th & 19th

Two day coiling workshop with *Sande Rowan in Carson City*. On Friday we will build the basket base for this project, using a pine needle coil & your choice of bindings. In the Saturday class you will complete the lid for your base. Total fee for entire workshop:

Member \$50. Non member \$60.

All supplies are included in fee and tools will be available for use.

GREAT TURN-OUT AT THE RENO MINI MAKER FAIRE



The Great Basin Basketmakers staffed a booth at the first Reno Mini Maker Faire on June 7. The traffic at the booth was incredible; we had so many visitors who showed great interest in our art.

We had starts of recycled material baskets for anyone to weave on. There was a sample of baskets available and the greatest comments were on April Barber's milk carton baskets. This was so encouraging to see the interest in using otherwise recyclable items in a different way. There were many comments to the affect that "Oh, how great, you could do this." Time will tell how many new members we get from this exposure but the turnout was inspiring.

Many, many thanks to April and Rose Barber, Betty Hulse, Nancy MacGillivray and Don and Bonnie Kennedy for making this happen.

August Classes

Billie Walker's Shell Basket ~ Start

Taught by Karen Winberg

Date: Thursday, August 7, 1:00 to 3:00
Location: **First Congregational Church of Reno, 627 Sunnyside Dr., Reno**
Instructor: Karen Winberg
Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members
Materials fee: TBA

Start your shell basket with Karen after our general meeting August 7th. This start will be used to complete the basket during Karen's class on **August 21st at 88 Cups, Minden, NV.**

We are going to be using Manzanita branch or if you have a special small branch or small piece of wood you want to use (as long as it is sturdy), please bring it with you. We are going to finish the basket with a variety of materials.

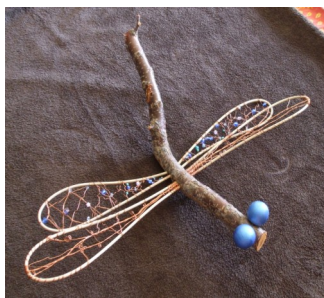
Finish the Shell Basket

Taught by Karen Winberg

Date: Thursday, August 21, 10:00 to 4:00
Location: **88 Cups, Minden, NV**
Cost: Fee paid at the Basket Start

If you are unable to attend the program on August 7, please contact Karen 775-790-0316 to make arrangements to make the basket start before August 21.

Dragonfly



Instructor: Judy Magiera
Date: Saturday, August 16, 9:30 to 3:00
Location: Sunvilla Estates Club House,
91 Cabernet Way, Reno
Cost: \$15 members, \$20 non-members
Materials fee \$15

The dragonfly is a tree branch body and reed formed wings filled with a random weave of mostly telephone wire.

No two will be the same. I will be providing all the materials you need to complete one dragonfly.

Please bring packing tools, spray bottle, reed cutters, wire cutters, a tape measure and needle nose jewelry pliers if you have them. Bring any special beads or embellishments you may want to use. I will be bringing an assortment of beads in many colors and sizes. Don't forget to bring your lunch.



Message from the President

By the time you all read this I will be cruising the Black Sea. I can assure you that I will have some sort of small basket project with me to past the time when we aren't at port seeing the world.

At last month's meeting I reminded everyone that the time of year we elect new officers is quickly approaching. In 2015 we will need quite a few positions filled. There are quite a few positions on the board, and committees that will become vacant. In order to keep GBB successful it requires we all pitch in and fill these vacancies. I look at volunteering as the duty of the group members. It is not okay to only pay dues and come to classes and workshops. It is a duty that has many rewards.

I have learned so much during my time as your president and gotten to know members tremendously better then I would have if I hadn't volunteered. I have read in more than one publication that those who volunteer live better and longer lives than those who don't. Maybe that is incentive enough to say yes.

We really need someone to volunteer to be on the nominating committee asap. You will be responsible for contacting potential candidates for filling the positions. For a list of those positions and the duties required, please contact a current board member.

We had a discussion at the June meeting about a possible group project that could be raffled off as a way to make some extra money to cover expenses and keep the retreat cost to members low. I think that sounds like a great idea. Who would like to take on organizing the project? Someone mentioned Nevada's Sesquicentennial Celebration as good time to promote the project. I did a little checking and there are events running continuously from now through November. You can get more information at www.nevada150.org

See you in August.
Susan

Reused + Recycled = Art

Exhibit July 1 - Sept. 30.

Opening, Reception, & Presentation, at UNR Mathewson-IGT

Knowledge Center. Sunday, July 13

1 p.m. open for self-guided tours;

2 p.m. presentation by Bonnie Monteleone, UNC, Wilmington,

Plastic Marine Debris Research and Artist at the Wells Fargo

Auditorium, 1st floor;

3 p.m. reception and self-guided tours. FREE RSVP to

<http://campusguides.unr.edu/sos>

Over 100 artworks made of 80% reused or recycled materials by local artists, University and high school art students.

Recycled Telephone Wire Baskets Class

Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:00 pm;
Starts July 16, ends July 30
Kadam Studios, Sparks, NV
\$79 + \$25 Materials Fee

Must register in advance.
Turn trash into treasure through learning the unique art of wire basket making by recycling and re-purposing telephone wire. Create two beautiful bowl-shaped baskets to take home. This class is held through Washoe Community Education. For details, visit www.washoecommunityed.org

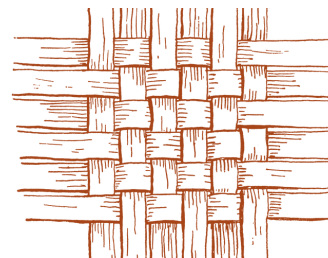
GBB Minutes June 5, 2014

Submitted by Marge Purdy

- ◆ Meeting called to order 11:05am by Susan Lester at First Congregational Church.
 - ◆ Minutes approved with no corrections as printed.
 - ◆ Treasurer's report given by Bonnie Kennedy.
 - ◆ Membership report given by Karen Olsen.
We now have 104 paid members with two new members.
 - ◆ Meetings program report was given by Susan Lester. Our July meeting will be at April Barber's and we will be learning knotless netting. Molly reported on today's program which included presenters Cherlyn Bennett, Mary Lee Fulkerson, and Molly Gardner sharing their knowledge and expertise about presenting your art, bringing the true you out in your work and tips and ideas about teaching and sharing your craft.
 - ◆ Monthly workshops report was given by Sande Rowan. Cherlyn Bennett spoke about the paper making class she will teach at her house June 19th.
 - ◆ Molly Gardner reviewed details about her two day class June 21-22 working with birch bark.
 - ◆ Betty Hulse spoke about her class weaving a small basket of natural materials Friday June 27th.
 - ◆ Kaylee Mayne's class making a wine basket is scheduled June 28th.
 - ◆ Susan reported on Lauren Lampe's class June 27th learning to make a star base mini basket, Susan's dream catcher class Aug 29th, and Judy Magiera's class Aug. 16th learning how to make a dragonfly.
 - ◆ Special workshops report. April gave overview of our retreat at Lake Tahoe.
 - ◆ Exhibits/Shows report given by Susan who thanked Sande Rowan for the excellent job setting up the Carson City library exhibit for May.
- Phyliss has another exhibit set for 2015.
- ◆ Special projects/events report: April Barber and Karen Olson advised Zephyr Point is requesting a non-refundable deposit for the 2015 retreat be paid by June 2014. April and Karen researched other sites and reported their findings. Also changing the date for the retreat was debated. After discussions motion made by Sande and seconded by Karen to change the date. A motion by Karen and seconded by Betty to change the date for the retreat for 2015 to May 5-8, 2015, and pay the deposit when Zephyr Cove requested. Both motions carried unanimously.
 - ◆ Members discussed fund raising projects.
 - ◆ Publicity report given by Susan that she is unable to get the papers to print notices. Molly said she will pursue the publicity.
 - ◆ Library report was given by Pam Wilcox. Tuttle's book on cordage is still missing. Emphasis was put on the importance and value of this item.
 - ◆ **Announcements:** Susan reported Kaylee Mayne thru her photography and basket making won prizes at a Mineral County show. She will be teaching two classes at Lida, NV. Susan took a couple baskets to OLLI during a handcrafter show. April reported about young Chautauqua program at Rancho San Rafael July 15-17th. Will be teaching weaving from 11:00am –noon. Cherlyn advised July is fund raising for Rock Art at the Artist's Co-op.
 - ◆ No old business to report.
 - ◆ **New business:** Susan reported the need to fill vacancies for 2015. The list is 3 board members, vice president, secretary, membership committee chair, and exhibits chair.
Also need a nominating committee.
 - ◆ There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm with 25 in attendance.

Treasures Report as of June 9, 2014

Beginning Cash includes checking & saving	\$ 10,678.46
Income to date includes dues, material sale, & retreat raffle tickets.	255.25
Expenses to date include Retreat Basket Contest winner.	<u>-353.32</u>
New Balance	\$ 10,580.39





A great day of Gourd Art was had by all who attended Kristy Dial's Gourd class in Carson City last month. From the looks of the finished projects, I'd say Kristy may have some competition brewing!

2013 GBB Officers and Board Members:

President.....	Susan Lester 338-7910
Vice-President.....	Kaylee Mayne
Secretary.....	Marge Purdy
Treasurer.....	Bonnie Kennedy
Board Co-Chair	Sandy Zoerner 786-2165
Board.....	Phylliss Lewis
Board.....	Judy Magiera
Board Co-Chair.....	Paula Pennington
Board.....	Julia Richardson
Membership.....	Karen Olson 852-5401

**Next Month's
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Please submit articles
for August newsletter
by July 12.**



Great Basin Basketmakers Membership Application/Renewal

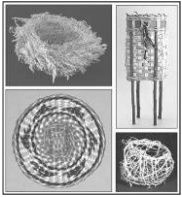
Annual Membership Dues: \$20/yr, \$35/2 yrs, \$50/3 yrs. (Renewals due in January)

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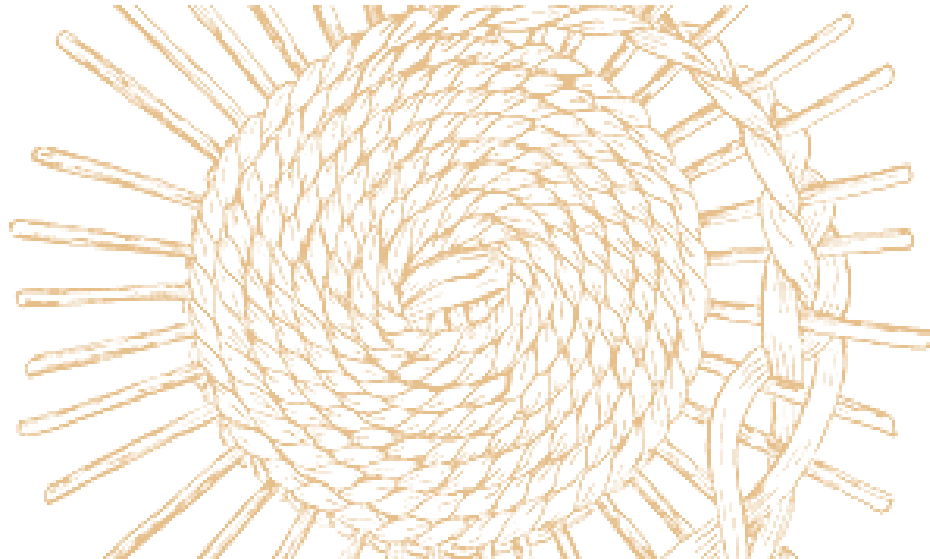
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Established January 1987

- * 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.

