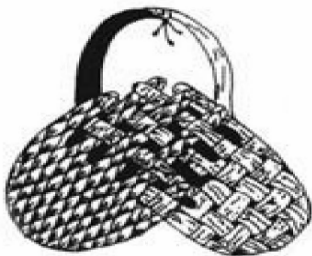


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Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



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June 5 - Business Meeting & Program

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

Meeting at 11:00am, Show and tell and lunch immediately after, program begins at 1:00pm

PACK YOUR BAGS (or baskets) AND BE READY TO GO!

SPECIAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
JUNE MEETING PROGRAM
1PM-2PM

Join in the conversation with Mary Lee Fulkerson, Cheryl Bennett, and Molly Gardner while they talk about their experiences as teachers and artists. We will discuss getting started in teaching, even if you think you can't. Other topics will include: how to enter baskets and gourds in gallery shows and exhibits, how to make the perfect hang tags for your work, create a resume or brochure, and create your own personal and style so your work is recognized as unique.

Learn how to be prepared and ready to go when that call for entries shows up! Have the right photos of your work and send them to publishers. Get your work noticed, seen and sold! This should be an exciting and informative program, so don't miss it.

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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.

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 3 meeting, get the bikinis ready to go for the "SUMMER SPLASH" at April's in Washoe Valley. This fun day at the pool will preempt our regular monthly meeting in Reno. We'll also be learning knotless netting and possibly "underwater basket making".

JULY 18 & 19 Be sure to sign up for Sande's two day Coiling workshop in Carson City. The class project will be a coiled Pine Needle basket, with a pine cone adorned lid.

JULY 25 Karen Rosselli will be teaching the double wall Cherokee round reed basket, as part of the GBB Carson City Community Outreach program.

Community Outreach

Carson City Community Outreach Classes update:

The first two classes of this summer's GBB community outreach, Pine Needles & Pots, was a great success. We attracted 11 new students, with most signing up for the entire series.

Kristy Dial's May gourd class has filled to overflowing, and the other classes are filling very quickly.

Betty's "Go Natural" class on June 27th, Karen Rosselli's "Double Wall Cherokee Round Reed basket" class on July 25th, Susan Lester's "Catching the Dreamer" class on August 29th, and Sande's "Traditional Coil Basket" on Sept. 26th still have a few spots open. 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.

Don and Bonnie Kennedy had a booth at this year's Earth Day Festival.

River Fork Ranch weave project was attended by 7 GBB members.

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

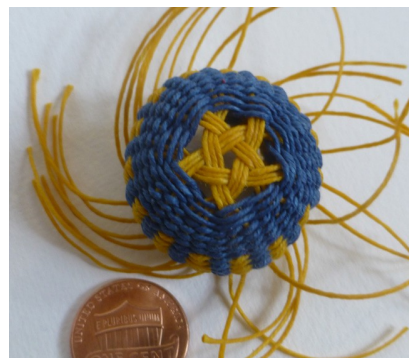
THE STAR BASE MINI-BASKET

Lauren P. Lampe

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412.682.1512



DATE: June 27th, 2014

TIME: 9:30am - 3:30pm

LOCATION: April Barber's House (Call if you need directions)

775.849.1985

COST: \$15 class/\$15 materials

Hello Friends:

As always, I have been busily trying new strategies to make new and interesting projects to share at workshops. This years innovation is the "Star Base" that can be used for both 30 and 60 spoke baskets. It's not any "faster" (than "the Penny Base" or "the Washer Base") but it's new and cute. I am so hooked on exploring these miniature baskets that I can't wait to share this new base with everyone. I hope that you can join us. Bring: lunch and a swimsuit, waxed linen if you have any, beads, embellishments or small trinkets that you might like to add to your basket and your enthusiasm. I will provide waxed linen for a 30 spoke mini-basket and my detailed handout.

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



Birch Bark Wall Basket

Instructor: Molly Gardner

Special 2-Day workshop

Saturday & Sunday June 21-22, 2014

Sunvilla Estates Clubhouse

9:00 - 3:30

**Cost of workshop: \$15.00 members,
\$20 non-members**

Materials fee: \$35.00



Intensive, hands-on workshop, with students learning how to prepare and strip their own birch bark. All bark will be provided and is included in the fee, as well as use of special tools. The first day will be spent preparing and oiling the bark and the second day will be spent weaving the basket. You can plan out your own design for the rows in the basket and learn how to twine other materials between the rows. Cordage making will be shown and students can make their own embellishments for their baskets as well as a honeysuckle hanger. Other materials will be available at the workshop, so bring your creativity!

A great deal of information will be shared and the class fee includes the pattern and several handout sheets with more information. Many other crafts can be made from birch bark and will be discussed.

Tools needed: Flat blade Sheepfoot knife, basketry scissors, small packing tools, mini clothespins or small micro-clips (without teeth), hand towel, spray bottle. Don't forget lunch and a drink!!

Contact Molly at 775-673-1628 for more information.

Paper Making

Instructor: Cheryl Bennett

Thursday June 19, 2014 9:00 until Margarita time

Cheryl's House at 12550 Broili Dr Reno

\$15.00 members \$20.00 non-members, \$12.00 materials fee

You will be learning the technique of paper making with natural materials. You will be able to leave the class with several pieces of handmade paper. I will have everything you need but if you have some **dried** flowers or plant material you might want to experiment with bring it. Onion skins are something you can use that is interesting. If you have papermaking supplies such as screens you can bring those. Remember your lunch and that this class will be held outside.





RESCHEDULED CLASS

Wine Basket

Saturday June 28 , 2014 9:30 to 3:00

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

Instructor: Kaylee Mayne 781-9356 elf-
tory1@gmail.com

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

Materials fee: \$20.00

Carson River Watershed Weave

Project

On May 3rd, seven GBB members met at River Fork Ranch and assisted Bay Area artists Mary O'Brien and Daniel McCormick in weaving water shed sculptures. The sculptures made with living willow are intended to help direct water when it floods and stabilize riparian areas in the Carson and Truckee River systems. The Center for Art + Environment at the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno will showcase the "nature or art" project during a four month exhibition slated to open in late December. Community members are encouraged to come out to the preserve to witness the creation of these beautiful habitat and restoration sculptures.

If you weren't able to help on the project, you will have a chance to help with a similar project on the Truckee River at McCarran Ranch sometime in the fall.



Message from the President

Wow, another very fun retreat is over and done with.

We had beautiful weather at Zephyr Point this year, but we were so busy making baskets that we barely got outside to enjoy it. I would like to thank all those involved in the planning and organization of this year's retreat, especially April Barber, Karen Olson and Kaylee Mayne. Our teachers were great. Thank you Karen Rosselli and Joan O'Brien. You both were so patient and helpful and had your students going home with magnificent baskets. Our visiting teacher Polly Giacchina was a blast. When she wasn't teaching us, she was keeping us entertained or she was playing Spite and Malice. I hear she may have even won a hand or two. There were many beautiful items in our raffle and silent auction with the proceeds going toward next year's retreat costs. Thanks to all who participated by donating items and purchasing tickets.

If you didn't get to help with the "Big Weave" at River Fork Ranch, you will get another opportunity in the fall when the artists Daniel and Mary will be back. They are doing a similar sculpture at The Nature Conservancy's MaCarran Ranch Truckee River project. Details will be forthcoming.

The upcoming Reno Mini Maker Faire sounds like a fun event we will participate in this month. Please think about helping out for a few hours by manning our booth.

I head off on vacation the 15th of this month and will miss all the fantastic classes being offered. If you are going to be in town, please take a look in this newsletter for information regarding those opportunities. I think Molly Gardner's class is full but you can always get on the waiting list. I will be gone until July 15th, so have fun at the July meeting at April Barber's house and a safe and wonderful 4th of July.



2014 Retreat Gang



Polly Giacchina teaching
twined beads



Bubble Gum Contest
Winners: Susan Lester biggest bubble and Cat Wahrenbrock best snapper/popper (not shown)

Great Basin Basketmakers Minutes May 1, 2014

Submitted by Marge Purdy

Meeting called to order 11:10am by Susan Lester.

Minutes: no March minutes because of field trip to NV State Museum and presentation of their basket collection. April minutes approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's report was given by Bonnie Kennedy.

Membership report: nothing to report.

Meeting program report was given by Susan Lester. Molly discussed June 4th panel discussion and urged members to come prepared with their questions.

Monthly workshops report was given by Susan Lester. Cherlyn Bennett will be teaching paper making June 19th. Molly Gardner will have a 2 day class June 21 & 22 working with birch bark and weaving a birch bark wall basket. Kaylee Mayne had to postpone her April class. It will now be held in Carson City on Sat June 28. Lauren Lampe will teach a class using waxed linen with a star base Friday, June 27th. The material fee will be \$15.

Exhibits/shows report was given by Phyliss Lewis. Heritage Bank expressed a desire for our group to exhibit at their bank on S. Virginia St. So far exhibits are as follows: May 2014 Alpine County and Carson City Library; Sept. 2014 & 2015 Sparks Library; Nov. Dec. 2014 Northwest Library, Sept./Oct 2015 Northwest Library; Feb/March 2015 Heritage Bank; July 2015 Sierra View Library; Douglas County not available till 2016.

Retreat report by April Barber. Check in for the retreat 4pm. Packets handed out to those attendees present.

Library report by Pam Wilcox: no problems.

Announcements: A card was sent to Pat Morfoot who was in the hospital. Nancy MacGillivray has a therapy dog that works with children who have reading problems to help them gain confidence to read out loud. Cherlyn Bennett mentioned show at Artist's Co-op featuring some guild members. Susan reminded us about the huge weaving project along the banks of the Carson River at River Fork Ranch. Seven or eight people signed up to work May 3rd. Bonnie Kennedy attended Earth Day festivities and Molly suggested we participate next year. Bonnie also told the group about the Reno Mini Maker Faire to be held June 7. She will contact organizers about GBB having a booth at the event.

There being no new or old business the meeting was adjourned at noon with 26 in attendance.

Reno Mini Maker Faire

Maker Faire is the Greatest Show (and Tell) on Earth—a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker movement. It's a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning. Makers range from tech enthusiasts to crafters to homesteaders to scientists to garage tinkerers. They are of all ages and backgrounds. The aim of Maker Faire is to entertain, inform, connect and grow this community.

GBB members will have a booth at this year's Reno Mini Maker Faire. This will be an information only booth. We will not be selling items.

When: Saturday June 7 10:00 am to 6:00pm.

Location: outside at Lear Theater 528 W. 1st Street Downtown Reno

Cost: Advance tickets adults \$6.27, Children 2-12 free and 2 and under don't need a ticket. See their website at <http://makerfairereno.com> to purchase tickets.

Parking is limited so you may want take RTC Sierra Spirit or ride your bike.

Bonnie and Don Kennedy are heading up organizing our booth so please contact them to volunteer your time to help man the booth. Any amount of time you can give that day will be appreciated. 775-323-8554 or b.kennedy1254@yahoo.com



Treasures Report as of May 10, 2014

Beginning Cash includes checking & saving	10,311.15
Income to date includes dues, material sale, & retreat raffle tickets.	104.80
Expenses to date include Retreat Basket Contest winner.	-50.00
New Balance	\$10,365.95

The May Carson City Library Exhibit

Next Month's Newsletter Editor is: **Kristy Dial**

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**Please submit articles for July
newsletter by June 12.**

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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 _____

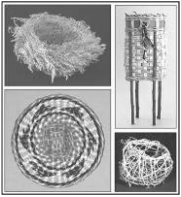
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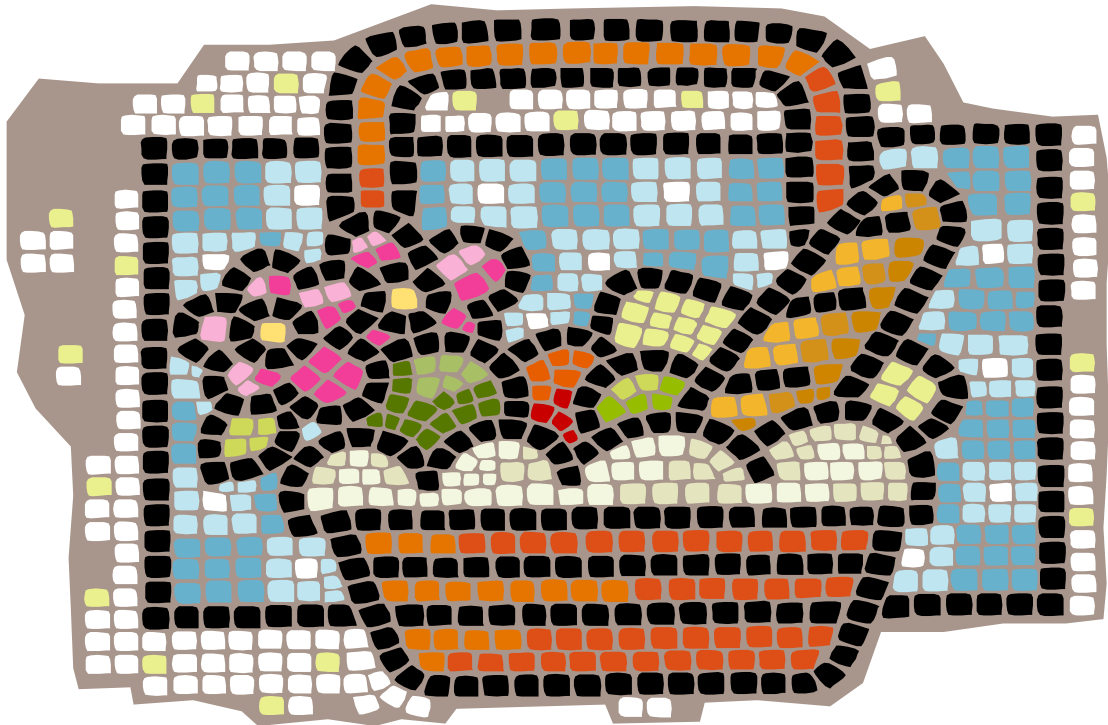
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Established January 1987

- * 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.

