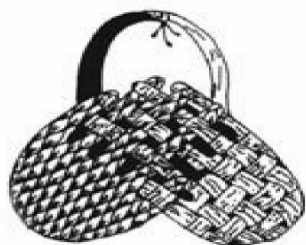


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Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



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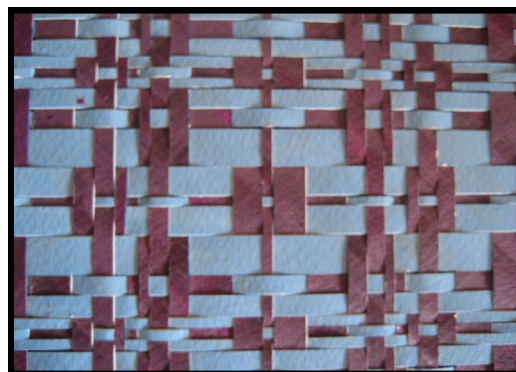
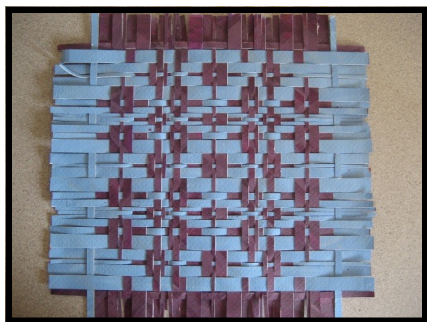
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### June 6, 2013 Meeting First Congregational Church of Reno 627 Sunnyside Drive

The monthly business meeting will begin at 11:00 am, with Show and Tell and lunch following. The program will begin at 1:00 pm. We will be investigating those tricky twill patterns: 1) how color affects the pattern; 2) how to read a pattern; 3) how to design a pattern; and 4) how to see the pattern (which is not always easy.) As you can see from the two illustrations—the further away the pattern is, the easier to see it. We will be working with colored paper, so bring some scissors, pencil, ruler, and a cutting mat. Hopefully, this program will help resolve some of the twill mystic!!!!



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#### A SIDE NOTE FOR JULY:

The July meeting has been moved up a week to June 27th (since the date falls on the 4th of July.) We will be meeting at Karen Olson's Alpaca Ranch in south Reno, with a potluck luncheon, and some felting techniques for the program. More info with driving directions on the meeting in next month's newsletter.

# "A penny for your thoughts"

**Lauren P. Lampe, Instructor**

## **Saturday, June 22 class**

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Location: *Washoe Valley VFD*

*Community Room, corner of Lakeshore and Esmeralda*

Back by popular demand (and because I love Nevada and my friends there) complete with a newly designed and prototyped project. Join us for this mini-miniature waxed linen basket workshop. Do not be thwarted by the mini scale, it is actually quite comfortable to use your finger as a mandrel and it will give us time to play with color, pattern, and rim treatments. I hope that you can join us. Bring with you: your enthusiasm, waxed linen if you have any, beads, embellishments or small trinkets. And we will talk about how you can enhance your individual basket. Can't wait to see you.



**Getting Ready:** I have drilled the pennies for you. You will need fifteen 8-12" waxed linen strands (4-ply waxed linen is preferable) to be used for spokes, and one weaver. As far as supplies go, bring what waxed linen and twining tools: to include sharp scissors, large needle (Dritz 157- long doll needle), embellishments (beads, etc)

Sign-up sheets will be at the June meeting. You can contact me at the following email or phone number for questions: [lauren@path.net](mailto:lauren@path.net) or (412) 682-1512. Lauren

**A Basket of Healing Wishes also go to Phyliss Lewis who is experiencing complications from her recent surgery.**

Due to pending surgery and the healing process that must follow, the Alyson's Basket Class scheduled for June 20 has been cancelled. Let's send a basket of healing wishes to Tish for a speedy recovery and hope she will be able to reschedule the class at a later time.



# Special Classes

## **Polly Sutton Classes:**

All of Polly's classes are full and we are looking forward to her coming in July. Pat will be sending out how much you still owe for the class(es) you signed up for. The remainder is due on or before June 1, 2013 to keep your spot in the classes you signed up for. She will also give you directions to Phyliss and April's homes and a list of materials you will need to bring to each class.



## **Cookie Hansen King Palm Basket Classes:**

**Saturday, September 14, 2013 starting at 9:00 - 2 Openings**  
**Sunday, September 15, 2013 starting at 9:00 - 3 Openings**

Both classes will be held in Wellington, NV at the Wescott's.

I am currently working on two possible teachers for 2014 so stay tuned. These classes fill up fast so be sure and check the website, newsletters and come to the meetings.

For all Special Classes contact Pat Wescott at [gray-badgers@gmail.com](mailto:gray-badgers@gmail.com) or 775-465-2769. Don't forget to check the website for more details about the classes and to see pictures. If you have any special requests for teachers, techniques or materials that you would like to see for future classes please let me know.

## **Cookie Hansen Additional Class Offered:** **Kumohimo Bracelet**

Date: Sunday, September 15, 2013; Time: 9:30-12:30; Where: Wescott's in Wellington, NV; Cost: \$20 (includes materials fee and cost of class)

You will learn to make a Kumohimo Bracelet weaving beads and adding closures. There will be many color choices.

This class is in addition to the King Palm class on the same day.



## **From the President**

I'm writing this before the retreat due to deadlines but I know it will be a success and all who attend will learn a lot while having a good time. Members involved in the planning have been working hard making sure everything goes smoothly for all attendees. I will update you next month after the event.

At last month's meeting, I'm excited to report, we had three members volunteer to be on a newly formed Education Committee. April Barber, Lorrie Moore and Anna Camp are those who volunteered and will be available to fulfill our mission of passing on our knowledge of traditions and techniques of basketry to others. It is intended that the Education Committee will go to area schools or help teachers instruct basket projects. Contact me or one of these members if you know of a teacher that may be interested in having us come to their school with a project for their students. We will post this information on our website soon.

I always look forward to Show and Tell, but especially so in June when everyone is bringing in the items they made at the retreat. Unfortunately, I'll be out of the country during the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting but know someone will take pictures for me to see. I'll see you all at the July meeting which will be held June 27<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday. Remember it will be a potluck at Karen Olson's house.

**Susan**



# April Rain Stick Class



**Kathy Smart, Marge Purdy, & Catherine Norris working on their rain sticks**



**Anne Bacon choosing reed for her rain stick**



**Kathy Smart, Catherine Norris, Marge Purdy, & Betsy Lemons with their completed rain sticks**

# April Twill Tote Class

**Meg Price & Karen Rosselli**



**(L-R) Cissie McMenemy, Susan Hanchett, and Trisha Work**



**(F-B) Lorrie Moore, Trisha Work**



**(L-R) Sandy Zoerner, Karen Olson, Carol Thomas**



**Carol Thomas**



**(L-R) Anne Bacon, Jane Milner, Catherine Norris**

## The Determined Twillers



# May Show & Tell & Basket Contest



Twills, Rainsticks, & More for show & tell



Retreat Basket Contest Entries



Billie Walker & Donna Newlin show off their joint sculpture project



Congratulations to (L-R) Winner, Sande Rowan, 2nd place Karen Winberg, 3rd Nancy MacGillivray, & 4th Susan Lester

## LIBRARY NOTES by Pam Wilcox

Since this is my first newsletter column as your new librarian, the first thing to say is that we have a great library. Thank you to Connie Douglas, who served you as librarian for many years, and to everyone who worked with her to build up our great selection of books, articles, videos and DVDs – all the wonderful things in our library. I can only hope to do half as well as Connie! I invite your criticisms and ideas any time.

Please help us solve a mystery. We are missing two books: CREATIVE WIRE JEWELRY by Kathy Peterson and GOURDS & FIBER by Ginger Summit and Jim Widess. They were last signed out for Karen Winberg last June. Please check your books and see if you can find them.

One of most popular new items is our collection of donated basket patterns. We have six folders of patterns and a new donation that will make seven! Thanks! All but one of the folders are out now. Since they are so popular, if you find a pattern you really like, please copy it for yourself and bring the patterns back for others to enjoy.

Here's to good books and great baskets.

## Great Basin Basketmakers Minutes May 2013

*Submitted by Marge Purdy*

**Meeting Date:** 5/2/2013 Location: 1st Congregational Church; Time Called to Order: 11:30am by President Susan Lester  
Minutes from April meeting approved. Treasurer's report: by Bonnie Kennedy. Membership Report: None

**Meeting Program Report:** by Susan. The program for the June 6th meeting will be about basic twill. Note: July meeting is scheduled for June 27th (since our regular meeting date falls on a holiday) and will be a potluck at Karen Olson's. The program will be a wet felting project.

**Monthly Workshops Report:** There are no classes in May because of the Retreat. Carol reported a change for the June 20th class. Tish will be teaching a continuous weave basket with fancy weave handles. Lauren Lampe's class June 22nd will be at the Washoe Valley Community Center.

**Special Workshops Report:** by Pat Wescott. No openings available as special classes are full.

**Exhibits/Shows Report:** by Susan. Phyllis is recovering from recent surgery. A card was circulated to sign to send to Phyllis.

**Special Projects/Events Report:** by April, update about Retreat.

**Publicity Report:** by Susan. No listing placed in the paper.

**Library Report:** by Pam. Reminded our policy is borrow books for one month and that can be extended another month. Will report next month on books not returned.

**Announcements:** Sandy Zoerner is newsletter editor and needs submittals by May 10th. Susan has a new phone number. Susan will be absent for June meeting and Kaylee Mayne will preside.

**New Business:** Betty Hulse recognized Bonnie Kennedy's excellent Treasurer's reports. Request for volunteers to serve as newsletter editors as backup. Karen Rosselli volunteered. Would like to establish a group of people to be available to teach basket making at schools and see Betty or Susan. It was suggested supplies be provide through GBB. So far three people volunteered to serve on an educational committee and they are, April Barber, Lorrie Moore, and Anna Camp.

Kaylee reported on results of votes for baskets for prizes for the Retreat.

Adjourned: 12:30pm Number in attendance: 27

### Great Basin Basketmakers Board of Directors Meeting Date: May 2, 2012

Members in attendance: Betty Hulse, Paula Pennington, Kaylee Mayne, Judy Scribner, Bonnie Kennedy, and Susan Lester

Betty called the meeting to order and asked for additions to the agenda.

Minutes of the March 7, 2013 meeting were approved as circulated.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bonnie presented a proposed budget for 2013, beautifully balanced.

**Continuing Business:** GBB must register as a non-profit with a list of officers with the Secretary of the State. GBB'S current lawyer is retiring. Betty will follow up on looking for a new agent. Grants were approved for Karen Olson to Misti Washington Gourd and Basketry Conference and Nancy MacGillivray for the GBB May retreat.

**New Business:** A nominating committee chair was appointed; Bonnie will take the job and seek two others willing to be on the committee.

**Basket Contest:** Open to all members to enter whether they will attend the retreat or not. Rename it the May Basket Contest. Check for \$50.00 to winner. To take effect May 2014. Bonnie made motion and Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**Donation:** The request from April Barber re: basket books for an Elementary school was discussed. It was decided that there were not books available for that age group, but projects and techniques were available on the web. It was further suggested that maybe an education committee could be formed with the specific purpose of teaching basket making in the classroom. Budgeting for supplies was discussed. Options suggested were GBB pay, schools to pay or split the costs. Betty will bring the subject up at the general meeting.

**Newsletter:** GBB has 3 newsletter editors who rotate monthly. We decided to have an additional person to have a back-up person ready when it might be necessary. Cornelia is now living out of state which makes it difficult to keep current on GBB activities. Board will ask for volunteers.

**Classes and Workshops:** Discussion to be continued on deadlines for payment and refunds.

Who is the responsible party for finding class locations? It was decided to add this task to the Class committee's responsibilities. Betty will amend the job description. Susan made motion and Paula 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**First Aid kit:** Decided not to purchase one. Most people bring their own supplies.

**Other Business:** All requests for money must be first submitted in writing to the Board.

Paula Pennington, Recorder

**Treasures Report for the Newsletter as of May 9, 2013****By Bonnie Kennedy**

Total Cash includes checking & saving	15,428.02
Income from dues	20.00
Special Workshops	1,337.25
Raffle	38.00
Material Sale	57.75
Basket of Blessings	10.00
Retreat	6,015.00
Newsletter Copying	-8.00
Retreat Basket Contest Winner	-50.00
	22,848.02

**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.

**Next Month's Newsletter Editor is: Karen Olson:**

[kvolson@charter.net](mailto:kvolson@charter.net)

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

**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.

**2013 GBB Officers and Board Members:**

President..... Susan Lester 338-7910  
 Vice-President..... Kaylee Mayne  
 Secretary..... Marge Purdy  
 Treasurer..... Bonnie Kennedy  
 Board Chair ..... Betty Hulse 747-5794  
 Board..... Phylliss Lewis  
 Board..... KayLee Mayne  
 Board..... Paula Pennington  
 Board..... Judy Scribner  
 Membership..... Karen Olson 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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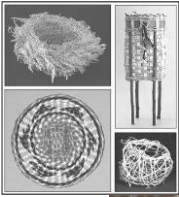
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Established January 1987

- \* 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](mailto:fordtraveler@gmail.com) or check our website at: [www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org](http://www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org)
- \* Information to be exchanged among GBB members may be directed to: [gbbreno@gmail.com](mailto: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.

