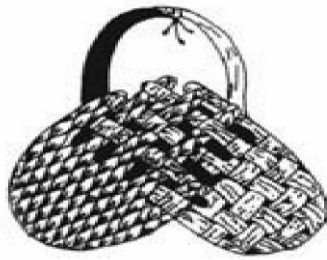


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Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



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Thursday June 7, 2012

Join us at the First Congregational Church of Reno, United Church of Christ located at 627 Sunnyside Dr, Reno. Open business meeting begins at 11:00 AM, followed by show & tell & sack lunch from 12-1PM. **All are welcome.** Program begins at 1:00 PM.

Program for June: Josephine Knot with KayLee Mayne

I WILL BRING EVERYTHING TO THE MEETING YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE THE JOSEPHINE KNOT BARRETTE. IT IS FAIRLY SIMPLE & QUICK TO MAKE. PLEASE BRING A SMALL HAND TOWEL, YOUR SQUIRT BOTTLE, AND SCISSORS (A SPOKE WEIGHT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU HAVE ONE). NO CHARGE.



Coming Up

June 7 Program Meeting — Josephine Knot with KayLee Mayne

June 16 Waxed Linen workshop with Lauren Lampe

June 21 Melon Basket with KayLee Mayne

July 5 Silk Scarf Program with Susan Lester

July 27-29 Donna Crispin workshops

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June Workshops

Waxed Linen with Lauren Lampe

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Sky Peaks Community Room

9:30am-3:00 pm

\$15 for members/ \$20 for non-members, \$15 material fee

This class is currently full—check at the June meeting to see if there is a waiting list.

Hello everyone I am excited to be getting ready for the workshop in June, (Just sad that I will miss the conference.) As far as materials for the workshop: I will supply waxed linen for baskets, a specific type of needle that I like to use, a color printout with detailed instructions, loads of ideas and lots of enthusiasm. It would be great if participants could bring: sharp scissors, various potential embellishments - beads and other objects, reading glasses - if you need them, and waxed linen - only if you want to use your own. Sometimes having a special object that you would like to include or attach to your basket is inspirational as well. Looking forward meeting everyone, Lauren



Melon Basket with KayLee Mayne

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Sky Peaks from 9:30 – 3:00, bring your lunch.

\$15 for members/ \$20 for non-members, \$20 material fee.

THIS BASKET IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE, BEGINNERS ON UP! THE GODS EYE ONLY LOOKS HARD BUT IS SIMPLE TO DO. ALL THE MATERIALS WILL BE IN KITS AND SPOKES WILL BE PRECUT AND POINTED. THIS IS A FUN BASKET. BASKET IN PHOTO WAS MADE WITH SOME OLD EMBROIDERY HOOPS. I WILL HAVE BETTER ONES IN THE KITS.

THE MELON SHAPE IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE OLDEST OF ALL RIBBED BASKETS. IT IS ALSO ONE OF THE EASIEST TO MAKE AND THEREFOR AN EXCELLENT BEGINNERS BASKET. THE MOST OBVIOUS REASON FOR ITS NAME IS THAT IT IS SHAPED LIKE A MELON. NATURAL MATERIALS LIKE HONEY-SUCKLE, GRAPEVINE OR WISTERIA MAKE A WONDERFUL MELON BASKET. WE WILL BE WEAVING WITH NATURAL, FLAT, AND ROUND REEDS. THE "GODS EYE" ONLY LOOKS HARD, BUT IS REALLY FUN TO DO. KITS FOR THE BASKET WILL CONTAIN EVERYTHING YOU NEED. THE RIBS WILL BE PRECUT AND POINTED TO HELP MAKE MORE TIME FOR YOUR WEAVING. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING THE USUAL BASKET SUPPLIES.



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL KAYLEE AT 775-781-9356.



July Program-Dying the Natural Way

We will be dying silk scarves the natural way. Start saving your flower heads now. Cut your flower heads while they still have plenty of color in them and freeze in a gallon ziploc bag. Roses seem to dye really well as do iris, and daffodils. I have quite a few bags of flowers so if you want to make a scarf but don't have the flowers no worries. The bag you freeze them in is what you will be dying your scarf in. There are no guarantees as to what color you will end up with. If you want to do something different you can roll the scarf around a rusty tool. The rust makes a very neat design.

I will need to collect \$5.00 **per scarf** from everyone at the **June** meeting. I plan to order 11x60 scarves. I will have them all ready to dye before the July meeting, and I will bring the directions on the mordant to the program. If you can't attend the June meeting but want to make a scarf in July please contact me at fordtrav-eler@gmail.com before June 12. This a short but fun process and it is fun to watch the results develop into a pretty silk scarf. Susan



SPECIAL WORKSHOPS

The **Donna Crispin** classes which are full will be held at Cheryl Bennett's home. I will provide a map for you if you need one. **Japanese Vase Class:** Friday, July 27, 9:00 am and end at 3:30. You need to bring: lunch, drinks, spray bottle, towel, basketry scissors, clothespins. **Fancy Figure Class:** July 28-29 (2 days) 9:00 am - 3:00. You need to bring lunch, drinks, spray bottle, towel, basketry scissors, clothespins

I have also scheduled two, 2 day classes for **February 21-24, 2013 with Judy Zugish**. We still have openings for these classes and the sign-up sheets will be at the June, July and August meeting or until they are filled up. We don't have the location for the classes yet, but we have plenty of time for that. I posted pictures of the class choices in the April newsletter. To refresh your memory the **Bamboo Interplay** class is made completely of bamboo and costs \$148.33. We still have 4 openings. The second class is **Samantha Rose** and costs \$168.00. This basket is constructed of willowskins, copper, and peeled spruce roots. We only have 2 openings for this class.

You might wonder why these classes are priced so high. The instructor has to personally cut, prepare and sometimes dry the materials for years to season them. She is also quite famous and well respected teacher and in great demand. We are so fortunate to be able to get special teachers to come to our area and it is important as basket makers to continue to stretch and grow in our own artistic way.

Please remember that we do have scholarships available for just this purpose. They are there to help you advance your basket experience and encourage your growth. If you want to reserve your space for these classes you can call **Pat Wescott at 775-465-2769** or email her at graybadgers@gmail.com. You will be put on the list in the order received and added to a waiting list if the classes fill up. Pat will notify you about you position on the list and acknowledge you response. Thanks for your support of our Special Classes and teachers. I would also like to thank the hostesses of these teachers. It greatly reduces the price of these classes and enriches the lives of those who do so.

News flash!!

Polly Sutton is booked for **July 17-22, 2013** until we confirm and have classes to choose from. YEA! She is excited and so am I. I love this job. It always feels like Christmas. You have a wish list and then poof you get what you ask for. Don't know what she will be teaching yet, but if you aren't at the meeting these classes fill up fast. Start coming to the meeting and don't miss out on the fun. Those that attend the meeting get to decide what classes to have and are the first people on the lists.

Pat Wescott

EXHIBITS AND SALES TO COME

July 2 through July 27: Old Town Mall Library (Sierra View Library).

One lockable tall case, probably holding 20 medium and small pieces. This case is the same size as one of those at the Sparks Library. Need list of your items and a tent card with educational information. You can bring work to June meeting and items will be returned at August meeting.

August 20 through October 5: Great Basin Community College, Elko

Bonnie Kennedy will be delivering items to Elko the week of August 13. All entries will need to be to her no later than August 10. The entry fee has been changed to \$10.00 to cover the cost of transportation. Remember to bring your items to the July meeting to be photographed and email your bio & artist statement to b.kennedy1254@yahoo.com. A signup sheet will be at the June meeting. We need a volunteer to help Bonnie get everything ready to transport and a volunteer is needed to pick up the artwork at exhibit closing on Oct 5. Contact Bonnie at 775-762-6583 for further information or to volunteer. More articles pertaining to this exhibit/sale will be in future newsletters.

September: Sparks Library

Dates not known at this time. Items cannot be for sale. Billie W. will chair this exhibit.

October: Douglas County Library

Dates not known at this time. Karen W. will chair this exhibit.

MY WIFE'S A BASKET WEAVER

She learned to weave on Monday, her basket was quite fine.
She forgot to thaw out dinner, so we went out to dine.
She made a twill on Tuesday; she says they are a must.
They really look quite lovely, but she forgot to dust.
On Wednesday it was wicker work. She says the twining's fun.
Three rod wale and braiding rims. But the laundry wasn't done.
Her basket swap was Thursday. Expect her late, she said.
I guess she really was too busy, 'cause she never made the bed.
It was ribbed basket on Friday, using new techniques for sure.
But she never seemed to care about her mess upon the floor.
So I found a maid on Saturday - my life is now complete.
My wife can weave for hours and the house will still be neat.
Well, today is Sunday, and I am already peeved.
I cursed and raved and ranted' cause she taught the maid to weave!

*Author unknown - Long Island Basket Guild
Traverse Area Basketry Guild, March 2008
Printed in the Columbia Basin Basketry April 2012 newsletter*

Convergence 2012 Long Beach July 15-21.

Registration accepted by mail, internet, fax, or phone through July 2. Onsite registration begins July 17 with an additional \$35 administration fee.

Basketry Classes

Sarah Edwards-Hammond - Sweetgrass Basket.

Linda Hendrickson - Ply-Split Basket and Cordmaking.

Judith Olney - shoulder purse, knotting, Japanese basket, shaping for basketry.

Carol Shaw-Sutton - Experimental Twining.

Judy Zugish - Sideways Weaving with Mizuhiki, cedar bark in Japanese complex twill, sculpting with Bamboo.

The conference is held at the Long Beach Convention Center in southern California and is organized and sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America, Inc.

For information, contact

theConvergence@2012LongBeachconference.org or <http://www.weavespindye.org>. Click [here for Printable Registration Form, Classes.](#)

May's Show & Tell



Connie busy cataloging our new library space. Thank you April for providing this unique way to maintain our library.

By the way, the listing of available books is now on our website!!



Judy Magiera (Center) is the winner of the retreat basket raffle. Judy's basket along with Bonnie's (Left) and Joan's (Right) will be placed in the silent auction during the retreat.



Nancy MacGillivray's Needle Felting Workshop. Look at all those cute little bunnies!

GBB Meeting Minutes May 3, 2012

First Congregational Church of Reno

Submitted by Cat Wahrenbrock.

Meeting was call to order @ 11:35 pm by Karen Olson.

There were 27 members present.

Membership report by Sandy Zoerner – Membership stands @ 145. Newsletters from other basket maker guilds are available at the monthly meetings if you are interested.

Treasures Report by Bonnie Kennedy

Special Workshops Report by Pat Westcott – Special Classes being taught by *Donna Crispin* are both full. Each class has a waiting list, if you would like to be included on the waiting list please email Pat Wescott. Thank you all who signed up and for making your deposit so promptly. Ideas and request are welcome.

Meeting Program Report – At our June meeting; Kaylee Mayne teaches us The Josephine Knot.

Library Report – Our Library has arrived at The First Congregational Church and is up and running at our monthly meetings. Thanks to April Barber for her Handyman help. There is a list of the entire library book selection on our web site.

Monthly Workshop Report - June 21 Kaylee Mayne teaches a Melon Basket. June 16th Lauren Lampe teaches a Waxed Linen Basket. See the GBB website for more information.

Remember – payment is due when you sign up for all workshops –be ready with your check or cash, as our teachers need your commitment to prepare for their classes.

Exhibits/Shows Report by Margaret Marshall– Northwest Library exhibit is underway - Great Basin College in Elko will be our next exhibit location, August 20th. thru Oct 5th.

Old Business - Retreat information shared. –

New Business: Betty Hulse reported – The money saved by switching to electronic newsletters has been passed along to our monthly meeting presenters. This helps to recognize, thank, and reward them for their hard work and time.

Winner of the Best Basket Raffle for the retreat was Judy Magiera. Joan O'Brien and Bonnie Kennedy will have their baskets entered into the silent auction at the retreat as well.

Meeting was adjourned.

Board of Directors Meeting, May 3, 2012**Honorarium for Thursday program presenters**

From the savings of sending the newsletter electronically, the Board voted to give an honorarium of \$50 to guild members who present programs at the regular meetings. This will be retroactive to the beginning of 2012.

Money to replace printer

The Board voted to give Kaylee \$100 toward the replacement of a printer which she uses exclusively to print pictures of Guild activities.

Grants

Only 2 grant requests received this year. Discussed how we could reach more members. Grants are to further educate members in basket techniques and skills and enhance basket creativity. The Board appointed the Treasurer as a 3rd person on the Grant committee to serve with Linda Havens and Billie Walker. Betty offered to write an article for the newsletter to encourage more members to apply.

Ad Hoc committee on policies and procedures

Since there is no computer copy of GBB procedures, Meg will make one and circulate it to the committee and schedule a meeting. Revisions will be made, presented to the Board and membership.

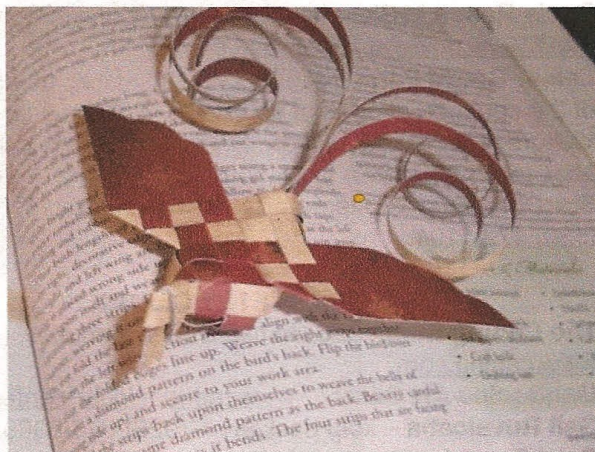
Betty Hulse, recorder

Making a Woven Bird

Bay Area Basketmakers May 2012 newsletter

A woven bird from the excellent pictorial instructions by FabEWElous. It could be made of paper, birch bark, or palms. The blog's crafty author also provides guidelines and great details about tatting, knitting, and crochet

<http://fabewelous.wordpress.com/2010/01/19/paper->



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Treasures Report as of 5/8/2012

Total Cash includes checking & saving	\$13,775.22
Miscellaneous Income and retreat	5,402.80
Expenses to Date	-478.16
New Balance	\$18,699.86

FROM OUR NEIGHBORING BASKETMAKERS:

Bay Area Basketmakers Retreat at Heidelmann Lodge near Donner — August 10 to 12. This year's retreat will not feature a formal workshop. We will just hang out and make baskets, or not! If interested contact Nancy Briemle (925-846-3579 or email nbriemle@aol.com).

2012 GBB Officers and Board Members:

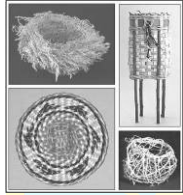
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Great Basin Basketmakers Membership Application/Renewal

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

Date _____ Amount: \$ _____ New _____ Renewal _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Email _____

Send this completed form and check payable to **Great Basin Basketmakers** and mail to:
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Established January 1987

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- * 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, Karen Olson at 775-852-5401 or kvolson@charter.net or check our website at:

www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org

E-Bulletin board: Contact Margaret Marshall at gmlmarshall@aol.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.

