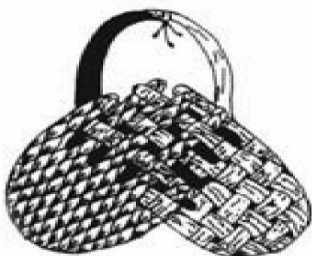


Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



May 1st - Business Meeting & Program

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

MAY PROGRAM REMINDER

Don't forget to clean out your craft area and bring all those overstocked or no longer needed basket making supplies to our **Annual Members Material Sale**. We'll have tables set up for the sale beginning at 11:00. There will be a 10% commission paid to GBB for all sales.

The highlight of our May program is the **Retreat Raffle Basket Contest** that will take place following the material sale. Remember, that **all** members are invited to enter the contest this year, even those who are unable to attend the retreat. Kaylee is asking that you place your raffle basket entry in a brown paper bag. And, don't forget about the \$50.00 grand prize for the winner!

Reminder:

For those of you taking the antler class at the retreat I would like to remind you that we will be drilling the antlers and placing the spokes after the GBB meeting on Thursday, May 1st. Please bring your drill and drill bits-1/8", 3/16", and 7/32". Also bring a pencil and scissors. For those of you not able to be at the meeting, we will drill and glue on Tuesday evening at the retreat. Questions?, Contact me at joaneob@charter.net. Thanks, Joan

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APRIL'S BARK PROCESSING PROGRAM
Presented by Molly Gardner
Thanks Molly for a great program

Annual Retreat at Zephyr Point

May 13-16, 2014

Registration is complete and we are looking forward to the upcoming retreat. Be sure to have your material fees ready to pay by May's meeting if you haven't paid already. Checks for material fees should be made out to each instructor.

Information packets will be distributed at the May meeting or mailed to you the first week of May.

Contact April at ecolgeo@yahoo.com if you have any questions regarding the retreat.

Message from the President

The longer I'm a member in GBB, the more amazed I become with the level of talent our membership has. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful group of artists and crafters. Molly's April program opened my eyes to what weaving with natural materials really means. I know this because when I was hiking this past Sunday I came to stand of mature willow and I saw it not as a stand of willow but as potential weaving material. I was looking at how smooth the larger stalks were and whether or not I could harvest it's bark. Please remember in May we will be having a materials sale and basket contest. Spring clean your supplies and bring what you don't want for the sale. 10% of the sales goes to GBB. I have a large assortment of yarn and misc items that were donated by Bonnie Jackson and 100% of those sales will go to GBB. At the May meeting people taking Joan's Antler Basket class at the retreat will have the opportunity to drill their antler so it will be ready for the class. How fun to it is to play with power tools. Let your talent shine and bring an item for the basket contest, which is open to all members not just those attending the retreat. Winner will receive the \$50.00 prize.

Susan

OUTREACH

The new **Carson City Community Outreach** classes are off to a good start. Sande had 10 new/future basket makers in the all day, **Introduction to Pine Needle Coiling** workshop. All those in attendance finished their projects and signed up for the April 25th class.

Please take a look at the classes being offered through this program. Some of our most dedicated teachers are putting a lot of energy into spreading the word about basket making, **and GBB**. Consider taking a class or two, it's a great opportunity to learn new skills, and welcome some possible new GBB members. Information regarding the classes is available on our website: greatbasinbasketmakers.org

Giving a shout out to Jane Milner as part of Community outreach! She is teaching classes at the Foothills Fibers Guild. She is also in the process of helping us find instructors for special workshops for 2015.

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



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.

SAVE THE DATE:

JUNE 5TH Our meeting program will be an informative panel discussion, focusing on teaching techniques and art work shows & sales. Several of our professional gourd & basket artists, and teachers will lead the discussion.

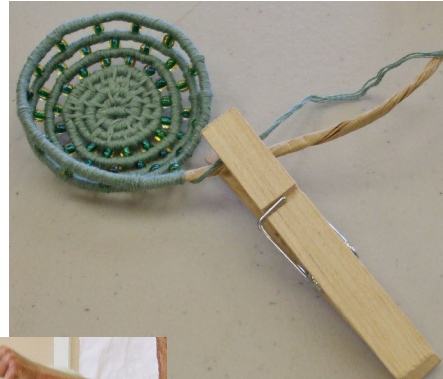
JUNE 19TH Plan to join Cheryl Bennett at her home to learn a wide range of paper making techniques..... and afternoon ***Libations!***

JUNE 21ST & 22ND Molly Gardner will be sharing some of her vast knowledge of all things BARK in this exciting 2 day workshop.

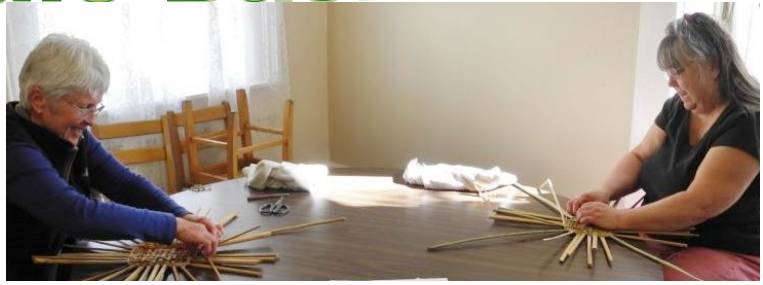
JUNE 27TH Betty Hulse will be teaching a natural materials basket as part of the Carson City Community Outreach program.



Susan's Coiled Cutie Class



SueAnn's Tule Basket Class



Great Basin Basketmakers Minutes April 3, 2014

Submitted by Marge Purdy

Meeting called to order 11:00am by Susan Lester.

Minutes from Feb meeting approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's report given by Bonnie Kennedy.

Membership report was given by Karen Olson. A couple renewals were received.

Guests introduced were Diane and Rachel. Both became new members. Welcome.

Meeting programs report was given by Sande Rowan. Molly reported on her presentation today of "Using Wild and Garden Materials in Basketry." The May 1st meeting program will be the basket contest and material sale. Kaylee will be in charge and requests bring the basket you want to raffle in plain paper bag. The contest is open to all the members.

Monthly workshop report was given by Sande Rowan. April 17th Jane Milner will teach a class on how to weave an Appalachian egg basket. April 26th Kaylee Mayne will teach a class on how to weave a wine basket. Both classes will start 9 am. Sande advised the Outreach classes in Carson City are filling quickly so be sure to sign up asap. Cheryl Bennet mentioned her paper making class will take place June 19th at her home. Molly Gardner's class will be a two day class June 21 & 22.

Special workshops: There aren't any scheduled however Tish Kendrick and Jane Milner will work to find instructors for 2015. They welcome any suggestions the membership may have.

April reported on the Retreat at Lake Tahoe. Advised antlers need to be pre-drilled for Joan O'Brien's class.

Exhibits/Shows report given by Susan. Alpine County exhibit will be on display for May 2014 and small baskets were given to Paula Pennington who will return them by June. Carson City Library exhibit will be for the month of May also. Discussed application received from McKinley Arts. Susan announced Phyllis Lewis is resigning as chairman for exhibits. We need someone to replace her.

Special projects no report.

Publicity no report.

Library report by Pam showed books returned damaged. Members made suggestions on repairs.

Announcements: Wally exhibit at NW library. Susan read note from Laura Hampton. Received request from NBO for donations. Discussed need for policy about weather caused cancellation. Decision would be made by 7 pm Wednesday before meeting.

New business: received invitation from the Nature Conservancy to participate in weaving willow watershed sculptures along the Carson River to be completed by mid-May. The meeting was adjourned at noon with 27 in attendance.



Basket news from Zion

I finally got my little shop organized and getting seriously into the basket making. I sure miss the group and classes and chatter and especially the Spite and Malice games at the retreat. I'll again miss the 2014 retreat, since we'll cruise up the Mississippi River in May. My first class was last week for a couple of gourd ladies from St George who wanted to learn to coil or weave onto the gourds.

My own projects are getting off the ground with baskets from patterns off the internet. I finally did the tiny Polly Sutton baskets and love the cedar bark process - so nice and smooth to work with.

My physical therapist's mother grows gourds in Green River, UT and I now have an unlimited supply.

Next year I'm planning a **Basket and Gourd show** at the Springdale library. My inventory is growing, but if anyone wants to participate, please let me know.

(ck-zion@hotmail.com) I would drive to Reno to pick them up and deliver them back unless someone needs a roadtrip and visit to Zion National Park. There is no fee and the show lasts for a month.

Card weaving is one of my new crafts, very easy and doesn't require expensive tools. Try it, you'll like it. It does take a lot of concentration - no fudging or special design features/mistakes here.

The local Zion Arts council is considering taking me under their wings, we'll see how they respond. Meanwhile I'll do classes and gatherings for the local folks. Miss you all, Cheers, Cornelia





LARGE WEAVING PROJECT

Come join GBB members Saturday, May 3 to weave on a live willow sculpture which is being constructed along the bank of the Carson River at River Fork Ranch. This project is in conjunction with the Nature Conservancy and the Art + Environment department of the Nevada Museum of Art. We will be weaving the materials together to create large natural landscape sculptures that provide watershed and habitat restoration. For more details, contact Sandy Zoerner zoerware@sbcglobal.net.

The project is visible from the East Brockliss Loop Trail at River Fork Ranch, 381 Genoa Lane, Minden. For more information call 775-781-3505 or email dpetite@tnc.org

Announcement: GBB Board Meeting *Sandy Zoerner*

The regular meeting of the GBB Board is Thursday, May 1 at the First Congregational Church at 9:30. All members are welcome to attend.

Next Month's Newsletter Editor is: Susan Lester:

fordtraveler@gmail.com

Please submit articles for June newsletter by May 10.

Treasures Report as of April 12, 2014

Beginning Cash includes checking & saving	\$10,421.20
Income to date includes dues, book sales & raffle.	80.75
Expenses to date include monthly program, Saturday meeting room, postage & copies.	<u>121.11</u>
New Balance	\$10,380.93

2013 GBB Officers and Board Members:

President.....	Susan Lester 338-7910
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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 _____

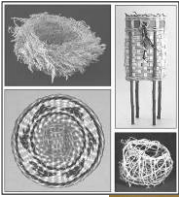
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April Show & Tell

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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.

