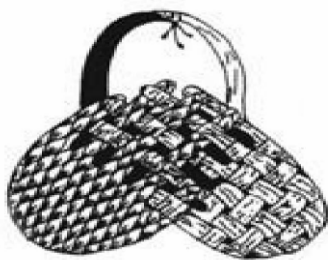


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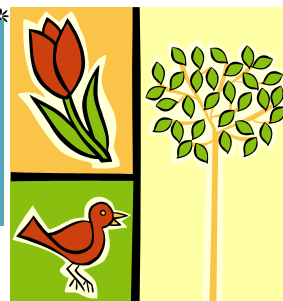
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May May 5, 2011 Pre-Retreat Meeting



Today's program will be a work session for assembling the wooden frames of the footstools for the retreat. We will begin gluing and pounding after our show and tell time. However, the highlight for today is the "Retreat Raffle Basket Contest." This event was a "Brilliant" idea—meaning an idea from our own Eileen Brilliant several years ago for the retreat. The contest winner will receive all their materials fees paid for at the 2011 Retreat. Everyone attending the meeting will get to vote for their favorite basket...

Here's how it will work: Please bring your retreat raffle baskets in a bag or box, with your name on a separate card or tag. Cornelia and Sandy will be checking in those retreat raffle baskets as you arrive at the Larry Johnson Center, then will set-up as soon as possible after noon. Every member will receive a token to use to select their favorite basket. The business meeting will begin around 12:45, to allow everyone a chance to view and select their favorite basket. While the business meeting is being conducted, Cornelia and Sandy will tally the votes and announce the winner at the conclusion of the business meeting. After the meeting, everyone will have a chance to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win the basket of their choice. The drawing for all raffle baskets will be held during the retreat, so if you are not attending, be sure to put your name and phone number on your raffle ticket. Complete informational packets for the retreat will also be handed out.

Welcome New Members:

Kaye Lervick from Lake Havasu, AZ
Dorothy Buckey from Las Vegas



June newsletter Announcement:

Info for the June newsletter needs to be submitted to Cornelia by May 10 in order for her to get it to the printer prior to attending the retreat.

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June Preview

Two "Gourd-geous" Gourds for the Price of One

Thursday, June 16th & Friday, June 17th, 2011



Instructor: Cheryl Bennett

Location: Bennett's Backyard, 12550 Broili Drive, Reno, NV 89511

Time: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Class Fee: \$50 members for 2 day class

Materials Fee: ??Pending

Supplies: Apron and any items you wish to add as personal embellishments

We will be creating two gourds, one similar to the photo (cut then woven), and one with linen bark applied then painted.

NO DROP-INS—Need to be pre-Registered. For more information and/or directions please contact Cheryl at (775) 852-5090 or cbennett@att.net The class is limited to 20.

Retreat Time At Lake Tahoe!

2011 RETREAT

Tuesday, May 17th thru Friday, May 20th

Zephyr Point Conference Center

Zephyr Cove, Nevada

The 2011 GBB Retreat at the beautiful Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center at Lake Tahoe is upon us. The total cost for this year's retreat May 17th-20 is \$220—that includes room and board and three workshops. Workshops are described on following page. We are going to assemble and glue the footstools at the May meeting; then you will be able to take them home to stain or paint, that way they will be ready to weave on at the retreat. If you are unable to attend the May meeting (for those of you living out of town) then we will have a gluing session Tuesday night. We will bring a variety of stains for you to use on them; but if you want to paint your footstool you will need to bring the paint to the retreat. If you have any questions about the footstools please contact Joan O'Brien at 849-3442.

Something new this year: Meg Price, a Certified Personal Trainer, will be organizing morning and late afternoon stretching and flexibility sessions. Of course, the evening activities will include card games with the Spite and Malice crew on hand to teach us how to play; or if you are not a card player, we'll have some quick woven projects to do and everyone will be encouraged to paint their watercolor paper for their Thursday twill weave basket. There is never a lack of activities at the retreat. Thursday night will be the finale with the raffle and silent auction; as well as singing the song of GBB. Cornelia Kallerud will be handling the raffle/silent auction again this year—if you cannot bring your raffle basket to the May meeting, you can either bring it directly to the retreat or if you want to participate in the Raffle Basket Contest you can mail it to Karen Olson.

If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the retreat please feel free to contact any committee member (Connie Douglas, Cat Mena, Joan O'Brien) or Karen Olson at 852-5401.

RETREAT WORKSHOP TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

SMALL PINE NEEDLE BASKET W/LID (Taught by Linda Havens) —

Wed, May 18, 2011 9 AM to 4 PM



Materials fee: None—Pine needles, artificial sinew (natural or green) or natural colored waxed linen will be provided

Tools and Supplies: Scissors, awl, spray bottle, towel, needle. You can bring your own pine needles (either dyed or natural), and any other colored sinew or waxed linen. Also something to use as a small handle on the lid of your basket. Any questions please contact Linda Havens at (775) 329-5223.

DOUBLE 3-ROD WALE REED BASKET (Taught by Carol Thomas) — Wed, May 18, 2011 9 AM to 4 PM

Materials Fee: \$15 (Kit includes: 5/8" flat reed—FF (spokes); 1/4" flat reed—FF (weaver); 3/8" flat reed—FF (one piece for false weaver); #3 round reed—RR in natural (one long piece for long weaver); #3 round reed—RR dyed in two colors (weavers—approx 30 pieces); 1/2" flat oval—FO for the rim; 7-ply waxed linen natural color (rim lasher); Sea grass #2 or #3 or #6 round reed for rim filler; large needle and cable ties for rim)

Tools and Supplies: In addition, you should bring your usual basketry tools, scissors, tape measure, pencil, spray bottle, plastic bag for holding dampened reed, soaking tub, clothes pins or clips, knife for beveling the ends on the rim, and a towel. If you are bringing your own materials you will need a needle for the waxed linen 7-ply, and some cable ties to secure the rim. Any questions contact Carol Thomas at (775) 345-0161 or plantweaver@sbcglobal.net



FIBRE RUSH FOOTSTOOL (Taught by Joan O'Brien) — Thu, May 19, 2011 9—12 PM or 1—4 PM



Materials Fee: \$10.50 (Wooden footstool frame measuring—9" x 12" x 12" tall; and a small roll of fibre rush for the woven seat)

Tools and Supplies: Hammer; Wood wedge or block (1/4 or 1/2 inches thick). The hammer and wood wedges are used for squaring the weave and are much easier to use than a packing tool. Spray bottle; soaking bucket; large spring clamp, at least 5" to 6"; 24"x 24" piece of cardboard or brown paper market bag (the cardboard can be in 2-3 pieces—these are used for packing the weaving but are not mandatory); packing tools; long twist tie or a pipe cleaner; scissors. Questions contact Joan O'Brien at (775) 849-3442 or joaneob@charter.net

PAINTED PAPER TWILL BASKET (Taught by Karen Olson) — Thu, May 19, 2011 9—12 PM or 1—4 PM

Materials Fee: \$5 (Watercolor paper, paints, foam brushes, waxed linen)

Tools and Supplies: You will need a cutting mat, exacto knife or cutter, straight edge, clips (Radio Shack Test Clips are good—small copper 1 1/8" smooth clip), a small ball point quilting awl is useful, and a large tapestry needle. Embellishments for the basket could include beads, buttons, etc. Also if you have any special paper or cloth napkins which you would like to make a basket for please bring them. Any questions contact Karen Olson at (775) 852-5401 or kvolson@charter.net



Flo Hoppe Here in Sept!

Flo Hoppe Workshops, Sept 9-11, 2011

Flo began basketmaking in the early 70s and by 1980 was writing articles for magazines on basketry techniques. She teaches all over the U.S. and has traveled and taught in several countries. She has authored "Wicker Basketry" (1989) and "Contemporary Wicker Basketry" (1997) which we have in our library. According to her bio: "My true interest lies in the finer points of technique, color patterning, and surface decoration. I'm always trying to find new ways to execute a base or border or handle, or to create different textures with unusual weaves and colors." Flo has visited our guild on previous occasions and we are lucky to have her expertise and inspiration. Check out one of her books (if you haven't already) to get an idea of what she has to offer and prepare yourself for a wonderful weekend of weaving.

Friday, Sept 9 at Tish Kendricks, Mandalay basket



Color Play Basket

Saturday, Sept 10 at Sky Peaks,
Color Play basket



Mandalay Basket

Sunday, Sept 11 at Sky Peaks, Athena basket



Athena Basket

All Classes will be held 9:30 AM to 4 PM

Cost is approximately \$115. The final amount will be known after all signups are completed.

To secure a spot, a deposit of \$35 is due Thursday, May 5 and the balance is due Thursday, Aug 4.

Minimum # of students is 8 per class; Maximum # of students is 12 per class

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices when you signup. You may be able to signup for more than one class depending on available space. Signups began on Thursday, April 7th. To sign-up, notify Joan O'Brien; joaneob@charter.net; 775 849-3442

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Great Basin Basketmakers has been invited to show at the **Artist Co-op for the month of September, 2011**. The title/theme of the show/sale will be "Colors of Nature." The opening will be on Sunday, September 4th. More details to follow! *Rima & Margaret*

Gayle Still will be teaching "Wearable Fiber Art" from June 19-26 this summer at Feather River Art Camp in Quincy, CA. The website is featherriverartcamp.com for more info.

North Tahoe ARTs in Tahoe City will be placing a call to artists very soon for basket and gourd artists for our June Exhibit. Please check out our website www.northtahoearts.com or our face book page <http://www.facebook.com/NorthTahoeArts> for information. Hopefully I have peaked your interests. You may email us at info@northtahoearts.com

Thank you; Rochelle Johnson, Exhibit Committee, North Tahoe Arts; 530-581-2787

Basketweaving Cruise 2012 – Feb 11-19, 2012 to the Western Caribbean. Learn new techniques and meet new friends all while having an experience of a lifetime visiting & exploring tropical islands in the middle of winter. Port of Call will be: Cozumel, Mexico; Limon, Costa Rica & Colon, Panama! Teachers offering classes: Linda Scherz-Allen, Jeanette Blederman, Anne Bowers, Sandy Bulgrin, Char Clammaichella, Debbie Hurd, Julie Kleinrath, Karen Kotecki, Bev Larson, Joni-Dee Ross & Dolores VonRosen. For more info visit: www.basketweavingcruise.com or www.basketbits.com. To be put on a mailing list to receive information as it becomes available please email: bas-ketcruiseinfo@me.com.

From Our News Exchange

Housewarming Gift Idea

When a special friend or family member moves into a new home, one of your handmade baskets is a perfect housewarming gift. But to make it even more special, consider adding small items, each with its own symbolism of wishes. Include the poem below on a card to explain the significance of each item in your gift basket. Suggestions below include a pretty candle, rice, salt and sugar in small plastic bags or special containers, a homemade loaf of bread and bottle of wine. I'm sure you can come up with ideas of your own!

New Home Blessing Basket

By Betty Dewiffe

May your home be blessed each day of the year. May your family live safe and happily there. May joyous 'events fill each of your days. And help build wonderful memories in many new ways. Please accept these gifts as the symbols of Good wishes for you, your home, and your love.

The symbols in the blessing:

Rice: that there may always be food in your home. Bread: that there may always be friends and family to share with. Salt: that there will always be a little spice in your lives. Sugar: that sweetness touches even your worst days. Candles: that you may always find your way back home. Wine: that there may always be reason to celebrate.

Northwest Basket Weavers newsletter

GBB Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2011 at Larry Johnson Center

Submitted by Sandy Zoerner for Cat Mena

Meeting was called to order @12:34 pm by President Karen Olson.

Prior meeting minutes of March 3, 2011 were approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report by Karen Rosselli: Income during March was \$291.50 which included some books sold, a few membership renewals, and \$83 from the monthly raffle. Expenses were \$359.56 which included the bulk mail permit for the year.

Membership Report by Sandy Zoerner: Current membership stands at 185 on our roster. A few current rosters were handed out.

Correspondence Report by Billie Walker: A thank-you card was received from Eileen Brilliant. Everyone wishes her well.

Meetings Program Report by Karen Olson: Ann Berg will be our speaker today. In May, membership will judge the retreat raffle baskets – the winner will have the cost of workshop materials paid for the retreat. We will also prepare our stools for the retreat workshop.

Monthly Workshops Report by Carol Thomas: April Barber will be teaching a “reuse/recycle workshop” this month; May is the retreat. Note from Mel Silva that his workshop has been cancelled. We are sorry for your loss Mel. We have no workshops scheduled for June 18 nor July 21. Contact Carol if you have suggestions or can teach a workshop for one of these days.

Special Workshops Report by Joan O'Brien: Flo Hoppe here Sept 9-11 offering 3 separate workshops; sign-ups available. Select your 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice. More details in this newsletter. Cheryln Bennett will be doing a 2 day gourd workshop in June; Betty Hulse will be doing a 2 day willow workshop in July.

Exhibits/Shows Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Other Events Report by Karen Olson: Final retreat payment is due now. Retreat packets with rules, etc will be distributed at the May meeting.

Publicity Report: There was an article in today's newspaper announcing our meeting.

Library Report: Check out the exchange newsletters from other guilds; Sandy brought in some NBO newsletters for the taking; books donated from Bobbi Talso's library.

Announcements: There are boxes of materials donated from Bobbi Talso's collection. Select your items and make a donation to GBB. Bonnie Jackson (a long time member) can no longer weave and has materials to donate. We will follow up with Bonnie on a collection date.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 followed by show and tell, sign-ups for retreat and workshops, and a wonderful talk by Ann Berg. Thank you Ann!

Molly's Round Wall Basket Workshop in March



Susan Lester



2011 GBB Officers and Board Members:

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Vice-President/Program Chair....	Vacant
Secretary.....	Cat Mena
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FiberPhiladelphia 2012

Presents a juried exhibition:

Outside/Inside the Box

March 2 - April 14, 2012

Apply Online: May1-October 31, 2011

About the Exhibition

Outside/Inside the Box will showcase innovative fiber/textile art that transcends disciplines; combines traditional fiber techniques with cutting edge technology and/or historic concepts with contemporary perspective.

Size, scope, materials and subject matter are open. Submissions may include surface design, woven and 3d structures, quilts, stitching, body art, etc.

Outside/Inside the Box will take place in the main gallery at the [CraneArts Building](#).

Seize this opportunity to think outside the box!

Exhibition Questions fiberphiladelphia@gmail.com

Full Information, rules, and online application can be found at fiberphiladelphia.org.

Next Month's Newsletter Editor is: Cornelia Kallerud

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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 _____

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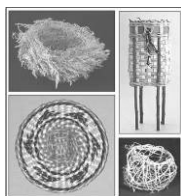
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- * Meet the first Thursday of each month in **Sparks at the Larry D. Johnson Community Center**, 1200 12th Street.
- * Open business meeting followed by show and tell begins at 12:30pm. **All are welcome.**
- * Bring a sack lunch if you wish.
- * Program generally starts at 2:00 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.

