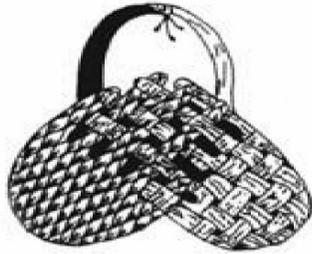


# Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



## Newsletter

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## **Twill Cat Head Basket with Jane Milner**

**October 16 — Thursday 9:00 - 4:00**

First Congregational Church on Sunnyside in Reno

Class fee: \$15 members, \$20 non-members plus \$20 material fee if you want a kit

Size: 10" diameter, 8" high

Tools: Usual basketry tools, soaking bucket, packing tool, towel, AND a Stanley Sur-Form shaver, plus a piece of scrap wood to protect the table top from getting scratched (I can provide these @ \$1.00 each if

needed. Stanley Sur-Form shavers can be purchased at a lumber yard (Home Depot, Lowes, etc. Also is extremely useful for shaping your rims.

This class is for both beginners and those weavers with twill experience. The baskets will be the same size, the difference is how the sides are woven. The base is a square woven in an over 2 under 2 twill. The beginner/simpler basket's sides will be woven in an "over 3 under 2" pattern, and will be continuous. The reason for the Sur-Form shaver is we will be weaving the sides with 11/64 flat oval, and these need to be shaved down on the overlap so there won't be a bump in your weaving. The twill experienced will be weaving Sosse Baker's "3-2-1" twill, which is an "over 3 under 1, over 1 under 2" which is also continuous weave. The spokes are dyed, the weavers are not. I will have the spokes pre-cut for you. You will have a choice of either 1/2" half round or 1/2" flat oval for the rims, and lashing can be either 7 ply waxed linen, artificial sinew or cane. Rim filler of sea grass.

Please note the 9:00 AM start time...we will need lots of time!

## **Double Wall Basket with Kaylee Mayne**

**October 18 St. Peter's Rectory, Carson City**

9:30 to about 4:00. (Some may be done as soon as 2:00!)

Class fee: \$15 members, \$20 non-members plus \$20 material fee

This is another fun and rather easy basket to make. (It was the third basket I learned many years ago.) The class is limited to twelve. At this time there are just a few openings left. At the October meeting you will have your choice of accent color for your basket.

Please bring; scissors, tape measure, spray bottle, (soaking pan will not be needed), old towel, your lunch and drink, and if you have them a spoke weight and packing tool or straight edge screw driver. Last but not least bring your enthusiasm! As Ralph Waldo Emerson said "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm!"

Any questions or to sign up please call 781-9356 or e-mail me at [elftory1@gmail.com](mailto:elftory1@gmail.com).

Looking forward to weaving with you again. kaylee mayne



## **CALL TO TEACHERS**

October is our annual Classes & Programs planning program for 2015.

Anyone who is interested in sharing a new project for a class, or presenting a basket related program at a monthly meeting, please contact Sande Rowan [sanderowan@hotmail.com](mailto:sanderowan@hotmail.com) or 775.841.6315.

## News from Cornelia Kallerud

After a year in this incredible Zion Canyon I'm finally organized to have my first basket class. Joan O'Brien was my inspiration for this project, thank you so very much, your ears must have been ringing on Sept 6th.

If you are traveling to Zion National Park around October 11th, please join us under the City Park Gazebo, outdoors surrounded by majestic red cliffs.

I do miss the basketmakers and GBB and hope to be back at the retreat in 2016.



Angie and Julie are they proud or what??

### Please welcome new members to GBB:

Peggy Camp  
Kathryn Reynolds  
Gail Gustafson  
Deborah Goodwill  
Gloria Gaytan-Robles  
Tim Hanchett (Susan Hanchett's husband)



## Community Outreach

GBB members will be participating in the Harvest Festival at Sparks Methodist Church on October 17th and 18th.

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## September Show & Tell



## 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:

<http://www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org/>

and send it to the chairman of the grants committee,  
April Barber [ecolgeo@yahoo.com](mailto:ecolgeo@yahoo.com)

## Message from the President

October already, love the cool evenings that come with it. I have to say I feel so lucky to live in such a great place. I also feel lucky to be in an organization with so many talented artists and just downright friendly and nice people.

Our September meeting was so much fun. I just marvel at the level of talent everyone shows. Our show and tell was outstanding and the rims program very informative. Hope you got by the Sparks Library in September to see the exhibit of our work.

Please come to the October meeting with ideas for 2015 programs and classes. If you think you would like to teach a class there will be plenty of opportunity. Sande has been busy already lining up teachers and program ideas but we have plenty of blank slots to fill in. Can't make it to the meeting, email those ideas to: [fordtraveler@gmail.com](mailto:fordtraveler@gmail.com).

The Community Outreach Program in

Carson City was a great success, **thanks to Sande Rowan**. Plans are to continue it in 2015. I think we got 5 or 6 new members through the outreach classes which is just fantastic. Please be sure to welcome them to the group when you meet them.

We have new retreat chairs and they are looking for ideas for teachers and workshops for the 2015 retreat. Take a minute or two and contact them with your ideas and thank them for taking on this task.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to remember to give credit where credit is due. There have been some discussions recently regarding teaching a class using a basket design you learned from another member or a nationally known teacher. If you haven't gotten the instructor's permission to teach their design you need to. Very few people will be opposed and many will probably feel honored that you want to teach their creation to others. Taking the techniques you learn in a class and putting your own twist on it is a totally different thing.

Susan



**Join the Party  
and sell your baskets!**

GBB will have a booth at the Sparks United Methodist Church Fall Harvest Festival on October 17-18.

All GBB members are invited to sell their baskets at the Festival. If you wish to sell baskets at this GBB event, definitely sign up for a booth shift. Contact:  
Molly Gardner 775-673-1628

### SAVE THE DATE

**NOV. 6<sup>TH</sup>** ... Join Jane Milner & Trisha Work after the general meeting to learn how to make snowflake and Christmas star ornaments.

**NOV. 15<sup>th</sup>** .... Kristy Dial will be teaching a gourd mask at the Rectory in Carson City.

**NOV. 20<sup>TH</sup>** ...Kaylee Mayne will be stepping in for Karen Rosselli to teach a round reed basket at the Sunnyside Church in Reno.

## It's Tule Time!

Tules (bulrush) are one of the easiest basket making materials in the world. They have been used for at least 10,000 years throughout the world, and can be found in North America from Death Valley to the High Sierra, east coast to west coast. The term tule used commonly in the west was brought up by the Spanish from Mexico where it was derived from a Nahuatl word.

From Wikipedia: is a giant species of sedge in the plant family Cyperaceae, native to freshwater marshes all over North America.<sup>[1]</sup> The common name derives from the Nāhuatl word *tōllin* /t̪oʔl̪in/, and was first applied by the early settlers from New Spain who recognized the marsh plants in the Central Valley of California as similar to those in the marshes around Mexico City.



### Gathering Tule

Fall is a great time to gather tule since it's reached its full size and winter hasn't damaged it yet. It can be found in many wet areas – look near community park ponds, marshy areas along the Truckee, Carson and Walker Rivers, ask a friend with a ranch...

Take a hat, sunscreen, bug repellent and your water boots or shoes you don't care about. Some areas will be dry, others may have a few inches of water. Small clippers work well, but a knife will allow you to cut more than one shoot at a time. I've found that a linoleum knife is great – like a small sickle.

Cut the shoots close to the ground. Avoid ones with dark spots – usually a sign of mildew. Look at the bases to see if they have a rich shiny brown color – those are a great prize – the base portion can be used for color overlay and the rest can still be used for plain weaving. Dry your tule at least a week before using, or store for years.

### ***Happy Weaving!***

Sue Ann Monteleone - Fall 2014

## Special Workshop Willow Classes

with **Bonnie Gale** at the  
Caning Shop in Berkeley  
October 25-26th, 2014

Bonnie Gale will teach two one-day classes and one two-day class over the weekend. The one day classes will be taught



on both days. All three baskets being offered have been designed by Bonnie. Early Pre-registration is required with a minimum of 50% deposit of the tuition. A supply list of tools will be provided at registration time. As Bonnie needs to send the materials ahead of time, she does need to have registrations by October 10. She leaves New York on October 15th. For more information and to register, please contact the Caning Shop at 1-800-544-3373.

Meeting called to order 11:10 by Susan Lester  
August meeting minutes approved Treasurer's  
report: Bonnie Kennedy reported the balance  
in all accounts is \$ 9,544.66.

Membership report: Carson outreach has  
gained GBB three new members.

**Meetings Program Report:** Sande Rowan  
reminded all that basket finishing was today's  
program.

**Monthly Class Report:** Cheryl Bennett  
discussed the September gourd class; Kaylee  
will teach a double wall basket in October;  
Jane Milner teaches a cat head twill basket in  
October with techniques for both beginner and  
experienced Basketmakers.

**Special Workshops Report:** Bonnie Gale will  
be at the caning shop in Berkeley CA. Please  
see the September newsletter for details.

**Exhibits/Shows Report:** GBB needs an  
exhibit coordinator for 2015. The current  
coordinator has lined up all 2015 exhibits/  
shows, so the job is half done!

**Special Projects and events:**  
Nancy Strickland and Gloria Gayton-Robles  
volunteered to coordinate the 2015 retreat.  
Please contact either one of them if you have  
suggestions for classes. Gloria's number is  
775-232-9644. A big thank-you to Nancy and  
Gloria for volunteering!  
GBB booth at the Oct 17-18 Sparks United  
Methodist Church fall harvest festival.  
Please sign up for a booth shift. If you wish  
to sell baskets at this GBB event, definitely  
sign up for a booth shift.

**Library Report:** Pam Wilcox is busy with  
18 new books. Reminder, when borrowing a  
book fill out card in front of the book.  
Loan period is one month.

**Announcements:** Cheryl announced the  
Forever Nevada show requires entries to have  
native NV materials incorporated into the  
work. Laurie informed us that the "Buy  
Nevada First" store in the Reno Town Mall is  
a potential basket selling opportunity, speak to  
the proprietor. Susan handed out NCAA  
information.

**Old Business:** No updates on meeting  
location or liability insurance.

**New business:** New membership fees will  
go into effect for 2015. \$25/yr; \$45/2 yrs;  
\$65/3 yrs. Families add \$10 extra/yr.  
Why the increase?

GBB is spending more than it is bringing in.  
Also, class fees will increase. \$25 for mem-  
bers; \$30 non-members. Teaching a class  
takes a considerable amount of work, the in-  
crease is justified.

If the increase in class fees is a hardship, re-  
member GBB has grant money available.  
Donations for raffle prizes are needed.

**Finally:** The October meeting is our annual  
planning meeting. Please attend and help plan  
YOUR upcoming year. Also there are  
upcoming Board and Committee vacancies  
(see September newsletter).

No volunteers = no classes = no program = no  
wonderful GBB events and energy

**2015  
Committee Openings**

- ◆ Programs/Classes
- ◆ Publicity
- ◆ Education

**F.Y.I.**

New membership fees will go into effect for 2015.

25 per year  
\$45 for 2 years  
\$65 for 3 years  
Families: add \$10 per year

Treasures Report as of September 8, 2014

Total Cash	
includes checking & saving	\$ 9,544.66
Income from dues	\$ 85.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 125.25
Expenses	<\$ 21.36>
New Balance	\$ 9,733.55

**Next Month's Newsletter Editor  
is: Sandy Zoerner**  
[zoerware@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zoerware@sbcglobal.net)  
**please submit articles for  
November newsletter by  
October 12.**

**2014 GBB  
Officers and Board Members:**

President..... Susan Lester 338-7910  
Vice-President..... Kaylee Mayne  
Secretary..... Vacant  
Treasurer..... Bonnie Kennedy  
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Board..... Phyliss Lewis  
Board..... Judy Magiera  
Board Co-Chair ..... Paula Pennington  
Board..... Julia Richardson  
Membership..... Karen Olson 852-5401

**Great Basin Basketmakers Membership Application/Renewal**

Effective Jan. 2015 Annual Membership Dues: \$25/year \$45 for 2 years, \$65/3 years

(Family membership add \$10 extra per year)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

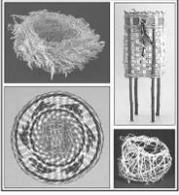
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## Great Basin Basketmakers

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.

