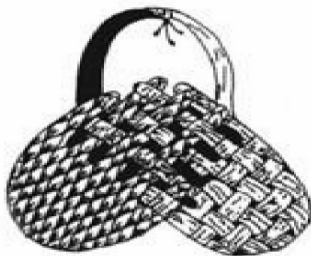


# Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



## Newsletter

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### September - Business Meeting & Program

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

Meeting at 11:00am, Show and tell and lunch immediately after, program begins at 1:00pm

#### SEPTEMBER 4TH MEETING PROGRAM

The September meeting program will be an excellent opportunity to complete those unfinished projects hiding out in the back of your closet. Several of our wonderful GBB teachers will give brief demonstrations of a variety of basket and gourd rim techniques, with lots of tidbits to put the finishing touches on your work. They will then pair off with those interested in some personal help with their baskets. So be sure to bring your unfinished pieces, *with enough material* to complete your project.

Kaylee asks those who didn't finish last year's Willy Nilly basket to bring it and she will help you finish.

Maybe you don't have any unfinished projects....join us anyway...With teachers like this, offering up their time and experience, you are sure to all come away with a new technique to test on your next basket project.

Molly Gardner will be sharing her knowledge of round reed rims and other natural materials.

Kaylee Mayne will offer flat reed rim completion techniques.

Kristy Dial will be demonstrating horse hair rim attachment to a gourd.

Sande Rowan will be covering coiled pine needle rims.

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## SAVE THE DATE

SEPT. 6 & 7 Just a reminder...if you are out and about this weekend be sure to stop by the McKinley Arts & Cultural Center for the annual Reno Arts Blast. While there be sure to check out Kristy's beautiful gourds and Sande's coiled baskets.

SEPT. 26th Sande Rowan is teaching a Traditional Coil Basket in Carson City in the final installment of the Community Outreach Classes there.

OCT. 2ND Be sure to attend the general meeting next month to add your voice to choosing classes and programs you wish to see on next year's schedule of classes. And teachers, we need you.....so please contact Sande with any new projects. Several teachers have already stepped up with some really exciting ideas.

OCT. 16TH Jane Milner is traveling from Grass Valley to teach a twill cat head basket at the Sunnyside Church in Reno.

OCT. 18TH Kaylee Mayne will be teaching a double wall basket in Carson City.

## Community Outreach

Kaylee Mayne received "Best of Show" at the Lyon county fair with one of her baskets.

Classes are ongoing in Carson City as part of our Community Outreach Program.

**Thanks** to Sande Rowan, who is responsible for setting those up.



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



*Julia Richardson working on her Cherokee double wall basket.*

*Karen Rosselli teaching Catherine & Nancy how to add the base to their class projects.*



Thanks to all the Reno members, who participated in Karen Rosselli's Cherokee double wall basket class in Carson City. The cooler temps and a great teacher allowed everyone to compete some really beautiful baskets.

**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 [ecologeo@yahoo.com](mailto:ecologeo@yahoo.com)**

# September Class

## 3RD THURSDAY WORKSHOP

September 18, 2014 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Gourds-A Medley Of Techniques

Instructors: Kristy Dial & Cheryln Bennett

Kristy & Cheryln are teaching this class together to give you new ideas on approaching a gourd in a different way.

This class will be creative and fun with lots of options.

Bring lunch, apron and a dremel if you have one (we have the bits for it).

The class will be in Cheryln Bennett's back yard (call or email for directions or if you have questions).

Cheryln Bennett [benart@att.net](mailto:benart@att.net) 775-852-5090



## CALL TO TEACHERS

Next month 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.



# Special Workshop Information

WILLOW CLASSES WITH BONNIE GALE AT THE CANING

SHOP IN BERKELEY ON OCTOBER 25-26th, 2014



Bonnie Gale, nationally recognized willow artist, residing in central New York, will present a weekend of willow classes on October 25th and 26th, 2014 at the Caning Shop in Berkeley. She 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. She is offering the Early American Life Lunch Basket (a good beginner willow basket designed by Bonnie for the Early American Life magazine) for one day as well as the Oval Muffin Basket as a second one day class.

The Oval Muffin Basket is a good introduction to the techniques of oval willow work. The Willow Backpack is being offered for two days and is an intermediate level basket. Cloth straps are included in the price, although custom leather straps with brass hardware are available for an additional charge. In addition, there will be a presentation on Bonnie's Woven Living Willow Structures Power Point on Saturday night at another location.

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.



## *Message from the President*

I urge all of you to read the minutes from the August meeting. We had lively discussions on quite a few topics. I hope those who didn't get to attend the August meeting might have some words they would like to contribute. We discussed the possibility of moving our meeting and class venue in 2015 to someplace closer to Carson City for those members who live there. Remember, we have to be able to store our library on location. We need your input on this.

We discussed the need for volunteers for the openings on committees, etc. I have included in this newsletter a list of the 2015 open positions as of today. Please consider taking on one of the positions.

With the October class/program planning meeting just around the corner I hope some of you will consider teaching a class in 2015. I was in awe of the baskets & objects everyone brought for Show & Tell last month, which speaks to the enormous talent this group has.

I would like to send a big **Thank You** to Nancy Strickland and Gloria Gaytan-Robles for volunteering to co-chair the Retreat. I know we will all give them as much support as we can.

**Thank you** to Joyce Fisher for the materials donated to GBB's library. I think it sparked some interest in folks to check out books. We have found the Cordage Book that was missing. Yay! Susan

## **Important Reminder**

When you have taken a class and then decide you would like teach to the same basket to others, you should **always** get permission from the creator of that project. How would you feel if you made up your own design and then found out someone else was taking credit by teaching it to others? It is also important to give credit to the teacher when displaying a basket in an exhibit.

## **2015 Committee and Board Openings**

**Guild Vice President** Should be willing to take over as President in 2016

**Guild Secretary**

**There will be openings on the Board, not sure how many.**

**Programs/Classes**

**Shows & Exhibits**

**Publicity**

**Education**



New member Gloria with her Wine Basket from Kaylee's class.

## Great Basin Basketmakers Minutes August 7, 2014

*Submitted by Julia Richardson*

Meeting called to order 11:09 am by Susan Lester.

Minutes: June meeting minutes approved

Treasurer report: Not available

Membership report: nothing to report.

Meeting program report: by Sande Rowan. The August program was cancelled. Sept program Basket Rims, demo and help by Sande Rowan, Molly Gardner, Kaylee Mayne and Kristy Dial.

Monthly workshops: by Sande Rowan, Aug dragonfly class is postponed until further notice. Shell basket class is cancelled. Sept 18 Cheryln Bennett and Kristy Dial will teach a gourd workshop. \$45 total cost bring a dremel if you have one. Darlene Murphy will have a willow gathering in Washoe Valley sometime in Oct., for a small fee. See Sande if interested. Please consider teaching a 2015 class.

Special Workshops: Susan Lester Bonnie Gayle will not be coming to Reno but will be holding classes in Berkley at the Caning Shop in Oct. Details not known at this time.

Exhibits/shows: by Phyliss Lewis We will be at the Sparks Library Sept 6-30. Please bring your tagged baskets to the Sept meeting or bring to the library at 10:00 Sept 6.

Retreat: by Susan Lester The deposit has been paid for the May 12-15 2015 retreat. A new Retreat chair is needed.

Library: by Pam Wilcox: Cordage book finds it way home. Lots of books donated by Joyce Fisher.

Announcements: Betty Hulse had a few bags of items from Rima that she would like to sell. Galena Pioneer Days in Sept they would like us to participate but unable to provide specifics before the Aug meeting an email will be sent to the group if we get more information. Cheryln invited members to participate in the Sept Co-op show a benefit for Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful.

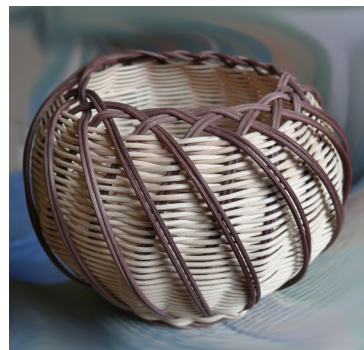
New business: Should GBB look for a new location for meetings in 2015? We are getting more interest in Carson City and a location in south Reno or Washoe Valley would be good. GBB doesn't have liability insurance which keeps us from meeting in some locations. Susan agreed to investigate the cost of insurance. A motion was made by Marge Purdy and 2nd by Billie Walker with the members voting to participate in the Harvest Festival Oct 17 & 18 as a Community Outreach project. Molly Gardner will spearhead the project. Sande asked for ideas for 2015 classes and teacher volunteers. The possibility of reducing the number of classes offered in 2015 was discussed.

Old business: Susan asked for a nominating committee for 2015 positions. No volunteers. There are many openings on committees etc.

Meeting was adjourned at noon with 21 in attendance.

## Sneak Peek !

Take a look at what Kaylee will be teaching in October. You will be able to choose from several colors of reed for your accent color at the time of sign up.



## August Show & Tell







### Exhibits and Shows

We will at the Sparks Library from Sept 6 to 30. They have lots of room for your big baskets. Remember to bring your tagged items to the Sept 4th meeting with an inventory sheet, or you can meet Phyliss at the Library on the 6th at 10:00 am.

### *The May Carson City Library Exhibit*

**Next Month's Newsletter Editor is: Kristy Dial**

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**Please submit articles for Oct. newsletter by September 12.**

### **2013 GBB Officers and Board Members:**

President..... Susan Lester 338-7910  
 Vice-President..... Kaylee Mayne  
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 Board..... Judy Magiera  
 Board Co-Chair..... Paula Pennington  
 Board..... Julia Richardson  
 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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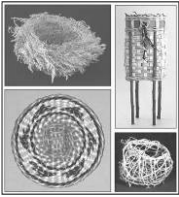
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Established January 1987

- \* 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.

