

Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



**May 2, 2024
10 am—3 pm
Sparks Masonic Center**

Our general meeting will be at 10:00, followed by show and tell, last silent auction donations, and bring your sack lunch. Class will begin after lunch.



Have you ever wondered how to get those cob webs out of the corner? Have you ever swept with a real broom corn broom? After the May meeting we will be making a broom corn cob web broom with Bonnie Kennedy. There will be a \$15.00 material charge but you will come away with an amazing cob web broom. Hope to see you then.



Welcome New Member

**Judy Tillson, Reno, NV
Jayne Xavier, Mill Valley, CA**

**Next Month's Newsletter Editor:
Sue Ann Monteleone
samonte@charter.net
Please submit articles for the
June newsletter by
May 12**

May 14–17, 2024 GBB Retreat at Zephyr Point Conference Center

For those attending this year's retreat there are still openings in the following classes. If you were not able to register for Ann Taylor's Sampler basket on Wednesday, you could make that basket during the Thursday class by paying an additional \$5 (which covers materials.) If you have any questions please contact Nettie at keepitwild@gmail.com or Karen at kvmikesell@hotmail.com.

REMINDER: We are asking everyone to bring a basket related item for the Silent Auction to the May meeting or the retreat. Please fill out the GBB Silent Auction Entry Tag and attach to your donation.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Coiled Yarn Basket
Gayle Still
Class/Material Fee - \$50

Coiling with yarn around a core using just two stitches is a meditative way to create color, patterns and shape for a basket. The use of yarn is a great stash buster for spinners, knitters and crocheters, although raffia works well with this technique also. Embellishments will be discussed and feathers provided to end our basket. Tools: Scissors



LAST MINUTE RETREAT INFO —

- * Please arrive to the Tallac Center to check-in **NO EARLIER** than **3:45 PM**.
- * Drive down to unload your personal items and tools, then return your vehicle to the parking garage and place your parking permit on the dash of your vehicle.
- * Be sure there is **NO FOOD** left in your vehicle, there is **BEAR Activity** in the area.
- * After check-in please proceed to the Echo Peak room to deliver your Silent Auction Item (if you have not already done so) and to help with room set-up.
- * Everyone usually brings snacks to share, there is a small refrigerator and a coffee maker in Echo Peak.
- * You may bring your tools to leave in the room, which remains locked whenever everyone leaves.
- * There is early morning stretching if you want to bring your Yoga mat.
- * Please feel free to bring any unfinished projects which you might want to work on and/or need help with.

GBB Silent Auction Entry Tag

Date _____

Donation Description: _____

Approximate Value: _____

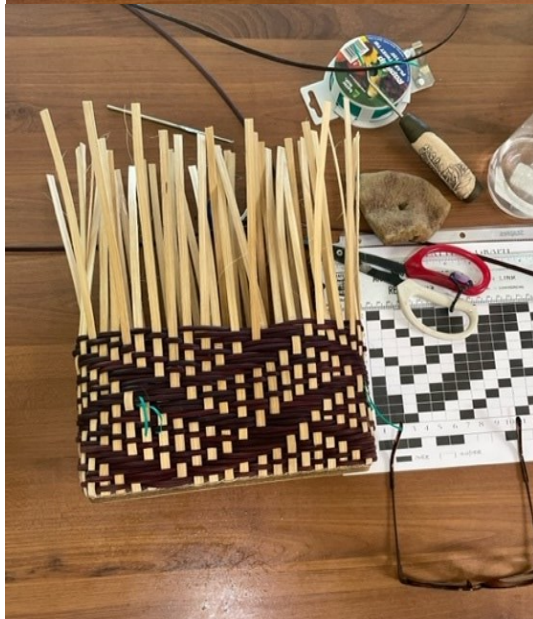
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Donated by: _____

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April Twill Purse class with Karen Olson—
it was a puzzler! But fascinating.



Victoria's, almost done!



Nettie's done!



Irish Creels and Coracles

Willow creels and coracles are made with the same techniques - Spokes driven into damp soil then willow wefts woven around. The creels were made for heavy loads such as peat, the coracles were covered with hide and used as boats.



For further information on Irish and Welsh creel and coracle techniques see—
Big Green Weaving—<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/creel>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbQDR_27XbY (does cost)
OR -
<https://wildernessawareness.org/articles/how-to-build-a-coracle/>
<https://ruralskillstrust.wordpress.com/2015/04/27/irish-creels-the-woven-load-bearing-basket/>

2024 Truckee Maker Show

Sunday June 9th, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

We are inviting makers to participate in the Maker Show, a collaborative celebration of our community's creative ecosystem. The event generally brings in over 1200 attendees and is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your projects.

There are several ways to participate:

Host a Non-Vending Booth with no Booth Fee:

Host free all-day maker activity for adults or children

Host all-day demonstrate a craft or skill

Host Show & Tell of art, furniture, art cars, van conversions or anything you've made

There is NO Booth Fee for Individual Makers, Organizations, Nonprofits and local Small Businesses who host a booth. Hosts are not permitted to SELL or charge MONEY for anything, but are allowed to raise funds or accept donations for a specific project. Fill out the [Maker Activity Application](#)

This could be a good opportunity for our guild to promote basketry and the local natural materials used to weave baskets. We could possibly sign-up new members by having a demo day. If you would like to participate contact gbbreno@gmail.com.

Irish Creel Willow Workshop with Eli Goodwin June 4 & 5, 2024

An Irish Creel is a woven load bearing basket or gathering basket (not a fishing creel.) It is made in the opposite direction to traditional stake and strand flat based baskets. The stakes are put in the ground or a jig and the top of the basket is woven first. The creel does not have a woven border; instead an incredibly tight weave called the mouth-wale is used for the first round. For our class Eli will have us place our stakes in a garden pot filled with dirt. The pot should be straight sided and measure between 12–15” across the top of the pot. Weavers will be expected to provide their own garden pot and dirt. The creel can be finished with either an open bottom or closed bottom.

The two day class will be held at Karen Olson’s home at 4201 Fairview Rd, Reno, NV 89511. Sign-ups are open—registration is limited to 12. **The two day class is \$240** which includes the instructors fee and all the willow. **Half of the fee (\$120) is due upon sign-up**, with the balance due by May 17,2024 or you can pay the whole amount upon signing up.

You will need shears or clippers, knife, bodkin or large awl, metal or wooden rapping tool. For more information contact Sue Ann at samonte@charter.net or Karen at kvmikesell@hotmail.com.



**Jeana
Harrison
weaving
her creel**



April 4, 2024, GBB General Meeting Minutes submitted by Karen Olson

- Regular meeting at Sparks Masonic Center. The meeting was called to order at 10:11 am by Betty Hulse. Today's meeting was in person and zoom with 9 attendees in person and 5 on zoom. Prior minutes were approved.
- Treasurer's report by Karen Olson. At the end of March there was \$20,802.05 available in our funds, however most of that is designated toward the retreat in May (approximately \$12,500). Our current membership is around 65 members.
- Today's program, we will be weaving over milk cartons using cutup T-shirts. April Barber has arranged for a day at Alice Taylor School in Spanish Springs to teach children about weaving. This will be the same weaving on milk carton technique and she needs volunteers to assist. There will be 3 classes involved and the date is May 28.
- On April 18th, Karen Olson will be teaching a Flowing Twill Purse. Cost \$30 member fee plus \$35 for materials.
- Nettie reported there are currently 26 signed up for the May retreat and there are a few spots available for classes. Bring your silent auction items for the retreat at the May 2 meeting. Remember any dollars received help fund the following year's retreat.
- An Irish Creel Willow workshop with Eli Goodwin will be held June 4 & 5 at Karen Olson's home. Cost \$240.
- New business: Jennifer Jay reported on a Maker show to be held in Truckee on Sunday, June 9th. She will be sending more info.

Jennifer Jay found this excellent article on Reno artist Tia Flores in the Reno News & Review

<https://renonr.com/2024/03/27/humanitarian-mission-reno-artist-tia-flores-just-back-from-a-peruvian-village-saw-how-climate-change-and-covid-affect-a-vulnerable-population/>



Tia Flores recently returned from a trip to a remote village in the Amazon, where she taught local women crafting and business skills in an effort to help them become financially stable.

Photo/David Robert

The GBB Facebook page

is a platform for members and interested folks to share their love of basketry by sharing photos of their projects. It is also to share upcoming events including workshops, classes, meetings, and exhibits that would be of interest to GBB members and the public.

It is meant to be an encouraging, supportive, positive and safe place for all to use and enjoy. Please submit photos, news, events, etc. to GBBFBpage@gmail.com

Peggy Camp — manages the Facebook page.

2024 Officers and Committee Members

President: Betty Hulse
 Vice President : Vacant
 Guild Secretary: Vacant
 Treasurer: Karen Olson
 Membership: Betty Hulse

Board Chair: Trisha Work
 Board At Large: Nettie Fox
 Board At Large: Jennifer Jay
 Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone
 Board At Large: Lorrie Moore

Committees: Library: Lorrie Moore; Special Workshops: Sue Ann Monteleone; Exhibits & Shows;; Grants: Betty Hulse, Karen Olson; Raffle: Lorrie Moore; Website: Jennifer Jay; Newsletter Editors: Sue Ann Monteleone, Karen Olson.

If you are able to volunteer your service to help out GBB in any way, please contact Betty Hulse at 775-747-5794 or email to betty.hulse5@yahoo.com

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Great Basin Basketmakers Membership Application/Renewal

Annual Membership Dues:

Electronic newsletter recipients: ☐ Individual: \$25/year (\$10 additional/year for family membership)
 Hard Copy newsletter recipients: ☐ Individual: \$35/year (\$10 additional/year for family membership)

Date _____ Amount: \$ _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Name _____

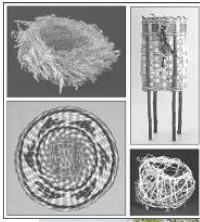
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Send this completed form and check payable to Great Basin Basketmakers and mail to:

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Texas roadside flowers

Great Basin Basketmakers Established January 1987

Meetings the first Thursday of each month at Sparks Masonic Center located at 2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV. Our new hours for meetings are 10 AM for our business meeting, followed by show and tell,, then a mini workshop. All are welcome and we will be providing ZOOM access for those members who can't attend the meeting.

Membership dues for Great Basin Basketmakers are \$25 per yr, \$10 extra per yr. for family membership (living at the same address), \$10 extra for a mailed newsletter. Membership includes monthly newsletter, access to large library and reduced workshop rates. Dues are to be paid annually in January.

Please direct address, email changes, membership dues, and requests for membership to GBB, 8175 S. Virginia St. #850, PMB 293, Reno NV 89511

Questions regarding workshops, events, etc. may be directed to our email at gbreno@gmail.com

or check our website at: www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org.

If you would like to submit to GBBs Facebook page please send to GBBFBpage@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.

