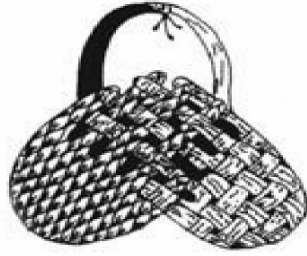


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Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



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JUNE 3, 2021

11:00 am—2 pm

Sparks Masonic Center + ZOOM

We are resuming our normal meeting time. Business meeting, Raffle, Show and Tell, Library checkouts and check-ins (don't forget those books to turn-in) and bring your lunch. This month we are having a sale of materials and items, which were donated to GBB from Eileen Brilliant's family. Proceeds of sales will go into GBB Scholarship funds.

Materials include reed, seagrass, willow, hemp, gourds and even some finished baskets.

So bring those \$\$\$.

Still taking sign-ups for the special workshops, please send in your fees if you haven't already paid. Thanks.

Wear your mask, except when speaking!!

Welcome New Members

Beverly Beers, Burns, OR

Lindsey Dick, Burns, OR

Next Month's Newsletter Editor:

Sue Ann Monteleone

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Please submit articles for

July/August newsletter by Jun 12





JUNE 2021

It was wonderful to see everyone at the Sparks Masonic Center in May and those who joined us on Zoom. In the future we will try to be more attentive to the Zoom camera so you are more involved in the activities. We are still learning. Also we received some feed-back that some people had difficulty hearing. I think we will continue to wear masks; however when you are speaking, please remove your mask and come to front of room so you can be heard and seen on the Zoom camera.

There were several who signed up for Karen Tembreull bark classes in November. When you sign up please remember to leave the money to cover the classes you have selected. Hope you take advantage of this opportunity to learn about various barks from a knowledgeable instructor! At this point there is still space in each class.

Look forward to seeing you in June. **Time of meeting has been changed to 11:00 (our regular time) so bring a sack lunch.**

Betty Hulse, President

The GBB Website

Be sure to check our website greatbasinbasketmakers.org for information regarding our organization. Information will be posted as it comes in.

Check back regularly for updates about our retreat, classes and programs.

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 is the new coordinator of the GBB Facebook Page.

"As a fiber artist focused in basketry, my medium is derived primarily from the environment. I am continuously inspired by the abundance of natural material that surrounds me, and find myself driven to experiment with barks, roots and fibers that seem to lend themselves to textile applications. Care and patience is necessary in the gathering and processing of the materials. I enjoy combining traditional basketry applications with other historical fibers arts and metalworking techniques such as: piecework, lace making, and fabrication. My basketry forms are a celebration of the harmony that is intertwined between these materials and traditional methods."

Karen Tembreull

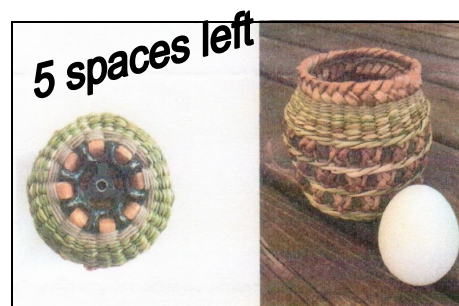
Coming in November

We are excited to announce that Karen Tembreull is coming to Reno to teach **November 3-6, 2021**. Karen is the owner of Barks & Roots Basketry located in L'Anse, Michigan. All classes are **\$45** for members and **\$55** for non-members and are limited to 12 students—there will be a waiting list once the class fills. Priority registration for members begins **May 6, 2021** on a first come first serve basis. If you are a non-member and are taking more than one class, please consider becoming a member @ \$25 for priority registration. After August 1st, class vacancies will be open to non-members. Please pay the class and material fee at the time of registration to reserve your space in the class. Checks can be made out to GBB. Bring to a meeting or mail to: GBB, PO Box 11844, Reno, NV 89510. Please contact or Karen Olson at kvmikesell@hotmail.com or Lorrie Moore at oolala1@charter.net if you have any questions concerning the classes or registering for these classes.

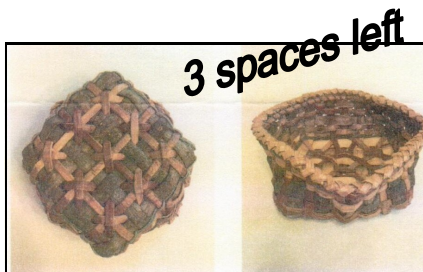
November 3, 2021 #1 Apple in the Pine (Material fee—\$85)

Level: Intermediate / Advanced (8 hours)

The base begins with a vintage spigot handle, threaded with Cedar bark. Twine the base with waxed cotton cord and iris leaves to upright. Using thinner Cedar and wider Willow bark learn the fun and challenging Japanese knot weave. A basic braid track border completes the piece. (4" x 4")



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November 4, 2021 #2 Fluted Constellation (Material fee—\$75)

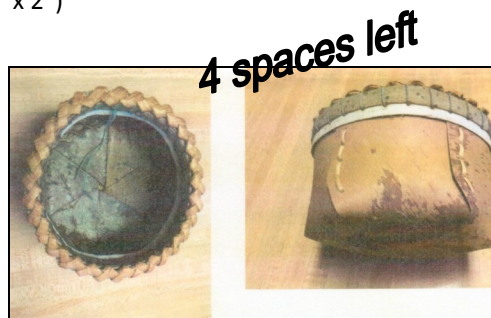
Level: Intermediate / Advanced (8 hours)

Beginning with a unique threaded base of Willow and Cedar barks; weave this sweet and functional basket with an interesting twist. The fluted sides and rim are resultant of a weave change to the basket. The braided Cedar rim enhances the overall flow. (6" x 6" x 2")

November 5, 2021 #3 Double Helix (Material fee—\$85)

Level: Intermediate (8 hours)

Students will heat fold and stitch a hexagonal Birch bowl with split Spruce roots. Next a spiraling liner of hexagonal to bias woven Willow or Cedar bark (or a combination) will be added. The braided rim of Cedar bark was taught to me by Dawn Walden. (6" x 3")



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November 6, 2021 #4 Barks on the Bias (Material fee—\$100)

Level: Intermediate (6 hours)

Students will learn to weave this non-traditional basket with thin Birch bark. Overlays of Poplar and Hemlock barks will be added for color and textural notes. The faux braided rim was taught to me by master basketmaker Dawn Walden and is executed with Cedar bark. A hanger handle is sewn and installed with fine brass washers to secure the stitching. (7" x 6" x 5")

June is Willow Month for GBB

We've been having fun with willow, since my return from Margaret Mathewson's at the end of April with a trailer full of willow for the June/July classes.



There is a variety of colors for the Wavy Willow Basket Class, as you can see from the photo on the left. The white willow is some that we cut at Idlewild Park earlier in the season. It's been peeled (something I learned to do which became addictive.) We do have a couple of bundles of willow in my freezer, which can be used for peeling in June for the wavy basket.



We've been making rings for the tension based tray class, these have been made using freshly cut willow. I want to thank Betty Hulse, Sue Ann Monteleone, Ann Taylor, Norma Darrough, Sandy Zoerner, Bonnie Kennedy, and Estelle Sandler for their help in constructing 43 various sized willow rings.



Some interesting tension type starts of Scottish willow baskets seen by Betty Hulse on her trip to Scotland several years ago with Jo Campbell-Amsler.



Margaret Mathewson's Willow Classes

WAVY Willow Basket

June 29 & 30, 2021

9 am—5 pm

Make a colorful wavy-patterned basket in "tapestry weave" and waling. We will use a mix of cured and fresh/frozen willows. Size will vary and no two will be alike.

Tools: sharp knife, large awl or bodkin, bypass style clippers or side snipers.

Fee: \$100

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Tension Based Willow Tray

July 1 & 2, 2021

9 am-4 pm

Day one: make a tension based tray using a pre-made willow ring. Choose to make a tray with or without an overhead handle.

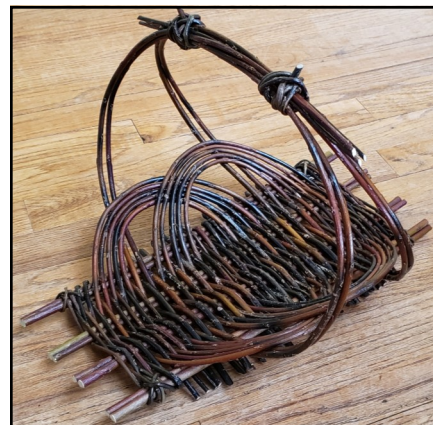
Day two: try your hand at making a Zarzo style tension tray (photo on the right.)

Should be a fun way to end four days of willow weaving.

Tools: sharp knife, large awl or bodkin, bypass style clippers or side snipers.

Fee: \$100

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Zarzo Style Tension Tray made by Sue Ann Monteleone



GBB Board Meeting, May 5, 2021, via Zoom

Present: Betty Hulse, Karen Olson, Pam Wilcox, Lorrie Moore, and Sue Ann Monteleone Betty chaired the meeting in the absence of Trisha Work, chair.

Future meetings: Board decided to have meetings at Sparks Masonic Center on our regular meeting days 1st Thurs and 3rd Thurs for classes in the following time & months : June 3; July no meeting; August 5 & 20; September 2 & 16; October 7; November 3,4,5,& 6 classes with Karen Tembreull. Sign ups for Karen's classes have begun and all information is in newsletter.

In July there will tulle gathering outing with Trisha. Date and Time decided later. There may be other activities planned during the summer.

Margaret Mathewson willow classes will be June 29 & 30, the Wavy Willow Basket; July 1 & 2, Tension Base Tray, both classes are almost full. All classes will be held in Karen Olson's garden and Karen is hosting Margaret..

Notes: Betty Hulse

Addendum 5-6-2021

As a way of thanking Karen for all she has done and will continue to do for Margaret's classes--hauling & soaking willow for classes, hosting Margaret, having us in garden for 4 days, "I move Karen not pay any fees for taking the 4 days of classes." Karen has been so generous and saved those of us who are taking Margaret's classes a lot of money by hauling and preparing willow. It is only a small gift we can give her!

Response: Motion passed via email responses on 5-8-21 from Pam, Lorrie, Trish, Sue Ann, & Betty

May 6, 2021 GBB General Meeting Minutes submitted by Sandy Zoerner

Meeting held at Sparks Masonic Center.

Meeting called to order by president Betty Hulse at 10:00 am. April meeting minutes approved. 14 members present plus 4 attending via ZOOM. In-person meetings also planned for June & August.

Activity Reports: May 13 meet at Karen's home to make more Willow Rings. This will be preparation for Margaret Mathewson workshops scheduled for June 29 & 30, July 1 & 2. Sign up sheets for Margaret's workshops are available now.

April and Jasmine picked up Eileen Brilliant's basketry materials which will be available to members during the June meeting. Eileen passed away a couple years ago and her family donated the materials to the guild. Trisha is checking out the tulle in the Sierra Valley region for possible cutting in July.

Sign up sheets are available for Karen Tembreull's workshops in November. Please pay your fees when you sign up. Since the workshops are scheduled November 3-6, there will be no regular meeting that month.

Library Report by Pam Wilcox: The library is readily available during the meeting. Please return any outstanding books you may have. When you bring your book back, please put the card back into the pocket inside the book. Thank you.

Retreat by Karen: Cancelled retreats from the last 2 years is tentatively rescheduled for May 17-20, 2022. We will all be looking forward to our time at Zephyr Point again.

Program: Neal and Lindsay from Reno Food Systems presented a wonderful program on their plans for a garden plot dedicated to willow and native plants that are used in basketry, dying, culinary, etc. They are looking for volunteers to assist in their venture. The site is located at 3295 Mayberry Dr.

Check out their website: RenoFoodSystems.org.

2021 Officers and Committee Members

President: Betty Hulse	Board Chair: Trisha Work
Vice President : Vacant	Board At Large: Paula Pennington
Guild Secretary: Sandy Zoerner	Board At Large: Pam Wilcox
Treasurer: Karen Olson	Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone
Membership: Janice Johnson	Board At Large: Lorrie Moore

Committees: Classes: Bonnie Kennedy, Ann Taylor; Library: Pam Wilcox; Special Workshops: Lorrie Moore; Exhibits & Shows; Grants: Betty Hulse, Susan Lester, Karen Olson; Raffle: Sandy Zoerner; Website: Susan Lester; 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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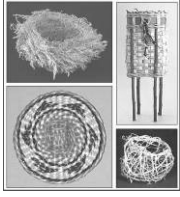
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Great Basin Basketmakers Established January 1987

Meetings the first Thursday of each month at Sparks Masonic Center located at 2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV; business meeting will begin at 11 AM, there will also be a ZOOM connection. All are welcome.

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, PO Box 11844, Reno, NV 89510.

Questions regarding workshops, events, etc. may be directed to GBB president, Betty Hulse at betty.hulse5@yahoo.com or check our website at: www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org.

Information to be exchanged among GBB members may be directed to: gbbreno@gmail.com.

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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.

