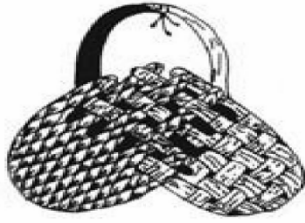


Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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ZOOM

May 7, 2026
11 am—3:30 pm
Sparks Masonic Center

Join us for our general meeting and show and tell of our recent classes, there will be many interesting varieties.

We will be gathering donations for the Retreat silent auction at the May 7 meeting.

Remember that even those not attending the retreat can contribute and support the GBB.

Donations should be basketry related—baskets, tools, books, supplies, etc.



Beautiful retreat donation by Sue Yamins.

June Newsletter Editor:
Karen Olson
kvmikesell@hotmail.com
Please submit articles for
the June newsletter
by May 12

OPEN STUDIO—HEX DO-OVER
with Karen Olson
MAY 21, 2026
Sparks Masonic Center
9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Please join us if you have an unfinished project. Usually there is someone available to help or answer questions.

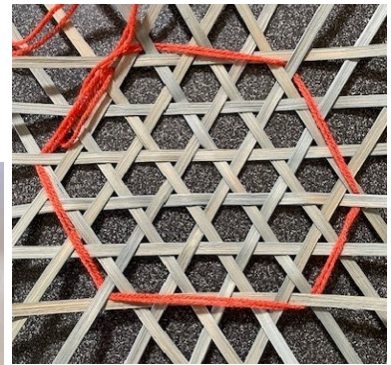
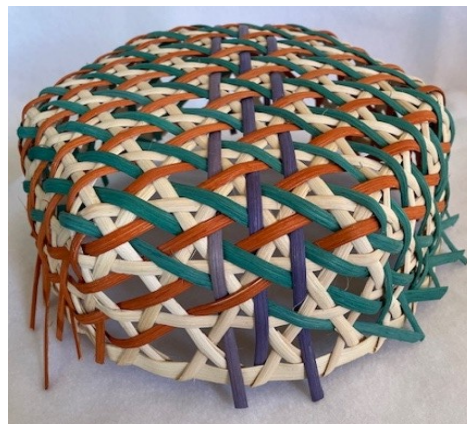
If you previously took the Hex Basket class and would like a do-over (it always helps to make a second basket to get the gist of the project) please sign-up for the Do-over class at no charge. I've been practicing and I think you all are at the intermediate level, so it should be a breeze and definitely make more sense. We will be using all the same size reed which should flow together better. I will be dying reed for the baskets, so please drop me an email designating your special three colors.

If you did not take the previous Hex Class and are interested in learning the basket, we might be able to schedule a special class this summer. Please email me with your interest at kvmikesell@hotmail.com.

Skill level – Intermediate

Tools - Small awl, scissors, spray bottle or sponge, and towel.

Don't forget your lunch!



Upcoming Projects -

Pine Needles in June - Nettie will help us start a pine needle basket for the meeting program, and Bonnie will help us build the rest of the basket for the third Thursday class.

Arttown in July - We will invite the public to join us to make garlic baskets





2026 GBB Retreat at Lake Tahoe

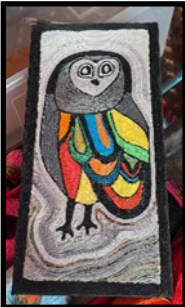
Registration Closed!

GBB Annual Retreat at the Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in South Lake Tahoe, taking place May 12th through the 15th.

Please remember to bring your Silent Auction items to our next GBB meeting on May 7. Even if you are unable to attend the retreat this year, your contributions are greatly appreciated. The funds raised from the raffle and silent auction will go toward the deposit for next year's event.

If you have any questions, please contact Nettie Fox at (530) 906-0038 or email at keepitwild@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!



March Paper Weaving Class



Everyone had fun learning pine needle medallions with Gayleen Roy at the April meeting. We had new members and guests who are very talented.





March Hex Class—what a challenge!



April Fine Tule Workshop



April 2, 2026 GBB General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by April Barber

Great Basin Basketmakers minutes, April 2, 2026

attendance: 17 in person at the Sparks Masonic building and 1 on Zoom.

Karen Olson called the meeting to order at 11:08 am.

The minutes from the March 5 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's report: by Karen. We have some extra money, so could look into a summer or fall class.

Membership: by Karen. We have 57 members.

Programs: Today Gayleen is leading us in creating a pine needle medallion. May 7 program will be retreat preparation, bring a basket to finish and make a nametag if you need one.

3rd Thursday classes: by Karen. On April 16 Sue Ann will teach a small basket from fine triangular tulle. May 21 we usually wouldn't have a workshop because Retreat is the week before, but we will have an open studio to come and work on finishing baskets starting at 9:30. Karen O. will bring materials to work on the hex baskets for those who started one in her class.

Special Workshops: nothing to report

Shows and Exhibits: The exhibit at the South Valleys Library will be taken down at the end of April. No other library exhibits are currently planned for this year.

Library Report: Lorrie says new books have arrived that members requested. A spreadsheet of our library books is available on our website. Books can be checked out for 2 months at a time. Cordage books are for sale \$5 and Weaving Naturally in the Great Basin book is available for \$16. There is a handout in the library of useful basketry tools and resources that may be helpful for new weavers. We will soon have some small basketry tools for sale in our library to help out beginners, as well. There are magazines and books available to take for free from donations.

Old Business: none

New business: by Nettie. The **GBB annual retreat** is coming up soon May 12-15. Please bring items to donate to the silent auction to the regular meeting May 7 or contact Nettie. Reminder that there is a raffle Wednesday evening of the retreat and the silent auction also closes Thursday evening. Bring cash or checks to participate in those exciting events.

- There are cards at the back to sign for members we are caring about.
- Nevada State Fair is June 11-14. Art may be entered until the April 30 deadline. statefair.nv.gov
- Nettie has info. about the Eldorado County Fair
- NBO has an online exhibit you can enter if you are a member, you can become a member online.
- Douglas County Historical Society has an Art on the Green event May 2 & 3 at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center in Gardnerville. We could have a booth there for \$60. A flier was passed around

Show and tell: Several members had items to show. Reminder that the items you donate to the raffle help pay for the cost of renting the room.

Adjourned at 12:08

2026 Officers and Committee Members

President: Karen Olson
Vice President : Vacant
Guild Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: April Barber

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

Committees: Library/Raffle: Lorrie Moore; Retreat: Nettie Fox; Grants: Betty Hulse, April Barber; Special Workshops: Sue Ann Monteleone; Newsletter Editors: Sue Ann Monteleone, Karen Olson, Website: Jennifer Jay.

If you are able to volunteer your service to help out GBB in any way, please contact Karen Olson at 775-843-1361 or email to kvmikesell@hotmail.com

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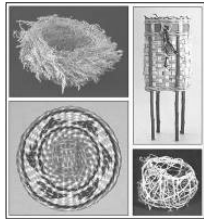
Send this completed form and check payable to Great Basin Basketmakers and mail to:

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Photo by Jennifer Jay

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 11 AM for our business meeting, followed by show & tell and bring your own lunch. A program/mini workshop begins at 12:30. 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.

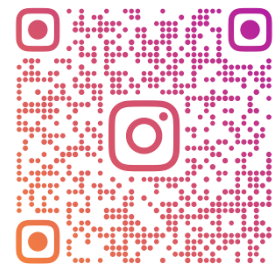
Please direct address, email changes, membership dues, and requests for membership to:

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Questions regarding workshops, events, etc. may be directed to our email at gbbreno@gmail.com or check our website at: www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org.

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.



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