

Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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Dues are due!

February 1, 2024
10 am—3 pm
Sparks Masonic Center

2024 Is Here! Great Basin Basketmakers Have a Class and Program Schedule!

Sorry the weather was not cooperating, and I could not welcome you to the Promenade for the meeting. Thanks to the ideas and generosity of instructors the program and workshop calendar is full for the year. I appreciate all your participation and I'm looking forward to the coming year and getting to know all of our new members and renewing old friendships! Betty Hulse

Since we have many new members it's time to make some new name tags, so the program for the February meeting will be Name Tag Construction, as well as some woven hearts to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Gourd shards will be available to make nametags. Please bring drills if you have one with a bit about the size of #3 round reed. There will be various reed scraps, natural materials. Bring ribbons, beads, buttons or ??? to make your name tag specially yours. Pin clasps are provided for nametags. Scissors, clippers, clips, & heavy-duty glue might be helpful. Material and directions for Valentines will be provided.



New members, Karen Huntoon and Jennifer Jay showing off their baskets.

Next Month's Newsletter Editor:
Sue Ann Monteleone
samonte@charter.net
Please submit articles for the
March newsletter by
February 15

Welcome New Member

Veda Keefe, Fernley

2024 Schedule

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| <p>1st Thursday—Jan 4, 2024 No Meeting—Open Studio Karen Olson, Leader Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—Jan 18, 2024 Double Criss-Cross Basket Karen Olson, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p> |
| <p>1st Thursday—Feb 1, 2024 Guild Meeting Name Tags – Betty Hulse, Leader Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—Feb 15, 2024 Four Square Tule Basket Sue Ann Monteleone, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p> |
| <p>1st Thursday—Mar 7, 2024 Guild Meeting Coat Hanger Fish – Betty Hulse & Karen Olson Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—Mar 21, 2024 Cherokee Wheel Market Basket Bonnie Kennedy, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p> |
| <p>1st Thursday—Apr 4, 2024 Guild Meeting—Retreat Silent Auction Items Milk Carton/T-Shirt Baskets – Karen Olson Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—Apr 18, 2024 Flowing Twill Tote Karen Olson, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p> |
| <p>1st Thursday—May 2, 2024 Guild Meeting—Prep for Retreat Cobweb Broom – Bonnie Kennedy Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—May 16, 2024 No Class</p> |
| <p>1st Thursday—Jun 6, 2024 Guild Meeting—Basketry Mash-Up Open Studio—Intro to Fitching Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—Jun 20, 2024 Zarzo Willow Tray Bonnie Kennedy & Betty Hulse, Instructors TBA</p> |
| <p>1st Thursday—Jul 4, 2024 Holiday—No Meeting</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—Jul 18, 2024 Abby's Tote Nettie Fox, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p> |
| <p>1st Thursday—Aug 1, 2024 Guild Meeting Open Studio Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—Aug 15, 2024 Willow and Tule Basket Sue Ann Monteleone & Betty Hulse, Instructors TBA</p> |
| <p>1st Thursday—Sep 5, 2024 Guild Meeting Rope Wisk Broom – Victoria James Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—Sep 19, 2024 Pine Needle Sampler Tray Betty Hulse, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p> |
| <p>1st Thursday—Oct 3, 2024 Guild Meeting Garlic Basket – Karen Olson Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—Oct 17, 2024 Small Cedar & Waxed Linen Pouch Jennifer Jay & Nettie Fox, Instructors Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p> |
| <p>1st Thursday—Nov 7, 2024 Guild Meeting Wire Medallion – April Barber & Karen Olson Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—Nov 21, 2024 TBA or Open Studio Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p> |
| <p>1st Thursday—Dec 5, 2024 Guild Meeting Christmas Potluck Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p> | <p>3rd Thursday—Dec 19, 2024 Happy Holidays—No Class</p> |

FOUR-SQUARE TULE BASKET

February 15, 2024

9:30 am—3:30 pm

Sparks Masonic Center

Instructor: Sue Ann Monteleone



This is a simple tule basket with a sixteen spoke start plaited in sets of four that requires no additional spokes added. The body is plain twining.

This should be a fun basket for beginners—if you don't know how to twine, this is a good one to learn on.

Tools—scissors, bone or wood awl (a chop stick will work), spray bottle or sponge, small towel.

Class fee—\$30.00 member, \$40 non-member

Materials fee- \$15.00

Contact Sue Ann at samonte@charter.net or 775-721-1817 to sign up.

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 has agreed to manage the Facebook page.

2024 GBB Retreat

Please come join us at beautiful Lake Tahoe for three days of weaving. This year's retreat fees for a shared room are **\$375**, this is only \$125 per night which includes all meals. What a bargain!! And what a location! A deposit of **\$100 by February 12th** will hold your space at the retreat. If you prefer a single room the fee is **\$570**. Confirmation email will be sent when payment is received. All final registration fees are due by **April 15, 2024**. The class fees are listed below.

Please make checks payable to: GBB, 8175 S. Virginia St. #850, PMB 293, Reno, NV, 89511.
Please complete one form per student. For more information call or text Nettie at 530-906-0038.

Cancellation/Refund Policy: A full refund of fees paid minus a processing fee of \$15 for one class and \$25 for 2 classes if cancelled before the 4/15/2024 deadline. No refunds after 4/15/2024 unless GBB cancels the retreat. Any cancellation must be in writing and mailed to: GBB, 8175 S. Virginia St. #850, PMB 293, Reno, NV 89511, or emailed to Nettie Fox at keepitwild@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership of \$25 required if not a current member: _____

Diet Restrictions: _____

Roommate: _____ Handicap Accessible room required: _____

Class request/Sign-ups, classes are limited to 12 students per class. No phone-in registrations accepted. Classes are based on a first come first serve basis, fees include materials. Please choose one class per day each class lasts all day.

Wednesday's Classes

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| Sampler Twined basket with Ann Taylor | \$65.00 | _____ |
| Coiled Yarn basket with Gayle Still | \$50.00 | _____ |

Thursday's Classes

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| Twined basket with Ann Taylor | \$60.00 | _____ |
| Pine Needle on leather center with Nettie Fox | \$50.00 | _____ |

Please enter your amounts below:

Retreat Fees \$ _____ + Class fees \$ _____ = Amount Due \$ _____

Payment \$ _____ Check # _____

I understand that a refund, minus the administrative fee, may be obtained until April 15, 2024. After this date, no refunds will be issued.

Participant Signature (required): _____ **Date:** _____

For more information about the annual retreat, check out our website: Greatbasinbasketmakers.org

2024 GBB Retreat Classes



Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Sampler Twined Basket

Ann Taylor

Class/Material Fee - \$65

This round reed basket is made on a 5 1/2" cherry wood base. A variety of 3 rod, 4 rod, and 5 rod patterns in a multitude of colors will result in a unique sampler basket. Tools: awl, sharp scissors, needle nose pliers, spray bottle, soaking tub.

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



Thursday, May 16, 2024

Twined Basket

Ann Taylor

Class/Material Fee - \$60

Using one pattern from the sampler basket and a color of your choice, make a basket on a 5 1/2" cherry wood base. A decorative rim will finish off the basket. Tools: awl, sharp scissors, needle nose pliers, spray bottle, soaking tub.



Thursday, May 16, 2024

Pine Needle Basket/with Leather Center

Nettie Fox

Class/Material Fee - \$50

Students will learn how to coil pine needles onto a 3" leather center with your color choice of synthetic sinew, while also learning different decorative stitches and wrapping techniques.

Beads, shells, and feathers will be available to use as embellishments, or bring your own.

Tools: Small sharp scissors.



Message Center

We are planning a special **Willow Workshop—June 4 & 5, 2024 with Eli Goodwin** of Oregon. He will be teaching an Irish Creel (not a fishing creel) similar to the one Sue Ann made in Oregon last summer. It's an interesting technique—building a basket from the rim down or upward since the spokes or stakes are placed in a garden pot filled with dirt.

The two day class will be held at Karen Olson's home in south Reno and cost \$240. For more information contact Sue Ann, sign-ups will begin in February.



We are planning to use garden pots no larger than 15" across, since we will be using smaller willow than shown in the photos.

Weavers will be expected to bring their own black garden pot and dirt.

The baskets can be finished with either an open bottom or closed bottom.



Future events for the coming year:

Tule gathering during the summer months after the ditches have dried up a bit.

A 3-day workshop with **Cael Chappell at St Mary's Art Center, October 8-10, 2024.** Twining with Waxed Linen Thread—learn color patterning, weaving short rows, inverse triple twining, shaping with sharp turns and soft turns.



Twined waxed linen baskets woven by Trisha Work and her sister, Nancy at the November guild meeting.

**Sample of
Cael's designs**



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 _____

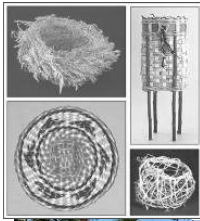
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

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

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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. 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 gbbreno@gmail.com
or check our website at: www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org.

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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.

