

Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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August 5, 2021 GBB Guild Meeting

11-2:00 pm

Sparks Masonic Center + Zoom

Join us for our business meeting, show & tell, raffle and bring your lunch.
We will have a brief program making a simple tule wall bag with some of the
tule we gathered in Sierra Valley.

Bring what you've been working on this summer!

Only a few spaces left for the November workshops with Karen Tembreull,
So don't get left out, might be the last chance to sign-up!!!!



Welcome to New Member

Gayleen Roy, Dayton, NV

and returning member

Bonnie Murphy, Las Vegas, NV

Next Month's Newsletter Editor:

Karen Olson

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Please submit articles for
September newsletter by
August 12

2021 Retreat Update

I just got word from Zephyr Point Conference Center that we received our requested dates of May 17-20, 2022 for our next retreat and a new contract will be forth coming. Some things have changed and some have remained the same; the same will be Tallac for housing and Echo Peak as our conference room. The change is a small food cost increase and a more significant increase in the cost of the rooms. The rooms have increased from \$110 a night to \$130, with no difference in the charge for the number of the people in the rooms. This means we will see an increase in our base cost next year, which will be \$310 ($\$65 \times 3 = \190) per person for three nights and 8 meals (\$112.50 increased to \$115.00.)

However: its still a bargain, especially considering the setting.

During Margaret Mathewson's willow classes, participants commented on how much they liked her teaching methods and were enjoying working with willow, a suggestion was made that she come back to the retreat to teach. We have extended an invitation to Margaret, to return to our annual retreat in 2022 as our guest instructor. She is working on some ideas for weaving projects with willow, bark and other natural materials. Details will be forth coming this Fall.

We are also looking for ideas for other projects at the retreat, maybe some older ones or new ones. If you would like to teach or request a particular project please contact me. I especially liked the twined rattle dolls and the willow goddess figures. Wire or waxed linen might be a fun project—so put on your thinking caps.

Looking forward to the 2022 retreat,
Karen Olson

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 has agreed to manage the Facebook page.

August 5, 2021 Meeting Program - **Tule Wall Bag**

Bring:

Soaked tule - 12 spokes, about 20" long, 1/2" wide
20 weavers, at least 30" long, 1/4-3/8" wide

Scissors, towel, spray bottle

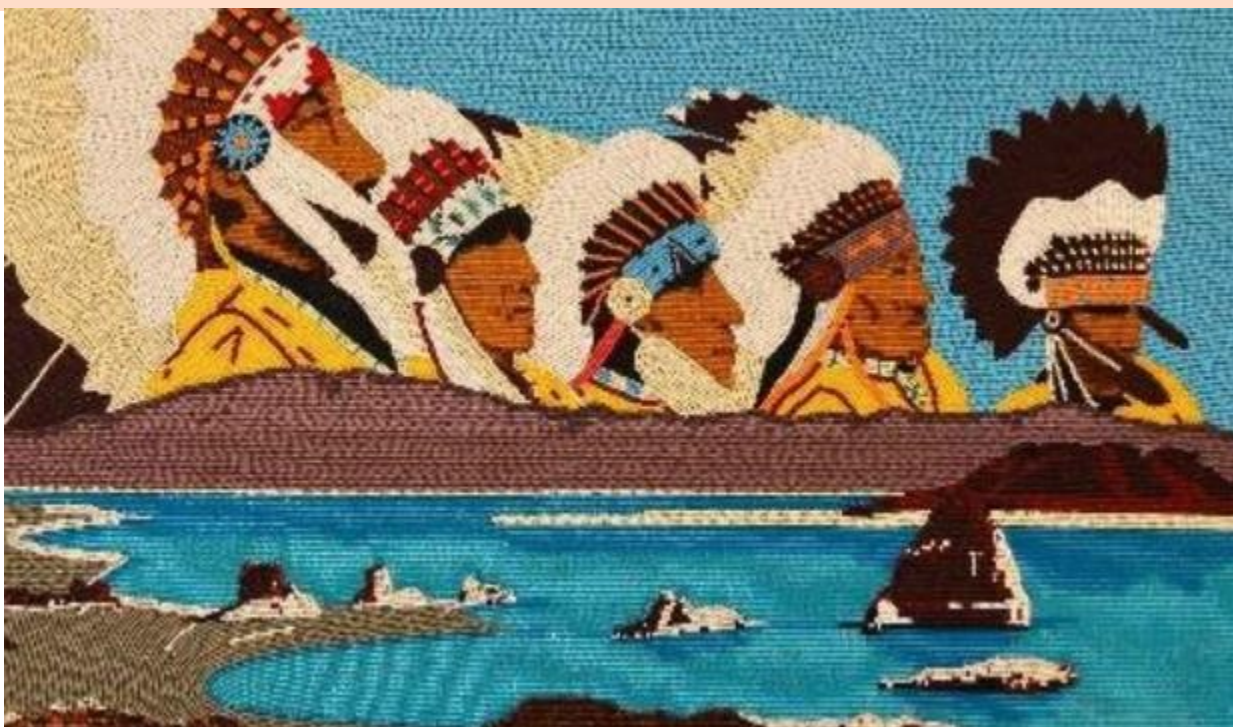
If you gathered tule last week and let it dry it should be okay to use. Soak dry tule the night before and when pliable wrap in a damp towel. Do not keep damp more than 1 day at a time, allow to air at night if you don't finish your project



Wednesday August 18 10:30

**Tour Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum
and
The Great Basin Native Artists Gallery
Currently featuring *Beads: Indigenous Beadwork of the Great Basin***

Meet at Stewart Indian School, 1 Jacobsen Way, Carson City, NV 89701



Beadwork by Burton Pete

"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 5th, 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

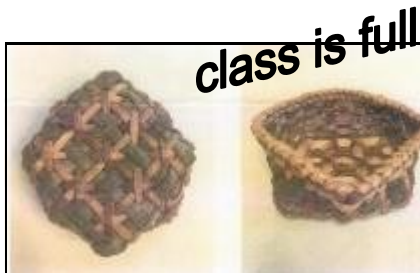
November 3, 2021 #1 Apple in the Pine (Material fee—\$85)

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")



3 spaces left



class is full

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

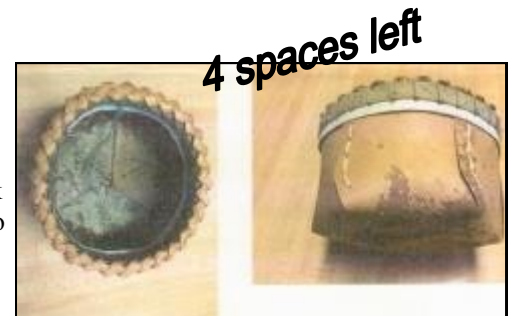
Level: Intermediate / Advanced (8 hours)

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")



4 spaces left



5 spaces left

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")

THE WILLOW SAGA



Willow for our classes traveled nearly 500 miles.

Karen Olson picked it up at Margaret Mathewson's farm in Alsea, Oregon. Then it was stored, sorted and soaked in Karen's canoe and a huge tub that she and her family built.

Then they hosted the class in their lovely backyard where we all enjoyed the cats, alpacas, chickens, and the fabulous thunderstorm.





Willow Weaving with Margaret Mathewson







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Great Basin Basketmakers General Membership Meeting, June 3, 2021 Minutes

June 3, 2021 GBB General Meeting Minutes submitted by Sandy Zoerner. Meeting held at Masonic Center in Sparks. Meeting called to order by president Betty Hulse at 11:00 am. 16 members present plus 4 attending via ZOOM. No meeting in July, next in-person meeting planned for August.

Treasurer's report by Karen O: Currently there is \$14,170.39 in checking and savings. This includes income received toward special classes. Website and building rental has been paid for the year. The true balance in our accounts is approximately \$8000 once the fees are paid out for the special classes.

Business & Activity Reports: The board revised the policy on special workshops. They are to be self-supporting with the costs to be equally divided amongst the participants and there will be no refunds once the contract has been secured with the instructor.

There currently is a need for a raffle person to secure items for the raffle, select items for raffle, and sell tickets.

There is a need for instructors for August and September classes. If interested, see Ann. There are a few spaces available for Margaret's workshops in June/July and Karen's workshops in November.

There will be a tule gathering July 15 in Sierra Valley coordinated by Trisha. Possible tule class in August or September.

There is a craft sale at Molly's Saturday 9-3.

Materials donated from Eileen Brilliant's family have been sorted and priced. Look for those treasures you have been needing. Some items are being saved to raffle during our retreat next year.

Library Report by Pam Wilcox: There are still several outstanding books which need to be returned. When you bring your book back, please put the card back into the pocket inside the book. Thank you. There are some tools and molds available also.

Opportunities for Basket makers: We can provide demonstrations and distribute brochures during Reno Food Systems Sunday market from 10-2. Making lavender wands was one of the suggestions. More opportunity for demonstrations is during the Art Festival in September in Carson City.

A wonderful show and tell was presented by our talented members followed by lunch and visits with old friends.



The great downpour and our rescuer

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

Arnies Arts N Crafts Located Houghton Lake, MI www.basketpatterns.com 800-563-2356
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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 _____

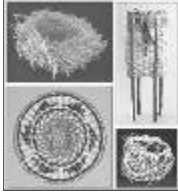
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Great Basin Basketmakers Established January 1987

Meetings the first Thursday of each month at Sparks Masonic Center located at 2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV. Business meeting begins at 11:00 AM, there will also be a ZOOM link if you can't attend.

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.

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.

