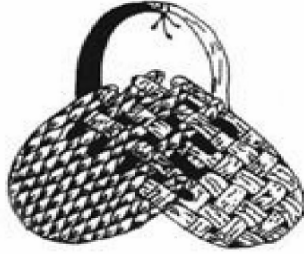


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Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



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**February 6, 2025
10 am—3 pm
Sparks Masonic Center**

2025 Dues

Kumihimo- The Art of Japanese Braiding

Come to the February 6th GBB program and learn about the art of Japanese braiding called Kumihimo. While Kumihimo is rich in tradition, it is also an exciting way to make braided jewelry and embellishments for many projects. These beautiful braids can be constructed of all fiber, a combination of fiber & beads or all beads. I will bring many, many samples showing a variety of braid structures and the ways I use Kumihimo in my creations.

I will show you the different tools used to make Kumihimo braids, specifically the foam disk as well as the traditional braiding stand called a Marudai. I will bring some disks for your use in class. If you have your own Kumihimo disk, please bring it. If you want to take a disk home with you, I will have some available for purchase for \$3. I will also bring some braiding fiber and if you have any yarn or cord (about 1mm or less in size) please bring it. Scissors and tape measure would be good to have too. You will have a chance to braid a sample that could be used as a key fob or possibly a braid to decorate your name tag or one of your baskets! The possibilities are truly endless. *Karen Huntoon*



WEATHER ALERT AND CANCELLATION POLICY: If the Washoe County schools have been closed due to bad weather we will also cancel our meetings and/or classes.

January 2, 2025. GBB minutes

- ◆ Betty Hulse called meeting to order. Welcomed 10 members after the Holidays. Because of vision difficulties, she asked Karen Olson to chair the meeting.
- ◆ Karen's treasurer's report assets \$10,184, not including 2025 dues.
- ◆ May 13-16 retreat at Lake Tahoe is in Jan. newsletter. Retreat cost for shared room is \$405 and single room \$640. Sign up now to get your class choices. Veda Keefe, Mary Goo, & Bonnie Kennedy volunteered to help with Silent Auction and Betty with Raffle. Members will help make up the basket kits for the Raffle.
- ◆ Programs: Karen showed plaited paper items for today's program; February program Karen Huntoon: Kumihimo braiding; March, cedar bark preparation by Bonnie Kennedy.
- ◆ Library exhibits: Spanish Springs, May and June, Betty and Mary are organizing setup; Sparks Library, July and August, Janelle and Betty, organizers.
- ◆ Show/Tell showed several creative ideas for Programs and Classes. Thanks to Mary for displaying raffle items.
- ◆ After lunch break, planning for 2025 Programs and Classes continued. Betty, recorder.



Library Exhibit Schedule 2025
Spanish Spring Library—May-June
Sparks Library—July-August

March Newsletter Editor:
Sue Ann Monteleone
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Please submit articles by
February 12

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.

February 20, 2025
Copper Wire Basket
9:30 am—3:30 pm
Sparks Masonic Center
April Barber, Instructor

This delightful little basket is made from coated copper wire with glass seed beads. Several different weaving techniques will be taught in this intermediate level class. Please bring wire cutters, smooth jaw pliers and a small metal file if you have one.

Don't forget your lunch.

For further info and/or questions please email April at ecolgeo@yahoo.com. Make all checks out to April Barber.

Class Fee: \$35 mem/\$40 non-mem

Material Fee: \$10



SHOW AND TELL

Ideas for 2025 workshops.



Donate to the Meeting Raffles—The fun raffles at our meetings help pay for the room rental. Please contribute basketry related items so we can continue the fun. Baskets, materials, books, tools, etc.

2025 GBB Retreat at Lake Tahoe

Please come join us at **May 13 – 16, 2025** at beautiful **Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center**, located on the east shore of Lake Tahoe for three days of weaving. This year’s retreat fees for a shared room are **\$405**, this is only \$135 per night which includes all meals. What a bargain!! And what a location! A deposit of **\$100 by February 6th** will hold your space at the retreat. If you prefer a single room the fee is **\$640**. Confirmation email will be sent when payment is received. All final registration fees are due by the general meeting on **April 3, 2025**. The class fees are listed below.

Please make checks payable to: GBB Mail to: GBB, PMB 293, 8175 S. Virginia St. #850, 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 4/3/2025 deadline. No refunds after 4/3/2025 unless GBB cancels the retreat. Any cancellation must be in writing and mailed to: GBB, PMB 293, 8175 S. Virginia St. #850, 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

Basic Introduction to New Zealand Flax with Debbie McClelland	\$60.00 _____
Two Tension Trays and/or Bread Boat Tray with Margaret Mathewson	\$85.00 _____

Thursday’s Classes

Mad Weave Mats/Baskets with Debbie McClelland	\$50.00 _____
Spiral weave and/or Starburst pattern tray with Margaret Mathewson	\$75.00 _____

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 3, 2025. After this date, no refunds will be issued.

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

Debbie McClelland from Nanaimo, British Columbia will be joining us this year to introduce us to New Zealand Flax and test our patience with Mad Weave.



Wednesday, May 14—9 am to 5 pm

Basic Introduction to New Zealand Flax

This workshop focuses on how to gather and prepare New Zealand flax. We will make several small pouches to learn diagonal plaiting and a four corner container.

Class + Material Fees: \$60

Tools Needed: Scissors, bobby pins or small toothless clips.

Thursday, May 15—9am to 5 pm

Mad Weave Mats

This workshop explores mad weave patterns using colored paper strips. Different color combinations result in quite different pattern perspectives even though they are woven the same way.

This class is for all level of weavers.

Class + Material Fees: \$50

Tools Needed: Scissors, bobby pins or small toothless clips.



Margaret Mathewson is returning this year from her home in Alsea, Oregon to create some willow wonders with us.



Wednesday, May 14—9 am to 5 pm

Two Tension Trays and/or Bread Boat Tray

This class is a beginners intro to willow work but will also be fun for more experienced weavers. Make either or both of these—a basic round tension tray with an optional twined finishing and handles, and/or a boat shaped rib work bread basket tray.

Class + Material Fee (some rings and ribs precut): \$85

Tools Needed: Clippers or garden snips, small sharp knife (or locking pocket knife), and awl, small strong clips like mini wood clamps, at least four.

Thursday, May 15—9am to 5 pm

Spiral Weave and/or Starburst Pattern Tray

This class will include a basic flat start in twining and plain weave in 2 colors. Students may then either continue to add spokes and make a large round tray or wall hanging with a sunburst pattern, or make a spiral weave (also referred to as Corn Dolly weave) small basket or tray, or both. More challenging than day one.

Class + Material Fee: \$75

Tools Needed: Same as the tension tray class + a heavy spoke weight.



<p>1st Thursday—Jan 2, 2025 Guild Meeting—Twill Patterns Karen Olson, Leader Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—Jan 16, 2025 Paper Play Karen Olson, Leader Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p>
<p>1st Thursday—Feb 6, 2025 Guild Meeting Kumihimo Braiding—Karen Huntoon Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—Feb 20, 2025 Copper Wire Basket April Barber, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p>
<p>1st Thursday—Mar 6, 2025 Guild Meeting Cedar Bark Prep—Bonnie Kennedy Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—Mar 20, 2025 Cedar Bark Basket Bonnie Kennedy, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p>
<p>1st Thursday—Apr 3, 2025 Guild Meeting—Retreat Silent Auction Items Wrapping on Pebbles--Victoria James Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—Apr 17, 2025 Making a Bird House Bonnie Kennedy & Karen Olson, Instructors Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p>
<p>1st Thursday—May 1, 2025 Guild Meeting—Prep for Retreat Handle Raffle Kits & Silent Auction Items Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—May 15, 2025 No Class GBB Retreat at Lake Tahoe May 13—16, 2025</p>
<p>1st Thursday—Jun 5, 2025 Guild Meeting Twirling 7 Braid—Betty Hulse Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—Jun 19, 2025 Retreat Raffle Handles Class Karen Olson, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30-3:30 pm</p>
<p>1st Thursday—Jul 3, 2025 Guild Meeting UFO Project Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—Jul 17, 2025 Tule Bowl with Plaited Border Sue Ann Monteleone, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p>
<p>1st Thursday—Aug 7, 2025 Guild Meeting Beaded Earrings – Gayleen Roy Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—Aug 21, 2025 Choctaw Elbow Wall Basket Nettie Fox, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p>
<p>1st Thursday—Sep 4, 2025 Guild Meeting Pine Needle Project – Trisha Work Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—Sep 18, 2025 Double Wall Basket Janelle Raabe, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p>
<p>1st Thursday—Oct 2, 2025 Guild Meeting Coiled Project – April Barber Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—Oct 16, 2025 Small Baguette Basket TBD Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p>
<p>1st Thursday—Nov 6, 2025 Guild Meeting Star Ornaments – Veda Keefe Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—Nov 20, 2025 Small Willow Rib Basket Sue Ann Monteleone, Instructor Sparks Masonic—9:30 am-3:30 pm</p>
<p>1st Thursday—Dec 4, 2025 Guild Meeting Christmas Potluck & Gift Exchange? Sparks Masonic—10 am-3 pm</p>	<p>3rd Thursday—Dec 18, 2025 Happy Holidays—No Class</p>

2025 Officers and Committee Members

President: Betty Hulse	Board Chair: Trisha Work
Vice President : Vacant	Board At Large: Nettie Fox
Guild Secretary: Vacant	Board At Large: Jennifer Jay
Treasurer: Karen Olson	Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone
Membership: Betty Hulse	Board At Large: Lorrie Moore

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Name _____

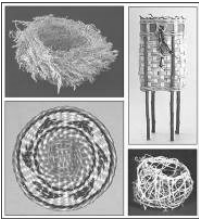
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Meetings the first Thursday of each month at Sparks Masonic Center located at 2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV. Our new hours for meetings are 10 AM for our business meeting, followed by show and tell,, then a mini workshop. All are welcome and we will 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:

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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.

