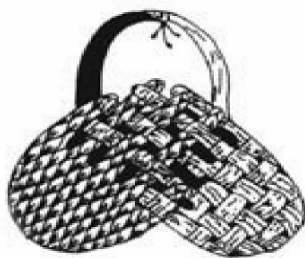


# Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



## Newsletter

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# ZOOM

**June 6, 2024**  
**10 am—3 pm**  
**Sparks Masonic Center**

Our general business meeting will begin at 10:00 am, followed by the show and tell session. Presentation will begin after lunch.

We are having a Material's Mash-up (Jen's term for exchange.) Bring any materials which you have no plans for using (in other words get rid of.) No money involved, just a friendly give away.

Eli Goodwin will be joining us for a talk and demonstration about another willow weaving technique referred to as Fitching. Fitching is a method of twining (pairing) with fine whole willow rods creating a beautiful strong carrying basket.

**Summer Newsletter Editor:**  
**Karen Olson**  
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**Please submit articles for the**  
**Summer newsletter by**  
**June 12**



**Irish Creel Willow Workshop  
with Eli Goodwin  
June 4 & 5, 2024  
9:30 am—3:30 pm**



For our class Eli will have us place our stakes in a garden pot filled with dirt. The pot should be straight sided and measure between 12–15” across the top of the pot. Weavers will be expected to provide their own garden pot and dirt. The creel can be finished with either an open bottom or closed bottom.

The two day class will be held at Karen Olson’s home at 4201 Fairview Rd, Reno, NV 89511. Take exit 61—South Virginia St, go right to Holcomb Ranch Lane. Turn right then go about a mile and one half to Dryden Dr (after two S-curves) turn left at the ginormous new house construction. Take the first right onto Fairview Rd, up the hill to the stop sign. We are on the southwest corner of Lamay and Fairview (brown and brick house.)

Registration is limited to 12. **The two day class is \$240** which includes the instructors fee and willow.

You will need shears or clippers, knife, bodkin or large awl, metal or wooden rapping tool. Bring your own lunch or a salad to share for a potluck—also bring your own folding chair.

For more information contact Sue Ann at [samonte@charter.net](mailto:samonte@charter.net) or Karen at [kvmikesell@hotmail.com](mailto:kvmikesell@hotmail.com).

**Zarzo Basket**  
June 20, 2024  
9:30 am-3:30 pm  
60 Greenstone Dr  
Reno, NV

Come join Betty Hulse and Bonnie Kennedy in making a Zarzo basket. We will be meeting at Bonnie’s house on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The address is 60 Greenstone Drive, Reno, NV.

The Zarzo basket is a fun and very interesting technique using willow. It is a very fun basket to make and we should finish. If you haven’t woven with willow this is a great basket for a first time willow weaver. We would love to see you and hopefully the weather is going to be cooperative on the 20<sup>th</sup>.



The price is \$50.00 for members, and \$55.00 for non-members. If you are interested there will be a sign up sheet at the June meeting or you can contact Bonnie at 775-762-6583 or send her an email to [b.kennedy1254@yahoo.com](mailto:b.kennedy1254@yahoo.com).



## GBB Zephyr Point Retreat 2024

I had a marvelous time at the retreat. It was hard to choose the right superlatives because I felt many of them—joyous, wonderful, happy, and validated about the guild members and weaving together. Spring has just sprung at Tahoe with blooms, no wind, and lovely sunsets.

As a long-time weaver, I learned new techniques from Ann Taylor's reed sample basket designs and in Nettie's coiled pine needle class. We started with a center leather design of a pine cone. Gayle Still's coiled baskets were individually designed with soft rope and colorful yarn.

Special thanks to Nettie who was retreat chair, planned instructors and was auction arranger; Karen who keeps reservations and class sign-ups; Trisha for name tags and keys; Kaylee for overseeing raffle. Unknown members who donated door prizes and the raffle kits. Thanks to your auction items it was a financial success and a down payment for next year's retreat!

I appreciated the members efficiency during set-up and the clean-up crew.

**Willow Bark baskets**  
**Mark your 2025 calendars for next year's retreat—May 13-16.**

*Betty Hulse, President*



Sandy Z scored a Bald Eagle.



# 2024 GBB RETREAT

## COILED YARN BASKETS WITH GAYLE STILL



*We had an excellent time this year! The classes were terrific, the food was good and the weather was fabulous.*

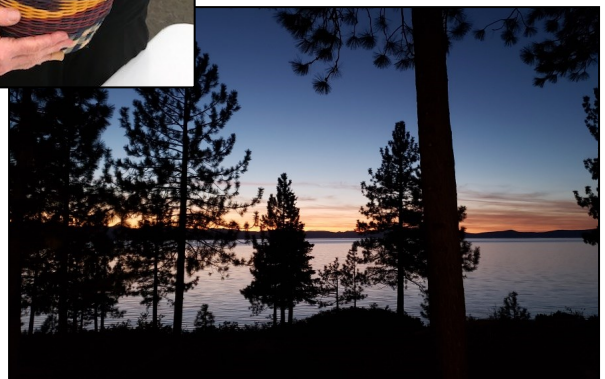
## COILED PINE NEEDLE BASKETS WITH NETTIE FOX







**DESIGNING YOUR UNIQUE  
SAMPLER BASKET  
WITH ANN TAYLOR**



May 2, 2024, GBB Regular Meeting at Sparks Masonic Center. Minutes submitted Betty Hulse. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Betty Hulse. Attendees 11 in person: no zoom today.

Minutes from April meeting approved as printed in newsletter. No treasurer's report.

Nettie reviewed retreat instructions: travel, parking, time of arrival, not before 3:45, daily schedule. Twenty-six registered. Please bring auction items to the retreat.

Today's program: Bonnie K showed the broom she will teach: \$15 material fee for long-handled web-broom.

Special 2-day Class: Irish Creel Willow Workshop with Eli Goodwin June 4 & 5, 2024. Sue Ann described, showed, and reported. The two-day class will be held at Karen Olson's home at 4201 Fairview Rd, Reno, NV 89511. Sign-ups are open and registration is limited to 12. The two-day class is \$240 which includes the instructor's fee and all the willow. Half of the fee (\$120) is due upon sign-up.

Sue Ann announced Eli Goodwin will demonstrate willow Fitching at Thursday, June 6 GBB meeting.

June Class third Thursday: Bonnie K. showed pictures of the Zarzo willow basket tray. The class is Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Bonnie's home, 60 Greenstone Dr, Reno. Cost: \$35.00 for members; \$40.00 for non-members; \$15.00 material fee. Contact [bbkennedy@charter.net](mailto:bbkennedy@charter.net) to sign-up. There was fun show and tell, new members introduced themselves, and raffle.



The May meeting  
broom workshop was  
a great success,  
thank you Bonnie.



### 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](mailto:GBBFBpage@gmail.com)

Peggy Camp has agreed to manage the Facebook page.



## 2024 Officers and Committee Members

President: Betty Hulse  
 Vice President : Vacant  
 Guild Secretary: Vacant  
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 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](mailto: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)  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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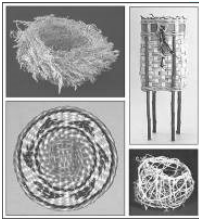
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## **Great Basin Basketmakers** Established January 1987

Meetings the first Thursday of each month at Sparks Masonic Center located at 2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV. 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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or check our website at: [www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org](http://www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org).

If you would like to submit to GBBs Facebook page please send to [GBBFBpage@gmail.com](mailto: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.

