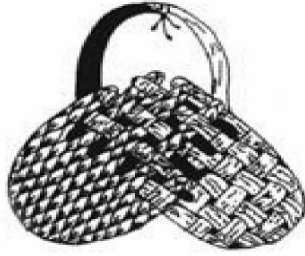


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Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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Zoom

Last Chance to Pay Dues

**March 2, 2023 — GBB Guild Meeting
10 am — Sparks Masonic Center**

We are planning an in person meeting for March. We will have the business meeting, with show and tell available on ZOOM for those members not attending the meeting.



If you own an antler basket please bring it to the meeting to share.

Our mini-workshop for the day will be preparing the antlers for the March workshop. Bonnie Kennedy, instructor, will discuss designing your basket using the antlers as an integral element of your basket.

You can make a new name tag if you are not planning on drilling on an antler or you can make one in addition to antler drilling. There will be materials for name tags.

RETREAT REMINDER: The deadline will be approaching for submitting the balance of your retreat fees if you had only paid your deposit. Final registration fees are due by March 15, 2023.

SILENT AUCTION REMINDER: Bring your donations for the Retreat Silent Auction to the April 6, 2023 meeting. For that matter, if you already know what you're donating, bring it to the March meeting!

Next Month's Newsletter Editor:
Sue Ann Monteleone
samonte@charter.net
Please submit articles for
April newsletter by March 12

Welcome New Members

Catherine Purciel, Placerville, CA
Diana Bentley, Diamond Springs, CA
Laura Siering, Gardnerville, NV
Dori Goldman, Reno, NV
Toni Jones, Reno, NV
Marcelle Marlow, Reno, NV
Maureen Wilson, Salt Lake City, UT

It's Willow Gathering Time— If you can get through the snow!

Get out your boots and clippers. Check with your neighbors with ditches and your rancher friends, call a park ranger. From now on until they leaf out is time to gather willow for future baskets. There's a good section about harvesting in our Weaving Naturally in the Great Basin book.

Collect varying colors and dry to soak later for bark-on basket designs.

If you want white willow—put a bundle in a bucket of water in the house for a week or so, when the leaf buds start the sap is up and you should be able to strip the bark off easily for a lovely smooth white shoot.



Jennifer Zurick Black Willow Bark Workshop September 26-28, 2023 at St. Mary's Art Center, Virginia City, NV

Openings still available - Cost \$495

Contact Sue Ann Monteleone samonte@charter.net
for registration form.

Submit registration form with your deposit of \$250. It will be first come/first serve, after receiving the first 12 registrants we will begin a waiting list. A notification will be sent out to all registrants. The balance of \$245 is due by June 10, 2023. Please make checks payable to: GBB, 8175 S. Virginia St. #850, PMB 293, Reno, NV, 89511.



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.

Classes

Antler Basket

**Sunday, March 19, 2023
9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Sparks Masonic Center
Bonnie Kennedy**

Do you want to learn to make a ribbed basket? We will be making an antler basket in March. We will drill the holes for the ribs after the March 2, 2023 meeting and completing it on March 19 at the Sparks Masonic Center.

The guild will be providing antlers, and weaving material, there will be other antlers available for separate purchase, or you can bring your own.

Class fee: \$30 member/\$40 non-member
Material fee: \$5

All you need to bring is a pair of basket scissors and your lunch.

Sign up sheet will be at the March meeting, or you can email Bonnie at bbkennedy@charter.net
Please make checks out to Bonnie Kennedy.



"April Showers" Rainstick

**Sunday, April 16, 2023
9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Sparks Masonic Center
Kaylee Mayne**

This is a great beginner's class. We will weave in several different styles using seagrass, yarn, round reed, flat & flat-oval reed. Leather, feathers and beads will finish off the stick. This is an easy project to get finished in class.

Tools/Supplies: Spray bottle, towel, scissors, tape measure, packing tool, (or flat short screwdriver.) Please feel free to bring your own embellishments. Don't forget your lunch!!!!

Fees: \$30 members and \$40 non-members
Material fee: \$15

***If you have any questions please contact Kaylee at 775-781-9356
or email her at elftory@gmail.com***

May 16 – 19, 2023 GBB Retreat at Zephyr Point Conference Center

This year's retreat registration has been very successful, we currently have a full house. The fees for a shared room are **\$355**, or a single room at **\$550**. A confirmation email will be sent to registered attendees with the class information as well as balance due for final payment. All final registration fees are due by **March 15, 2023**. Please make checks payable to: GBB, 8175 S. Virginia St. #850, PMB 293, Reno, NV, 89511. 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 4/14/2023 deadline. No refunds after 4/14/2023 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.

Please submit your silent auction item along with the following form by the April 6th guild meeting. If you are planning on shipping your donation please mail to: **Lorrie Moore, 1435 Meridian Ranch Dr, Reno, NV 89523**.

GBB Silent Auction/Raffle Entry Tag: Date _____

Donated Item Description and Dimensions: _____

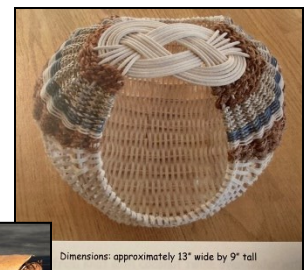
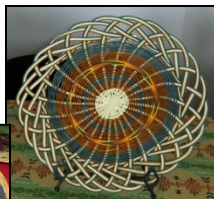
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Donated and/or Made by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Dimensions: approximately 13" wide by 9" tall

2023 GBB Retreat Classes

Coiled Rag Basket Mini-Workshop



Very industrious members: Sandy, Diane, Trisha, Luann, Laura, and Shelley (above) coiling their strips of fabric. Lorrie, Jennifer, Nettie and Jim fashioning their coiled rag baskets.



February 2, 2023 (Groundhog Day: 6 more weeks of winter) GBB General Meeting Minutes submitted by Sandy Zoerner. Meeting held at the Sparks Masonic Center with 16 members attending plus 5 via ZOOM.

Great to be able to have an in-person meeting and having some of our newest members attending. Welcome aboard.

Karen reported we have \$11,000 plus in our accounts which includes moneys received toward the retreat. Get your dues in and reserve your spot at the retreat this year. Fun events are being planned.

Betty reported on upcoming programs and classes. February 19, Karen will be teaching a Shaker cheese basket. During the March meeting, Bonnie Kennedy will be assisting with drilling of antlers for the antler basket she will be teaching March 19. We will be submitting baskets and goodies at the April meeting for the May retreat silent auction. April class will be a Rainstick taught by KayLee. Other events lined up include: a joint meeting with the Great Basin native basket weavers, a visit to the museum at Nixon, reed dying in the summer at Karen's, cutting willow and tule.

Nettie provided an update on the retreat which will be held May 16-19 at Zephyr Point Conference Center. A deposit of \$100 is due by Feb. 10, and final registration payment is due by March 15. Full information regarding the retreat and classes is in your newsletter and on the website. Leah Brady and Jennifer Wool are the instructors this year. Money received through the silent auction will help pay the deposit for next year's retreat. Members are requested to donate items for this fun event and these items will be on display during the May meeting for others to place their bids.

The exhibit at Sparks Library was successful and items are ready to be collected. Lorrie Moore is our new librarian and explained procedures for checking out and returning books and items.

Sue Ann announced a special workshop to be held September 26-28. This will be a 3 day workshop using black willow bark taught by an instructor from Kentucky. This is tentatively to be held at St. Mary's Art Center in Virginia City. More details to come. Several members shared projects recently worked upon. Our project of today was a coiled rag basket using torn cotton fabric around a core taught by Karen.

GBB Zoom Board Minutes - 2.1.2023 [Sandy, Nettie, Lorrie, SueAnn, Betty, Karen, Trisha]

~Retreat: We may need to drop some of the rooms if we do not have enough registrations by the deadline next week. Karen will type up a schedule for the retreat with all the new highlights. We will have a workday to package donated materials for a ticketed raffle. Bring items for the Retreat Silent Auction to the April meeting. Trisha will do name tags and room keys.

~Lorrie - will be taking over as Librarian. She will contact Pam for training.

~SueAnn - described two possible options for the September 26 - 28 basketry class to be offered by Jennifer Zurich, and presented info on costs and details. Choices will be presented to the members at the meeting tomorrow.

~Discussion on possibly changing meeting months due to inclement weather. [no December? / January?] [Add other meetings in the summer] Also needing to be considered : switching back to third Thursday vs Sunday for the monthly classes. Options will be discussed at the meeting tomorrow.

~Arboretum Map - Sandy noticed that the map we printed to coordinate with our "Weaving Naturally" book just might need an update. We will contact the Arboretum and plan a June meeting on location to scout any needed changes, and to help familiarize members with the native plants of the area that can be used for basketry.

~February program Coiled Fabric Basket - PDF and Zoom to be available later for members not in person. February Class Karen, Cheese Basket, Sunday the 19th.

~March program: Bonnie - prep for antler basket class, or name tags.

March 19 Antler Basket Class.

~April program - Signing up Silent Auction forms and those scrap boxes.

April 16 Class - Rain Sticks by Kaylee.

~May program - Continuing sign-ups for Retreat Silent Auction, and Mystery May Basket with Trisha. No May Class - Come. To. The. Retreat.

~June program - at the Arboretum? at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum and Cultural Center?

2023 Officers and Committee Members

President: Betty Hulse
 Vice President : Vacant
 Guild Secretary: Sandy Zoerner
 Treasurer: Karen Olson
 Membership: Vacant

Board Chair: Trisha Work
 Board At Large: Nettie Fox
 Board At Large: Sandy Zoerner
 Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone
 Board At Large: Lorrie Moore

Committees: Classes: Betty Hulse; Library: Lorrie Moore; Special Workshops: Sue Ann Monteleone; Exhibits & Shows:; Grants: Betty Hulse, Karen Olson; Raffle: Lorrie Moore; Website: Karen Olson; Newsletter Editors: Sue Ann Monteleone, Karen Olson; Retreat Coordinator: Nettie Fox.

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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Annual Membership Dues:

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 Hard Copy newsletter recipients: ☐ Individual: \$35/year (\$10 additional/year for family membership)

Date _____ Amount: \$ _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Name _____

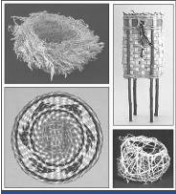
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Winter view from St. Mary's Art Center

Great Basin Basketmakers Established January 1987

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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 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.

