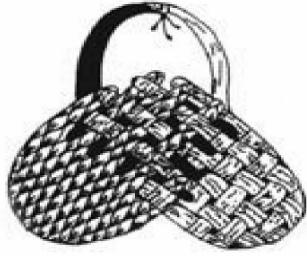


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Renewal Time

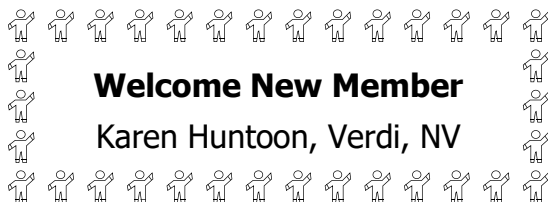
December 7, 2023
Christmas No-Host Luncheon, 11:30 am
Reno Public Market
299 East Plumb Lane

GBB will be meeting for a No-Host Christmas Luncheon at the new Reno Public Market (the old Shopper's Square at the corner of Plumb and South Virginia.) The plan is to have lunch by the ZAWADISHA stop which sells African baskets and products to support a microlending program to assist Kenyon women. Laura Johnson will be coordinating this event and plans to arrive around 11 am to grab some tables by the shop. There are a variety of food vendors in the market to purchase lunch items. If you plan to attend please email Laura at johnsonlaura99@gmail.com so she can have a count for the number of tables to reserve.

Check out the website of the Zawadisha organization at:
www.Zawadisha.org or www.shopzawadisha.com

IT'S
TIME
Membership
renewal time is
approaching and we
are always looking for
volunteers to help out
with classes and meetings.

RAISE
YOUR
HAND



Welcome New Member

Karen Huntoon, Verdi, NV



Nettie Fox is our 2024 Retreat Co-Ordinator.
Registration is now open for our upcoming retreat.
Check it out and sign-up.

Message Center

Begin the New Year --- Planning New Basket Projects

The first meeting of 2024 will be the **2nd Thursday** of the month, **January 11**. We will meet at Betty's home—525 Court St, "The Promenade." Meeting will be in the multipurpose room at 11:30 for a sack lunch and social time. When we are fortified with food, shared holiday activities and fun, we will begin brain storming and planning programs and classes for 2024!!!

We need your ideas to help do this. What kind of basket or weaving creation would you like to make? Bring pictures and ideas. Would you like to teach a class? If so, bring a sample or picture? What basket materials would you like to learn more about? Would you like to learn where to collect weaving materials in the area, store and prepare them? Dye materials? Have you made a basket recently, but want to know more about the terminology and techniques used? Repeat same methods more than once to "really" know techniques?

Consider car pooling as parking can be difficult on Court St, but usually available on Clay, Ridge, or Lee streets. There is an elevator at Promenade at the entry in a corner near stairs. Hope to see you at the Christmas party on Thursday, December 7th at Reno Public Market for lunch and on Thursday, January 11 at the Promenade.

Happy Holidays, Betty Hulse, President

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.

TERMINOLOGY NOTES

In a recent class we had some discussion about the term **slath**. The initial layout of the base is referred to as the slath. A flexible weaver or weavers are used to tie in the slath, which stabilizes the spokes so they can be separated to form a round or oval base.

Merriam-Webster defines the slath (noun) as the center of the bottom of a basket where the weaving is begun that is formed by crossing sticks at right angles and binding them.

The term refers to any base where the spokes are crossed whether they are overlaid or split-spoke (one set of spokes split in the middle, the perpendicular spokes are threaded through the slit.)

Upsett—is the term used to describe the point at which the side spokes are pinched and bent upward to form the sides.

Smoked Reed—is commercially dyed brown reed. Originally produced in Sumatra by a special process using heat and ammonia. Today the reed is dyed commercially and will run so it's best to rinse it several times, otherwise it will bleed onto adjoining materials.

Cheers, Karen O

Baskets



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

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

Thursday's Classes

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.



Nov 2, 2023, GBB General Meeting Minutes submitted by Sandy Zoerner.

- * Regular meeting at Sparks Masonic Center. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Betty Hulse. 14 attending; 3 on zoom.
- * Karen Olson reported there is a total of \$1716.76 in checking and \$6902.76 in savings in the treasury as of the end of October. Reminder that dues for next year should be paid within the next couple of months.
- * Lorrie Moore reported the library is all up to date and cataloged. Books are listed alphabetically by author. We still have calendars and books for sale. There are plastic holders which you can use for your name badge. And as a reminder, in January there will be a \$1 charge if you are not wearing your name badge. Lorrie has raffle tickets for our monthly raffle: \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5.
- * Jennifer Jay has accepted a GBB board position. She will be a great addition and will provide technical help with our webpage and social media.
- * Reminder: our May retreat is to be held May 14-17 at Zephyr Point. Cost is \$375 which includes 2 nights shared room accommodations and meals. \$100 deposit to hold your spot can be submitted any time now. Workshop fees are extra. Ann Taylor will be teaching 2 types of reed baskets that use a wooden base. Gayle Still will be teaching a coiled basket using soft materials.. Nettie Fox will be teaching a coiled pine needle basket on a leather base.
- * November 16 workshop: Karen Olson teaching a basket using a Japanese overlaid base and incorporating several techniques. \$45 class & materials.
- * There was discussion regarding December's program. There will be no meeting at the Masonic Center in December and at this point no one has offered to host a Christmas gathering. Sandy suggested that those who may be interested meet for lunch at the Reno Public Market. There is a food court and open seating which could accommodate a group. Members present approved of this idea and it was voted to meet at 11:30 am on our normal meeting date of December 7. An email will be sent verifying the time and date. Please respond to the email so we will have an estimate of how many will show
- * A brief show and tell was held along with the raffle. The program for today was provided by Karen O. She provided some waxed linen which we tied and practiced our twining on a small basket.



Sandy "Z" weaving her waxed linen basket.

Gayleen Roy ready to cut and tuck her spokes for her rim.



Julia Richardson's swing handled market basket filled with fresh produce from her local farmers market.

Norma Darrough measuring for her rim.



2023 Officers and Committee Members

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

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: Classes: Vacant; 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.

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 Reed, cane, tools, patterns, gourd patterns & tools, books and many wooden bases.

Consolidated Thread Mills Located Fall River, MA www.consolidatedthreadmills.com 508-672-0032 Good source artificial sinew, waxed linen and craft cords. Call for pricing.

Royalwood Ltd Located Mansfield, OH www.royalwoodltd.com 800-526-1630 Books, patterns, weaving materials, reed, waxed linen, caning supplies, shaker tape, Spend \$100.00 or more and qualify for wholesale prices.

The Caning Shop 926 Gilman St, Berkeley, CA 94710 www.caning.com 800-544-3373 Your source for caning, basketry and gourd crafting supplies, tools, and books.

V. I. Reed and Cane, Inc Located in Omaha NE www.basketweaving.com 800-852-0025 Reed, tools, caning, books and kits. Good quality of reed.

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 _____

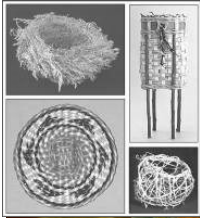
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

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

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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 GBB, 8175 S. Virginia St. #850, PMB 293, Reno NV 89511

Questions regarding workshops, events, etc. may be directed to Karen Olson at kvmikesell@hotmail.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.



Pine Needle covered Shell
by Elvira Bowers