

Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org

May 1, 2025 10 am–3 pm
Sparks Masonic Center

Join us this **MAY DAY** to support your basketweaving guild.

We will be collecting your donations for the retreat silent auction and holding a sale of Molly Gardner materials.

Retreat Silent Auction Donations— Please bring your basketry related donation for the silent auction to be held at the retreat. The auction helps us to reserve Zephyr Point and pay for special teachers and their travel without reducing the guild's funds.

Molly's Miscellaneous Materials— We will have an assortment of cordage, artificial sinew and other materials available for purchase by **cash only**. These funds will be contributed to the guild's general funds.

Program—Bring an unfinished project (cedar basket?) and we can enjoy weaving together.



Note from Nettie -
Retreat attendees should check their email for an important update—their information packet sent April 17.

For questions regarding the retreat contact Nettie Fox—
keepitwild@gmail.com

Examples of auction items available, these beauties are donated by Sue Yamins.



**Threads of Tradition:
Celebrating 25 Years of the
Great Basin Native Basketweavers
Community Day
Nevada Museum of Art
April 26
10:00-4:00**

The general public is invited to a free day of demonstrations, talks and performances related to the traditions of basket weaving. Shop at vendor booths featuring unique Indigenous art, baskets, jewelry and specialty items. For the schedule of presentations visit—<https://www.nevadaart.org/event/threads-of-tradition-community-day/> Several of our GBB members and friends we have made at our Convergence gatherings will be featured.

GBB will be part of Artown this July!

Our July 3 meeting will be an open house listed in the Artown Little Book. We will work on paper bag baskets that visitors can try. We will need lots of grocery bags, the baskets take 5 bags worth of folded strips. ***Please bring paper grocery bags*** to the May 1 meeting. We will start cutting and folding at future meetings.



Library Shows & Exhibits - 2025

Our Spanish Springs Library exhibit dates have been moved to November-December. The change is due to an opportunity for the library to display a collection of Sarah Winnemucca's artifacts in conjunction with their 20th Anniversary of opening and an unveiling of a new plaque commemorating the Sarah Winnemucca statue.

Sparks Library is still scheduled for July-August.

We will need your baskets for exhibit at the June meeting.

We've been contacted by the Northwest Library (Robb Dr) to schedule an exhibit for September-October with the possibility of a planned event.

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.

Coming to the Ne-
vada State Museum,
Carson City
May 16

Under One Sky
BASKETRY GALLERY:
Waší·šiw Guwá?
The Work of the Washoe People

Experience the beauty, skill, and cultural legacy of Washoe basketry. This rare exhibition brings together the iconic work of famed weaver Louisa Keyser (known as Datsolalee) and other talented Washoe artists—on display for the first time in nearly two decades.

Created in close partnership with the Washoe Tribe, this gallery celebrates the heritage and artistry of Washoe basketry. Every detail of the exhibit—including display captions written in the Washo language—was informed by Washoe voices to reflect their traditions, values, and way of life.



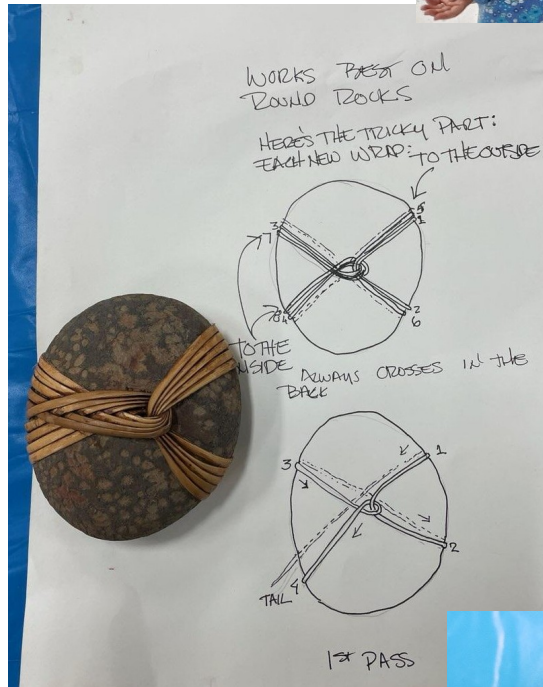
Also coming to the Nevada State Museum, Carson City -

“The Work of the Washoe People”
a talk by Dr. Anna Camp
May 22, 2025 6:30 pm

The Washoe people of Nevada and California have experienced incredible changes to their lifeways and homelands beginning in the early 19th century. From the California Gold Rush to the discovery of the Comstock Lode, the Washoe people were pushed from their homelands and forced from making a living as hunters and gatherers to a market economy. Despite the life-altering changes brought by Europeans, the Washoe people responded with resilience and ingenuity. The transition between making baskets for everyday activities such as foraging, cooking, food processing, and the transportation of goods, to making baskets for sale, can be seen in the incredible basketry on display in the new Under One Sky basketry gallery featuring the works of Washoe people.

Admission is \$10 for adults, members and children 17 and under are free. Visit NSM Connect to reserve a seat.

April meeting fun— Victoria Rocks!



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.

And Birdhouses with Bonnie -
A very fun class
Thank you for the photos Bonnie!



It's Daffodil and Iris time



Try saving daffodil leaves and stems for weaving - stems for spokes and leaves for wefts. Same for irises. And of course we know they work great for cordage. Experiment!



April 3, 2025, GBB General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Betty Hulse

Great Basin Basketmakers minutes, April 3, 2025 attendance 9 in person and 2 on zoom. President Karen Olson called meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Minutes of March meeting approved as printed. Bank account is high with retreat registration. Will be approximately \$10,000 after paying Spring Retreat costs.

Programs: Today Victoria – weaving with cane on rocks, varied designs being used.

3rd Thur. classes—April 17, Bonnie class of making a bird house with a variety of materials. Cost \$45. Includes materials.

Tahoe Spring Retreat- Nettie reported 28 attendees using 16 rooms. Still space in mad weave class. Nettie will send via email a complete packet of information to those registered. All registered are asked to bring an item to the silent auction.

Raffle kits will be assembled at Karen's on Thurs. Apr. 10 at 1:00. Karen will teach class in making the handled baskets on Thurs. June 19th. Margaret M will have samples of square basket work at retreat. Margaret will teach a square willow basket class in Oct. 14-16 in Virginia City.

Library—Lorrie explained reorganization of library. Hope books are easier to access. Please use the Library.

Raffle and Show and Tell

Announcements: Jen J. said "GBB is in ARTOWN brochure with GBB meeting time and open house at July 3 meeting. An opportunity to showcase GBB and guests to weave a basket. Betty mentioned the NV Museum of Art's new show—native baskets from the area; NMA gift shop has purchased GBB book "Weaving Naturally in the Great Basin", but if you want to purchase a copy, please buy from GBB. They will be available to the Tahoe retreat. Trisha will be checking on tule growth in her area and we hope to have a cutting outing in late summer.

Lunch and Program with Victoria



Two more fun donation items by Betty Hulse



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

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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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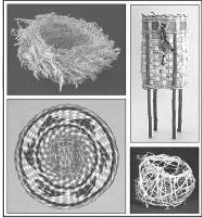
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Great Basin Basketmakers Established January 1987

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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Questions regarding workshops, events, etc. may be directed to our email at gbreno@gmail.com
or check our website at: www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org.

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.

