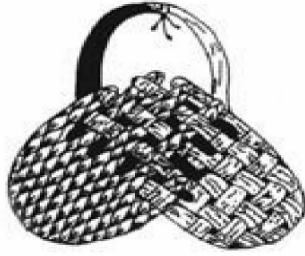


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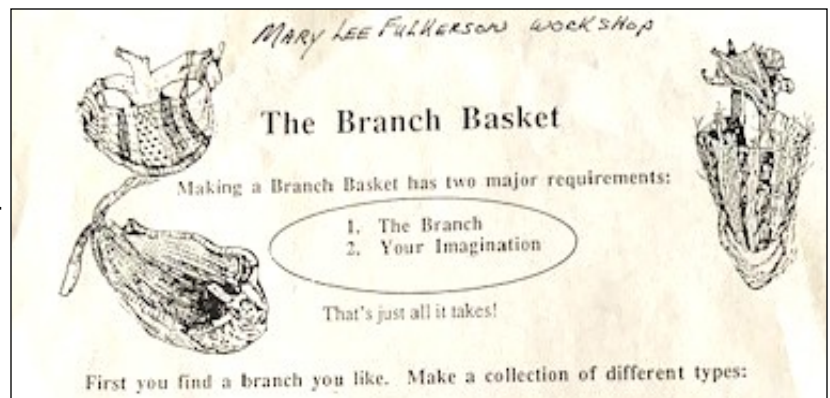
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May 4, 2023 — GBB Guild Meeting Sparks Masonic Center 10 AM—3 PM

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

Trisha will bring a bunch of apple tree and red twig dogwood prunings and trimmings, as well as other natural materials, assorted twine/yarn, a drill, and regular basket weaving stuff. You can bring your own branches and other materials to use.

Soaking tubs will be available, please bring nippers, scissors, awls, apron, spray bottles, clips/clothespins...



Remember when working with heavy branches that your gravity will change and the weight affects the way the basket sits. This can present problems and incredibly creative solutions.

Excerpts from the PAST:

Only two things you need for a basket—A Branch and your imagination.

**Please remember your
Retreat Silent Auction donations!
Bring them to the meeting.
You can download a submission
form from the website,
or Lorrie will have forms at the meeting.**

Next Month's Newsletter Editor:
Sue Ann Monteleone
samonte@charter.net
Please submit articles for
June newsletter by May 15

Message Center

Hi Weavers,

I want to thank everyone for making last month's meeting come together, while I was strolling through the Musee D'Orsay in Paris, France looking at Degas and Manet paintings. We traveled through Holland, Germany, France and Belgium during our three weeks away. Now back to reality, my willow started leafing out while I was gone so now I will be peeling my newly cut willow.

I want to introduce a new feature of the newsletter, a page for everyone to contribute to, a shout-out page for messages and to share info or internet links to useful websites, etc. Submit your messages to the newsletter editors by the 15th of the previous month to include in the next newsletter.

I want to congratulate Nettie Fox on receiving a scholarship to the 2023 CBBG Tidal Twinings Retreat in Oregon. Way to go girl!!!! She's now on her way to the Grand Canyon for a rafting adventure.

Karen Olson, Editor and person with many hats



**HAVE YOU
CONTRIBUTED AN
ITEM TO THE
MONTHLY GUILD
RAFFLE BOX YET?????**

What is one of the best things about GBB? The GBB library!

It has a comprehensive resource of information relating to basketry for our members to check out monthly at our meetings. Books and DVDs titles are listed on our website and can be reference by clicking on "Library List, Feb. 2018" at the bottom of the page. Or just come early to the meeting to look through our cabinet and check out a book or DVD.

And there's a new person taking over the library for this year, Lorrie Moore.

If you have any questions or requests, please see her at the meeting or email her at oolala1@charter.net.

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.



**Show and Tell from
April 6th GBB meeting**

RAINSTICKS



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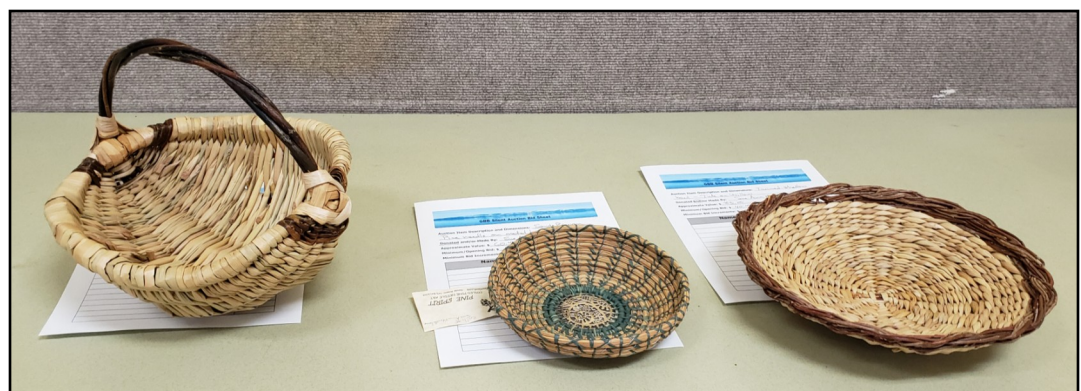
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Jen

Laura

Lorrie

**A peek at
some of
the Retreat
Silent
Auction
items**



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

Retreat Information and a few reminders:

Arrival time is **3:30**, please arrive **after 3:30**, I know everyone is very excited to get there early, however the staff needs access to the facility and if you arrive earlier than the designated time it creates a lot of vehicle congestion and the road is a narrow one-way access.

Unload your belongings at Tallac Center, then move your vehicle up to the parking garage and place your Dash Pass in your vehicle. There's a downhill walk back to the center, let us know if you need assistance to get down the hill. **NOTE: DO NOT LEAVE FOOD** in your vehicle. Yes, there are bears in the area.

A packet will be emailed to you including: Dash Pass, Retreat Schedule, Facility Guidelines, and Conference map

Everyone is welcome to bring healthy snacks to share in the Echo Peak meeting room, there is a small refrigerator in the room.

Please direct any questions to Karen Olson at kvmikesell@hotmail.com, as Nettie will be rafting down the Grand Canyon prior to the retreat.

2023 GBB Retreat Classes



June Happenings

Sandy Zoerner has arranged a tour of the Rancho San Rafael Arboreteum for June 1, 2023. We will meet at 11:00 AM and have a guided tour of the garden, after which we will picnic in the gardens. We will not meet at Sparks Masonic Center. More information will be in the June newsletter.

WILLIAMSBURG MARKET BASKET

Thursday, June 15, 2023

9:30 am—3:30 pm

Nettie Fox, Instructor

The square to round shape of the Williamsburg Market Basket originated in the New England states during the 18th century. The rounded hardwood handle made this basket comfortable to carry on the forearm, and its design was sturdy enough to tote fruits and vegetables home from the market.

In England willow was being grown specifically for basket making, however willow did not occur naturally in 18th century Virginia and Virginians were too busy growing cash crops to be bothered with cultivating willow. Instead they used the abundant white oak trees to make strong working baskets. Small white oak trees were harvested and then split continuously until it was reduced to flexible weaving splints.



Although historically these baskets were made with white oak splints, we will be working with reed. This basket starts with a square base that becomes rounded as the basket follows the shape of the handle. It's a good project for all levels of weavers.

Limit: 10 students

Material fee: \$20

List of tools: Scissors, awl, clothes pins, 2 spoke weights, ruler, spray water bottle, old towel, sharp knife or scarfing tool.

Contact: [Nettie Fox at keepitwild@gmail.com](mailto:Nettie.Fox@keepitwild@gmail.com) for questions or to sign-up



Bobbin
Lace from
Bruges

Recently I received an email from Debbie McClelland (our Mad Weave instructor from a past retreat) she will be in Sparks attending the Lace Conference at the Nugget from June 25-30, 2023. She has been involved with sprang lace for the last 4 years and is currently working on a book with Carol James, the "spranglady."

WHAT IS SPRANG? I am hoping to find out and share with everyone by setting up a sprang party in my backyard with Debbie while she's here. More details to follow.

April 6, 2023, GBB General Meeting Minutes

submitted by Sandy Zoerner.

For our April meeting, we were finally able to hold an in-person meeting which included approximately 15 members attending plus 5 via ZOOM. The meeting was led by Trisha Work and Nettie Fox facilitating the ZOOM portion.

There were multiple beautiful items submitted for the silent auction to be held at the retreat. With so many wonderful items, there was some discussion on how we could publish beforehand or hold the auction via ZOOM at the retreat. It doesn't appear possible currently but something to think about for the future.

Trisha reported on upcoming programs and classes. Sunday, April 16 will be a rain stick taught by KayLee. The May program will be weaving natural materials on a branch taught by Trisha. Bring your cool branch cuttings. Of course, the big event in May will be our retreat at Zephyr Point. On June 15, Nettie will teach a Williamsburg basket. July 15 is set for Convergence to be held at Stewart Indian School. We also hope to cut tule sometime in July. In August, we plan to meet at Karen's to dye reed. September 26-28 is the special workshop at St. Mary's Center in Virginia City. The workshop has been filled, but there is a waiting list.

Other items of interest include a paper making workshop at the Nevada Museum of Art on April 15. At the end of June there is a lace convention to be held at the Nugget. Several members shared some cool projects they have been working on.

Lorrie coordinated the raffle. Trisha taught a folding scrap catcher basket made from fabric.



**Jennifer Zurick Black Willow Bark Workshop
September 26-28, 2023**

**Workshop is FULL, contact Sue Ann Monteleone at
samonte@charter.net to be on the waiting list.**

FINAL PAYMENT is DUE JUNE 10



2023 Officers and Committee Members

President: Betty Hulse	Board Chair: Trisha Work
Vice President : Vacant	Board At Large: Nettie Fox
Guild Secretary: Sandy Zoerner	Board At Large: Sandy Zoerner
Treasurer: Karen Olson	Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone
Membership: Vacant	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

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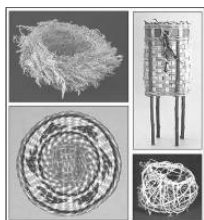
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Meetings the first Thursday of each month at Sparks Masonic Center located at 2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV. Our new hours for meetings are 10 AM for our business meeting, followed by show and tell,, then a mini workshop. All are welcome and we will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

