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January Meeting Thursday January 6, 2022

10-3:00 pm Sparks Masonic Center + Zoom

We are going to try a new meeting format -Join us for a brief business meeting, show and tell, and a mini-workshop. Bring your lunch and we will lunch as we learn.

Workshop—Covered OUI Jars with Ann Taylor

Wooden jar bases, lids and spoke sets will be available for \$10 at the workshop. Dyed weavers will be available, or bring your own stash.



We will be installing a new Willow exhibit at the Sierra View Library for the month of February.

Please share baskets and trays from last summer's Margaret classes—bring them to the January meeting or call Karen Olson to pickup.



President's message

Ring in the Bells and Baskets for 2022!!

Although we are seeing the shortest days of the year, I hope you had joyous times with friends and family. Many of us have had heartaches and haven't been able to see family as much as we would like, but any hugs, cards, phone calls, emails have been appreciated in our family. I am grateful from the decorations that are in the resident areas

and seeing families together. Look forward to seeing you in 2022 as we learn more about a weaving craft we love.

Betty Hulse, President



The GBB Website

Be sure to check our website greatbasinbasketmakers.org for information regarding our organization. Information will be posted as it comes in.

Check back regularly for updates about our retreat, classes and programs.

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 over managing the Facebook page.



Synopsis of the 2021 Survey

We had an almost 50% response rate from our current membership, I would have liked a higher rate of response, especially from those members that we haven't seen lately (how can we make the GBB experience better?) Of those responding:

Question 1—Would you attend more guild meetings when combined with a mini-workshop. 46.4% Yes, 25% Maybe, 25% Sometimes (assuming the maybe and sometimes depends on subject.)

Questions 2—Would you prefer guild meetings to be held during the weekday hours (10-3) 81.5% Yes, 18.5% No

Question 3—Would you attend guild meetings in the evenings (5-8) 10.7% Yes, 89.3% No

Question 4—Prefer to attend in person or via ZOOM.

57.7% In Person, 42.3% Either/Or

Question 5—Prefer to attend guild meetings on the weekends in the morning. 17.9% Saturday, 35.7% Either Sat or Sun, 46.4% Neither

Question 6—Prefer to attend guild meetings in the afternoon 7.1% Saturday, 28.6% Either Sat or Sun, 64.3% Neither

Question 7—Prefer to attend Workshops on the weekends 71.4% Either Sat or Sun, 21.4% Neither, 7.2% Saturday

Question 8—Types of Basket Techniques interest Twining, Coiling, plaiting and randing (in that order)

Question 9—Weaving materials interest

Pine needles, Waxed Linen, Cedar Bark, Tule, Round Reed, Sweet Grass/seagrass, Willow, Birch bark, Flat Reed, Metal Wire, Paper, Other barks, Bamboo/Cane, others—Ash, willow bark, horsehair

Question 10—Interested in mentoring a beginning weaver 37.9% No, 37.9 % Maybe, 24.1% Yes

Question 11—Interested in participating in a youth mentoring program 58.6% No, 20.7% Maybe, 20.7% Yes

Question 12—Interested in a bring a friend workshop 41.4% Yes, 31% No, 27.6% Maybe

Question 13—Have you ever taken a ZOOM workshop 65.5% No, 34.5% Yes

Question 14—Would you attend a ZOOM workshop 37.9% Maybe, 34.5% Yes, 27.6% No

Question 15—Would you be interested in presenting a ZOOM workshop 79.3% No, 20.7% Maybe

Thank you to everyone who responded to this survey. Looks like we like to meet during the weekdays, have workshops on the weekends, maybe some ZOOM workshops and maybe bring a friend sometimes!!!

New exhibit at Stewart Indian School

Inheritance: Basketry and Art of the Great Basin

Contemporary art exhibition will be on display through June 3, 2022, at the Great Basin Native Artists Gallery in the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum, 1 Jacobsen Way in Carson City, Nevada. "Inheritance: Basketry and Art of the Great Basin" displays pieces by invited artists from the Great Basin Native Artists Collective, the Great Basin Native Basket Weavers Association; and the permanent collection of the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum.



"This basketry exhibition will cover an array of mediums from miniature woven willow cradleboards and basket hats to paintings and drawings," Melero-Moose said, "all showing how basketry is interwoven into the Indigenous consciousness from generations before and generations to come."

Among the featured artists in this new exhibition are Ben Aleck, Leah Brady, Loretta Burden, Rebecca Eagle, Sandra Eagle, Karma Henry, Micqaela Jones, Topaz Jones, Everett Pikyavit, Roger Salas, and Tanaya Winder.

From an interesting website on local artists:

https://www.doublescoop.art

Podcast: Paula Chung

This Tahoe fiber artist is honoring every American who's died from COVID, one stitch at a time



And instructions for a lovely paper star embellishment by Annetta Kraayeveld -

https://www.prairiewoodbasketry.com/index.php/2015/11/04/six-point-star/



December 2, 2021 GBB General Meeting Minutes

submitted by Sandy Zoerner. Meeting held at Masonic Center in Sparks.

Meeting officially called to order by President Betty Hulse at 11:50 am. 11 members plus 1 guest present. Victoria attended briefly via ZOOM.

Prior to the meeting, all those in attendance enjoyed a wonderful assortment of food, visiting and catching up. There was discussion on projects for the 2022 year.

Activity Reports:

The exhibit at Sparks Library has been taken down and there was discussion on future exhibits for the coming year. An Exhibit group is needed to organize & install exhibits at other libraries. Contact Betty or Karen if you would like to help.

Since Janice Johnson has not renewed her GBB membership, there was discussion on maintaining and distributing the "Weaving Naturally" books. It was decided the books would be kept in the library at Masonic Center.

Karen O. sent out a survey to members to get a sense of what is wanted for the upcoming year. About 30% response so far. Members are asked to get their answers submitted ASAP.

It was voted to begin the new year with GBB 1st Thursday meetings at 10 am so that we would have more time for weaving projects. January's program will be weaving on an OUI jar with Ann and Karen taking the lead. February's program will be a heart basket. March will be a program on cedar bark preparation, April will be "up cycling". May will be our retreat.

After our meeting, we filled approximately 30 pairs of socks with assorted personal grooming items. These were dropped off at the Reno Gospel Mission for distribution to those in need.

Thank you everyone who contributed. After that we worked on various Christmas ornaments.

Happy Holidays to all

Get Ready for the 2022 GBB Retreat at Zephyr Point Conference Center

Join Margaret Mathewson at this year's retreat, May 17-20, 2022 to make a Random Weave Willow Lantern and/or a Small Willow Basket.

We will begin taking signups for the retreat at the January meeting.

Fees for the retreat will be \$310 for a double room and meals,

\$505 for a single occupied room and meals.. A deposit of \$100 will hold your space, with the balance due by the April guild meeting.

We are looking for other weaving projects or workshops to present at the retreat, please contact Karen Olson or Trisha Work if you are interested in teaching a workshop. Some ideas might be pine needles, tule, wire, waxed linen, etc.

2021 Officers and Committee Members

President:Betty HulseBoard Chair:Trisha WorkVice President:VacantBoard At Large:vacantGuild Secretary:Sandy ZoernerBoard At Large:Pam Wilcox

Treasurer: Karen Olson Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone

Membership: vacant Board At Large: Lorrie Moore

Committees: Classes: Bonnie Kennedy, Ann Taylor; Library: Pam Wilcox; Special Workshops: Lorrie Moore; Exhibits & Shows; Grants: Betty Hulse, Susan Lester, Karen Olson; Raffle: Sandy Zoerner; Website: Susan Lester; 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.



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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 make it to 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, PO Box 11844, Reno, NV 89510.

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@qmail.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.

