

Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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October 7, 2021 GBB Guild Meeting

11-2:00 pm

Sparks Masonic Center + Zoom

Join us for our business meeting, show & tell, raffle and bring your lunch.

Bring what you've been working on this summer for show and tell

Only a few spaces left for the November workshops with Karen Tembreull,
So don't get left out, will be the last chance to sign-up!!!!

Spanish Springs Library has requested a small GBB exhibit for the month of November. They have two small cases by their checkout desk. A perfect place to do a tule and cordage display for fall. If you have made some cordage or used your handmade cordage to weave a small basket, we would love to display both. Also if you have any small tule baskets you've woven and would like to lend them for display, please bring them to the October meeting or contact Betty Hulse . We will be installing the exhibit November 1, 2021.

We have no formal program for the October meeting, but if you have questions concerning tule, cordage, or need help with a basket project bring it along to the meeting, someone will be able to answer your questions.

**IF YOU HAVE BOOKS FROM OUR LIBRARY
AND HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO RETURN
THEM DUE TO COVID, PLEASE CONTACT
PAM WILCOX OR BETTY HULSE TO MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN.**

**Next Month's Newsletter Editor:
Sue Ann Monteleone
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Please submit articles for
November newsletter by
October 12**

October, 2021

Did you make cordage after our September meeting?

I worked much of the afternoon and evening because I didn't want to waste what I had cut and prepared for the cordage twist. At the end of the evening there was several coils for a total of about 6 yards. It is amazing to me that the narrow leaves of daylily can be made into a rope that has so many hues of brown. The cordage is beautiful. Just need a project so the cordage can be admired!

I miss seeing and talking to you. Hope that can be remedied at October meeting.

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, coordinator of the Facebook page.

"As a fiber artist focused in basketry, my medium is derived primarily from the environment. I am continuously inspired by the abundance of natural material that surrounds me, and find myself driven to experiment with barks, roots and fibers that seem to lend themselves to textile applications. Care and patience is necessary in the gathering and processing of the materials. I enjoy combining traditional basketry applications with other historical fibers arts and metalworking techniques such as: piecework, lace making, and fabrication. My basketry forms are a celebration of the harmony that is intertwined between these materials and traditional methods."

Karen Tembreull

We are excited to announce that Karen Tembreull is coming to Reno to teach **November 3-6, 2021**. Karen is the owner of Barks & Roots Basketry located in L'Anse, Michigan. All classes are **\$45** for members and **\$55** for non-members and are limited to 12 students—there will be a waiting list once the class fills. If you are a non-member and are taking more than one class, please consider becoming a member @ \$25 for priority registration. Please pay the class and material fee at the time of registration to reserve your space in the class. Checks can be made out to GBB. Bring to a meeting or mail to: GBB, PO Box 11844, Reno, NV 89510. Please contact or Karen Olson at kvmikesell@hotmail.com or Lorrie Moore at oolala1@charter.net if you have any questions concerning the classes or registering for these classes. If you are coming from out of the area, accommodations may be arranged, contact Karen concerning.

November 3, 2021 #1 Apple in the Pine (Material fee—\$85)

Level: Intermediate / Advanced (8 hours)

The base begins with a vintage spigot handle, threaded with Cedar bark. Twine the base with waxed cotton cord and iris leaves to upright. Using thinner Cedar and wider Willow bark learn the fun and challenging Japanese knot weave. A basic braid track border completes the piece. (4" x 4")

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class is full



November 4, 2021 #2 Fluted Constellation (Material fee—\$75)

Level: Intermediate / Advanced (8 hours)

Beginning with a unique threaded base of Willow and Cedar barks; weave this sweet and functional basket with an interesting twist. The fluted sides and rim are resultant of a weave change to the basket. The braided Cedar rim enhances the overall flow. (6" x 6" x 2")

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November 5, 2021 #3 Double Helix (Material fee—\$85)

Level: Intermediate (8 hours)

Students will heat fold and stitch a hexagonal Birch bowl with split Spruce roots. Next a spiraling liner of hexagonal to bias woven Willow or Cedar bark (or a combination) will be added. The braided rim of Cedar bark was taught to me by Dawn Walden. (6" x 3")

5 spaces left



November 6, 2021 #4 Barks on the Bias (Material fee-\$100)

Level: Intermediate (6 hours)

Students will learn to weave this non-traditional basket with thin Birch bark. Overlays of Poplar and Hemlock barks will be added for color and textural notes. The faux braided rim was taught to me by master basketmaker Dawn Walden and is executed with Cedar bark. A hanger handle is sewn and installed with fine brass washers to secure the stitching. (7" x 6" x 5")

October Calendar

Hemp By Hand—Workshops are **10-3** on **Saturday, October 2** (Textile Fibers) and **Sunday, October 3** (Cordage, Rope and Basket Fibers) at **Western States Hemp**, 7491 Reno Highway, Fallon, NV 89406. To reserve your spot, please email: greatbasinfibershed@gmail.com

The free workshop will be led by **Stephanie Gaustad**, author of "The Practical Spinners Guide to Cotton, Flax and Hemp." We will be working with fresh hemp stalks, so the only recommended tool is a paring knife. We will be working outside. Tables and chairs will be provided, and a canopy—if one can be found. Water and snacks will be provided, but bring your own sack lunch.

The goal of the workshop is to process the stalks so that artisans have fibers available for their own projects. This is a new project, so some of it might be figured out as we go! Stephanie will be bringing her rope-making machine with her so that ropes can be plied from processed fibers as well.

Willow Tunnel Maintenance at Idlewild Park—Wednesday, October 27, 2021—10 am—1 pm

It is the season for cleaning up gardens. Arrangements are made to do weaving on the tunnels in the Sensory Garden at Idlewild Park. We will also be trimming the willow tunnels, all cuttings can be taken by members for future basketry projects. Dress in layers that are appropriate for the day's weather. Bring garden shears, loppers (if you have), gloves, drinking water and a snack. Please respond to Betty, betty.hulse5@yahoo.com, if you plan to come. We will have fun and prepare to reshape the tunnels.



Basotho Cultural Village South Africa

The villagers harvest this very tall grass once a year and store it in sheaves.

After it has dried it can be used for building fences and thatched roofs, as well as other household items.

Ann Taylor's Summer Projects



Ann's had a lot of fun this summer playing with colors and designs. She spent time with Molly Gardner learning double wall basket techniques and some very intricate rims. She's also spent time learning basketry via u-tube and some Zoom classes. The brooms below were made from a Jill Choate u-tube. The beautifully dyed broomcorn makes for a lovely whisk broom.



Ann has been experimenting with woven patterns on the "OUI" yogurt jars. She uses a slotted 2" wooden base as the foundation for weaving with small sized reed. The jars even have cute little wooden lids (not shown here.) Maybe a future class? Eat yogurt/save jars!



Ann's Birthday Sampler Basket

Great Basin Basketmakers General Membership Meeting, September 2, 2021 Minutes

Submitted by Karen Olson. Meeting held at Masonic Center in Sparks.

Meeting called to order by President Betty Hulse at 11:05 am. 7 members present plus 3 attending via ZOOM. A very brief business meeting was held since so few members were available.

Activity Reports:

There are still a few spaces available for Karen Tembreull's classes in November. Sign up soon.

Betty visited the new art gallery at 200 S. Virginia in the Chase Bank building. She stated it was nicely set up and recommended visiting it.

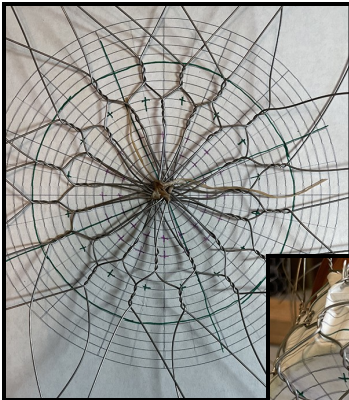
Pam Wilcox gave a brief, but detailed history of the Division of State Lands acquisition of the Stewart Indian School. Senator Jacobsen was the driving force behind the state of Nevada acquiring 50 acres of the original site which included all the stone buildings built by the former students living at the school. Very interesting story—we will have to ask Pam to repeat the story again—maybe at the retreat next May.

Sue Ann will be offering a tule workshop in September 23 at Karen Olson's house at 4201 Fairview Road, Reno, NV 89511. This will be weaving over a mason jar.

Betty contacted Lindsey Panton to offer our assistance in weaving and pruning the willow tunnels in the Sensory Garden at Idlewild Park.. No date had been set by the meeting.

Also reviewed the flyer about a free workshop on processing Hemp by hand.

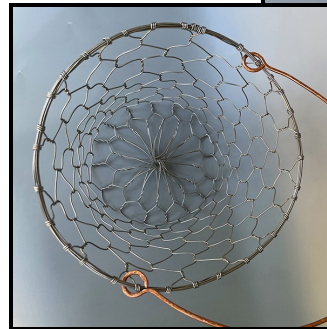
Meeting adjourned—Show and Tell—Betty demonstrated how to twist cordage.



Victoria used Flo Hoppe's star start.



Victoria James found this 17 gauge wire at her current home (it came with the property) and decided to make a basket with it. Handmade chicken wire basket, now she can put all her eggs in one basket. LOL!!



My hands ache, just from thinking about twisting all that wire.

2022 RETREAT —SAVE THE DATE

Finally we will be reconvening at Zephyr Point Conference Center for our 2022 Retreat scheduled for May 17-20, 2022.

Margaret Mathewson will be joining us as our guest Instructor, teaching a sculptural willow project.

We would like suggestions from members for alternate weaving projects to be presented at the retreat. Further info forthcoming.

2021 Officers and Committee Members

President: Betty Hulse	Board Chair: Trisha Work
Vice President : Vacant	Board At Large: Paula Pennington
Guild Secretary: Sandy Zoerner	Board At Large: Pam Wilcox
Treasurer: Karen Olson	Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone
Membership: Janice Johnson	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

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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. Business meeting begins at 11:00 AM, there will also be a ZOOM link if you can't attend.

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.

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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.

