

Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



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June 1, 2023 — GBB Guild Meeting

Sandy Zoerner has arranged a special guided tour of the Rancho San Rafael Arboreteum for June 1, 2023.

We will meet at 11:00 AM by the entrance next to the Wilbur May Museum and begin our tour of the garden, after which we will picnic in the gardens.
(bring your own sack lunch)

There will be a \$3 entrance fee for the guided tour.

After our visit we are hoping to update the Arboreteum Native plant map which GBB printed several years ago to be used as a guide for locating plants which could be used for basket weaving.

We will NOT meet at Sparks Masonic Center.

**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**



Message Center

Save the Dates—

We have some fun field trips and workshops planned for this summer, but have no regular guild meetings scheduled.

July 15th—Convergence with the Great Basin Native Basketweavers Association at Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum

TBD - Sometime in July—Tule Gathering—depends on the level of water in Sierra Valley

Aug 9th—Field trip to the Pyramid Lake Visitors Center

Aug 10th—Dying Workshop at Karen Olson's

Sept 7th—Return to regular meetings at the Sparks Masonic Center



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.

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

We are trying to update our current inventory list, so if you have books checked out please return them as soon as possible. Contact Lorrie to facilitate the return.

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.

WILLIAMSBURG MARKET BASKET

Thursday, June 15, 2023

9:30 am—3:30 pm

Sparks Masonic Center

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

Class fee: \$30 members/\$40 non-members

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.com) for questions or to sign-up

SUMMER SALAD SPRANGFEST

Tuesday, June 27th

11 am—3 pm

Karen Olson's Ranch

4201 Fairview Rd

Reno, NV 89511

775-843-1361

Debbie McClelland attended one of our past retreats as our guest instructor teaching us the Mad Weave. She will be attending a Lace Conference at the Nugget in Sparks, NV the week of June 25-30, 2023. Debbie would like to share her latest interest—**Spranging**—with GBB. We will gather in Karen Olson's backyard for the afternoon event which will include a potluck luncheon featuring summer salads.

Debbie will give a short talk with a demo to introduce sprang followed by a mini class to teach the basics. Everyone needs to bring their own frame which should measure 12" x 6" (could be a picture frame, garden hoop, bent stick, four sticks lashed together.)

Other items to bring: straight knitting needles, medium size crochet hooks, scissors, yarn needle, unseparated chopsticks or sushi sticks. Sugar n Cream is the cotton yarn we will be using, if you have some in your stash feel free to bring it.

MOST IMPORTANT: BRING A SALAD TO SHARE AND YOUR OWN FOLDING CHAIR

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



Diane finishing her strapping tape tote.



Gayle drying banana peels to make cordage.



Jennifer Wool & Gayleen Roy



Jennifer Jay



Above: Connie & KayLee



Below: Bonnie, Leah & Irene



Above: Trisha, Gloria & Gayleen



Left: Catherine





Above: Leah and Irene

We had wonderful weather at this year's retreat and most everyone finished their baskets, even some baskets from yesteryears times. We welcomed quite a few new members and many old friends. Can't wait for next year—May 14-17, 2024.



Above: Estelle

Right: Sandy



Above: Elizabeth



Above: Luana

May 4, 2023, GBB General Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2023 GBB General Meeting Minutes submitted by Betty Hulse

Karen Olson called the hybrid meeting to order at 10:15. Present: 10 in person; 4 on zoom.

Karen updated us on the Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe retreat later this month. There is 1 space available if anyone wants to attend. Karen distributed retreat information that will be sent via email to all attendees. She emphasized not to come before 3:30 on Tues. Lorrie and Kaylee collected baskets for the silent bidding at the retreat.

Future GBB Programs/Activities:

June 1, Thursday, meeting at Rancho San Rafael Park with a 11:00 a.m. gathering time for a tour, cost \$3.00 each. We will gather after tour, please bring a sack lunch for yourself.

June 15, Thursday, a Williamsburg basket class with Nettie Fox. Materials and class total cost is \$50. Space available, contact Nettie: keepitwild@gmail.com

Karen is in contact with 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. Karen is hoping to set up a time with Debbie so GBB members can learn about spranging.

July 15, Saturday, GBB and Great Basin Native Basketweavers at Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum. Look for details in a later newsletter.

July tulle gathering date is uncertain because of heavy snow melting.

Announcements:

Jennifer received a grant to attend the CNC Handweavers convention in August. And Nettie is attending a Columbia Basin Basket conference from their grant.

Molly announced a materials sale on May 26-28, Memorial Day weekend at her home, beginning at 9:00. Red cedar, reed, beads, books, and class projects on sale. Contact Molly for further information, 775-843-9895.

Show and Tell and Raffle ended meeting.

Trisha provided materials and instructions for making a Branch basket.



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

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

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.

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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)

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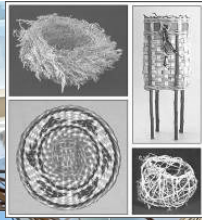
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Great Basin Basketmakers Established January 1987

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 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.

