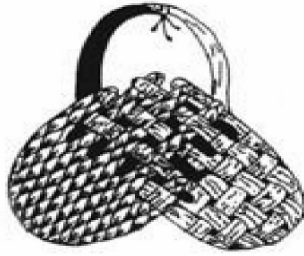


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Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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March 6, 2025 10 am—3 pm
Sparks Masonic Center

Our general meeting will be at 10:00, followed by show and tell, and sack lunch.
Our program will begin at 12:00 noon rather than 1:00 pm.

Processing Cedar Bark

with Bonnie Kennedy

During the meeting on March 6, 2025 we will learn to process cedar bark, from the start—off the tree—to ready to weave a basket. There will also be a brief power point presentation on the process Bonnie Kennedy went through to get cedar bark. It should be a great program. We will be processing the cedar bark for the March 20th class. This will give everyone an appreciation of why cedar bark and cedar bark classes are so expensive.

Bring a small sharp knife, baby oil, and an old T-shirt or piece of denim.
Hope to see you there.



April Newsletter Editor:

Karen Olson

kvmikesell@hotmail.com

**Please submit articles for the April
newsletter by March 12**

Cedar Bark Basket

with Bonnie Kennedy

March 20, 2025, 9:30-3:30

Sparks Masonic Hall

Cost \$35 members/\$40 non-members + \$10 material fee

We will be weaving on a form such as a medicine pill bottle. The method we will be weaving is in the Haida way. We will be using the cedar bark that was processed at the March 6 meeting.

Supplies needed: a pair of scissors, an awl, a form you want to weave over, lunch and water.



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

Zephyr Point Retreat Notes

The GBB Annual Retreat is almost full... there are a few spots available for those who are still undecided about taking a second class.

There is still space available in Debbie McClelland's class "Introduction to New Zealand Flax and in Margaret Mathewson's class Tension trays and/or Bread boat tray.

For Thursday's class there is still space available in Debbie's class Mad Weave.

Please bring your items for the silent auction to the GBB general meeting on April 3rd.

Cancellation/Refund Policy:

A full refund of fees paid minus a processing fee of \$15 for one class and \$25 for 2 classes if cancelled before April 3, 2025 deadline. No refunds after April 3, 2025 unless GBB cancels the retreat. Any cancellation must be in writing and mailed to GBB, PMB 293, 8175 S. Virginia Street #850, Reno, NV 89511 or emailed to Nettie Fox at keepitwild@gmail.com

We are all looking forward to another wonderful retreat. Please contact Nettie (keepitwild@gamil.com or cell# 530-906-0038) with any questions or concerns you may have.



Bring your Silent Auction donations to the April 3rd meeting!

(photo—2023 Retreat auction)

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.

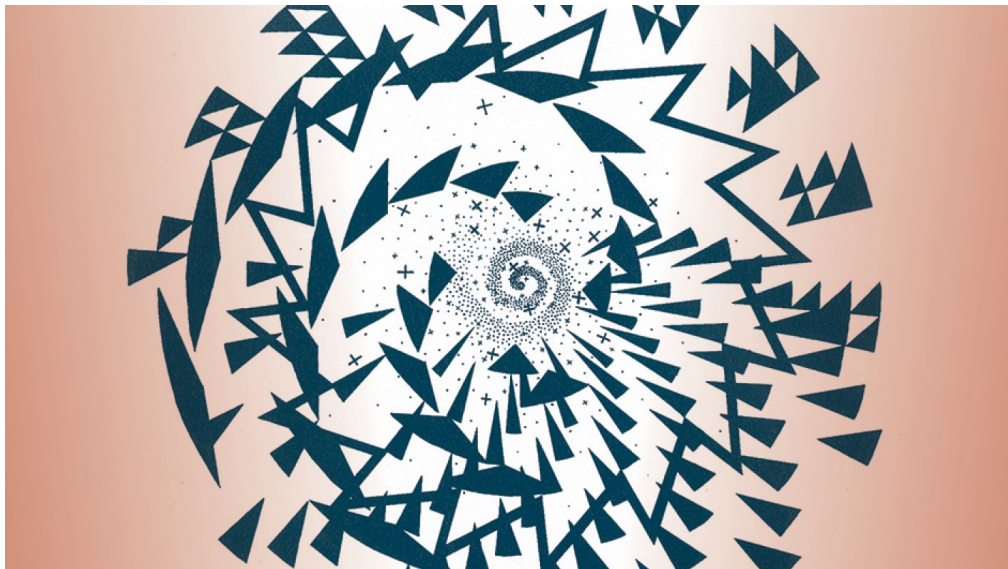
Events Coming To Our Region

The Nevada Museum of Art has several events of interest to basketweavers.

March 22 - is the opening of their new building and featuring a gallery of Native American basketry and pottery; as well as the art of Judith Lowry and a mural by Jack Malotte.

The exhibition also features 15 newly commissioned Native American baskets from weavers in the Great Basin and Sierra Nevada (*many teachers, members and friends*): including Leah Brady (Western Shoshone), Loretta Burden (Northern Paiute), Sue Coleman (Washoe), Norma Darrough (Western Shoshone), Gracie Dick (Northern Paiute), Julia Parker (Coast Miwok | Kashaya Pomo), Lucy Parker (Kashaya Pomo | Yosemite Miwok | Mono Lake Paiute | Coast Miwok), Melanie Smokey (Western Shoshone | Washoe), Sandra Eagle (Northern Paiute), Rebecca Eagle (Northern Paiute), Nila Northsun (Shoshone | Chippewa), and Jacqueline Rickard (Walker Lake Paiute.)

And coming April 26 -



Threads of Tradition: Celebrating 25 Years of the Great Basin Native Basketweavers - Community Day -

The general public is invited to a 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.

This FREE community event celebrates Indigenous heritage and basket weaving traditions of the Great Basin.

February 6, 2025, GBB General Meeting Minutes

submitted by Sandy Zoerner.

Regular meeting at Sparks Masonic Center. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Betty Hulse. Today's meeting was in person and zoom with 14 attendees in person and 7 on zoom.

Karen Olson reported there was \$14,000+ in the treasury which includes deposits for the May retreat. Membership dues have been slow in coming in but there have been a few new memberships.

Program project for today will be "Kumihimo" taught by Karen Huntoon. On February 20, April Barber will be teaching a copper wire basket. The March 6 program will be preparing red cedar bark taught by Bonnie Kennedy. March 20 Bonnie will teach a cedar bark basket.

Karen O. reported the board met prior to our meeting and announced a few updates in positions: Karen/Betty will be heading up monthly meetings, April Barber will assume the treasury duties from Karen, Jennifer Jay will head up technical support. We still need someone to step up for Vice-President and Secretary. Volunteer duties are always important and do not take a lot of time to keep our organization running. Please consider how best you can contribute.

Nettie reported there are currently 18 people signed up for our retreat at Zephyr Point May 13-16, 2025. There are still openings for all the classes. Please submit your deposit and final registration is due by April 3. Please bring any silent auction items to the April meeting. If you have an item but are unable to bring it to the meeting, please let Nettie know. Word from Zephyr Point is that no extra people are allowed in the food line. They make their preparations based on registrations. If you were planning to have someone come visit and see what we are doing during mealtimes, they should bring their own food. A big thank you goes out to the committees assisting with getting our retreat together.

Two library shows are scheduled: Spanish Springs library April & May 2025. They have 3 small cases for items. Sparks library has one large case will be July & August 2025. We will be looking for volunteers to do programs at the libraries for children and adults during those times. Jennifer Jay attended a meeting with Artown and reported we can obtain free advertisement in their program book. Discussion was had of holding an open house during our July 3 meeting where we can demonstrate what we do and possibly have a small project for those of the public to participate in. Good opportunity for gaining new members.

Another gathering on October 14-16 is scheduled to be held at St. Mary's in Virginia City. Margaret Mathewson will be teaching a square type willow basket.

Norma Darrough announced there has been a reorganization of the GBNBA and she is the new chair of their group. Nevada Museum of Art is going to be opening their new gallery in March and will feature Native American baskets. GBNBA will be participating and providing input to this exhibit.

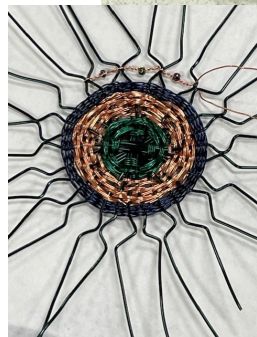
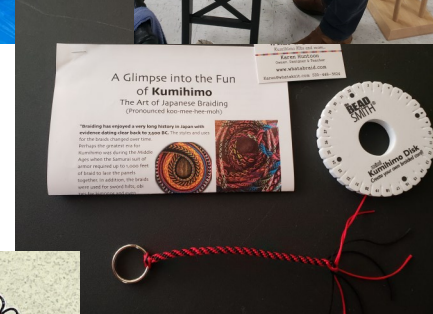
Sandy announced the Sierra Valley Preserve Nature Center in Beckworth is now open and has several programs lined up which would be of interest to basketmakers. This includes a willow wreath workshop on Saturday, some Maidu demonstrations in March, and a willow basket making in April.

We enjoyed the various things that you could do with Kumihimo. Thank you Karen Huntoon.

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.

Our Kumihimo program with Karen Huntoon was great fun.

April Barber's copper wire basket class was a great success.



Sierra Valley Preserve Nature Center near Beckwourth is offering workshops, hiking and exhibits.. (info@frlt.org (530) 283-5758 www.frlt.org)

Upcoming in March are workshops on acorn processing and in April -

Willow Basketmaking with Nick LaHaise, Saturday April 5.

2025 Officers and Committee Members

President: Karen Olson	Board Chair: Trisha Work
Vice President : Betty Hulse	Board At Large: Nettie Fox
Guild Secretary: Vacant	Board At Large: Jennifer Jay
Treasurer: April Barber	Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone
Membership: Betty Hulse	Board At Large: Lorrie Moore

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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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Annual Membership Dues:

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Date _____ Amount: \$ _____ New _____ Renewal _____

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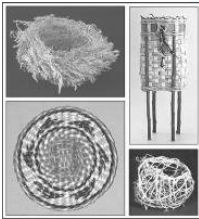
Send this completed form and check payable to Great Basin Basketmakers and mail to:

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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.

