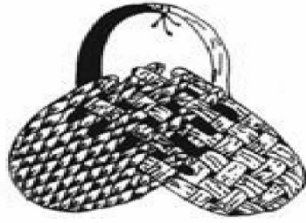


Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



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ZOOM

April 2, 2026
11 am—3:30 pm
Sparks Masonic Center

We will begin with our business meeting, then have show & tell, then we break for lunch at 12--bring your own sack lunch. Our meeting program begins at 12:30 pm. Join Gayleen Roy in making a pine needle medallion.

We'll be coiling pine needles around a simple center and adding some embellishments. Gayleen suggests bringing a 1 inch 4 hole button or other item you can sew into.

If you have your own decorations such as beads or shells to add to your medallion, please bring them; otherwise Gayleen will have an assortment.

Bring a large eyed needle for sinew.

Pine needles and sinew will be provided.
\$5 material fee.

Let's create something fun!



May Newsletter Editor:
Sue Ann Monteleone
kvmikesell@hotmail.com
Please submit articles for
the May newsletter
by April 12

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Leslie Righetti, Reno, NV
Sayuri Yamane, Reno, NV

Hi Weavers,

I have finally been enlightened and have capitulated to joining Instagram. I know for some of you that's a shock. However, we have some very creative members. One in particular, I want to "Thank" Jennifer Jay for her creativity in producing reels (little movies) of our events and classes.

So for us old fogies, please give it a try--follow us on Instagram. We have lots of new members with some amazing skills, especially in the technology world. We are improving our communication skills, as we teach them basketry skills. What a nice blend, we are never too old to learn something new, every day!!!

Karen O



FINE TULE BASKET with OVERLAY WORKSHOP

**APRIL 16, 2026
Sparks Masonic Center
9:30 AM-3:30 PM
Instructor – Sue Ann Monteleone**

In this class we will weave a small twined basket of fine triangular Tule (Schoenoplectus americanus) using a variety of twining techniques and color designs using strips of dark brown tule bases in an overlay technique.

Skill level – Intermediate

Class Fee – Members \$35.00, non-members \$45.00

Material Fee - \$25.00

Tools – Small awl, scissors, spray bottle or sponge, and towel

Don't forget your lunch!

Contact – Sue Ann at samonte@charter.net



ATTENTION THE CURRENT LIBRARY EXHIBIT:

**South Valley's Library
March-April 2026**

Come visit the latest exhibit at the library, we are honoring a few of our former members and displaying some of their baskets. We received some of Billie Walker's antler baskets and kelp baskets, which will be auctioned off at our retreat's silent auction. Also on display is Billie's 80th Birthday hat, which has little attached baskets made by guild members.

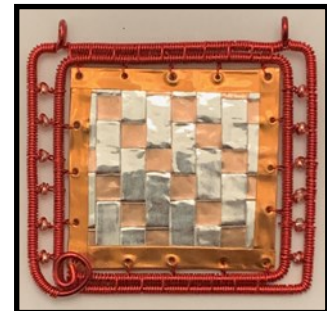
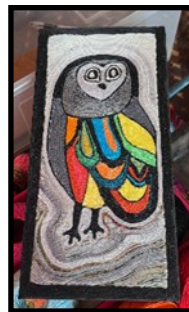
2026 GBB Retreat at Lake Tahoe

It's not too late to sign up for our GBB Annual Retreat at the Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in South Lake Tahoe, taking place May 12th through the 15th. Space is still available for our upcoming retreat, so please don't wait until the last minute to register. This is always a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our fabulous members and learn something new.

Please note that Jelena Clay's Palm Basket class on Wednesday, May 13, has only one opening. However, spots are still available for all other classes. Wednesday we have Karen Huntoon teaching Huichol Indian Style Yarn Painting. Thursday's classes are with Jelena Clay teaching Gourd Fish with knotless netting and April Barber teaching Copper Wire Pendant.

Additionally, please remember to bring your Silent Auction items to our next GBB meeting on April 2. Even if you are unable to attend the retreat this year, your contributions are greatly appreciated. The funds raised from the raffle and silent auction will go toward the deposit for next year's event.

If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please contact Nettie Fox at (530) 906-0038 or email at keepitwild@gmail.com.



SEWN ROPE BASKETS



**BASKETS
MADE
WITH
COTTON
CLOTHES-
LINE ROPE**

**SEWN
BY
MACHINE**

**FUN
PROJECT!!!**



**Clockwise: Kristy Swank,
Mary Goo, Bonnie Kennedy,
Randy Peyser.**

March 5, 2026 GBB General Meeting Minutes
Submitted by April Barber

Great Basin Basketmakers minutes, March 5, 2026

attendance: 14 in person at the Sparks Masonic building and on 3 Zoom.

Karen Olson called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

The minutes from the February 5 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's report: by April. Thank you to all who have renewed. We are continuing to receive payments toward our annual retreat. Final payments will be due soon.

Membership: by Karen. Around 15 members haven't renewed their annual membership dues.

Programs: Today Veda is teaching a rope basket constructed using a sewing machine. On April 2 Gayleen is teaching a pine needle medallion. Betty donated lots of nice pine needles to use - thanks!

3rd Thursday classes: by Karen. The February painted paper basket class was rescheduled to March 12. A Hexagonal basket will be taught March 19 as scheduled. On April 16 Sue Ann will teach a small basket from fine triangular tulle with a dark overlay section. Contact Sue Ann if you would like to attend this workshop.

Special Workshops: by Karen. We have paid the deposit for Margaret's class that will be held in Virginia City Oct. 13-15.

Shows and Exhibits: We currently have an exhibit at the South Valleys Library that will be up through the end of April. We are featuring some baskets by one of our founding members Billie Walker, and others. Also exhibited are baskets that our members created this year in classes. Check out our new Instagram page @greatbasinbasketmakers to see a video and some photos of this exhibit. Karen has contacted the Spanish Springs, Sparks and Northwest libraries to schedule exhibits in 2026.

Library Report: Lorrie says we have lots of books and come up and ask for help if you want to check some out. Today we have magazines and books available to take for free from donations.

Old Business: We previously decided to revise our brochures to reflect our new meeting time, and now have some new ones printed.

New business: by Nettie. The **GBB annual retreat** is set for May 12-15.

Registration is still open, but sign up soon. Not all of the classes are full yet. Currently we have 23 people signed up and 13 rooms booked. Please bring items to donate to the silent auction to the regular meeting April 2 or contact Nettie. Reminder that there is a raffle Wednesday evening of the retreat and the silent auction also closes Thursday evening. Bring cash or checks to participate in those exciting events.

Show and tell: Several members had items to show. Reminder that the items you donate to the raffle help pay for the cost of renting the room.

Adjourned at 11:57

2026 Officers and Committee Members

President: Karen Olson
Vice President : Vacant
Guild Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: April Barber

Board Chair: Vacant
Board At Large: Nettie Fox
Board At Large: Jennifer Jay
Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone
Board At Large: Lorrie Moore

Committees: Library/Raffle: Lorrie Moore; Retreat: Nettie Fox; Grants: Betty Hulse, April Barber; Special Workshops: Sue Ann Monteleone; Newsletter Editors: Sue Ann Monteleone, Karen Olson, Website: Jennifer Jay.

If you are able to volunteer your service to help out GBB in any way, please contact Karen Olson at 775-843-1361 or email to kvmikesell@hotmail.com

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Annual Membership Dues:

Electronic newsletter recipients: Individual: \$25/year (\$10 additional/year for family membership)

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Date _____ Amount: \$ _____ New _____ Renewal _____

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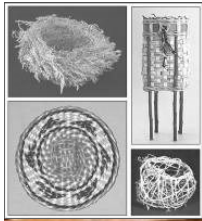
Send this completed form and check payable to Great Basin Basketmakers and mail to:

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Meetings the first Thursday of each month at Sparks Masonic Center located at 2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV. Our new hours for meetings are 11 AM for our business meeting, followed by show & tell and bring your own lunch. A program/mini workshop begins at 12:30. 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:

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Questions regarding workshops, events, etc. may be directed to our email at gbbreno@gmail.com or check our website at: www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org.

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.

