

Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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2025 Dues

**January 2, 2025
10 am—3 pm
Sparks Masonic
Center**

Our general meeting will be at 10:00, followed by show and tell, and sack lunch. We plan to finalize classes for next year—so please attend and get your votes in.

Twill a Paper Sampler

Join us to experiment with twill patterns using painted water-color paper strips. Finish off the edges for a small mat, or fold to form a basket.



WEATHER ALERT AND CANCELLATION POLICY:

If the Washoe County schools have been closed due to bad weather we will also cancel our meetings and/or classes.

**February Newsletter Editor:
Karen Olson
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Please submit articles for the
February newsletter by
January 12**

Almost Here, 2025!

Exciting activities are beginning to shape up for 2025—programs, classes, Tahoe retreat in May, Virginia City workshop with Margaret Mathewson in October, and Washoe County Library exhibits during the year. However, program and class gaps still remain. At the November GBB meeting there were many creativity program and class ideas. With your help, we look forward to filling in these empty spaces at our January meeting.

We had a fun Christmas party in early December with a tasty variety of dishes. There was chatter and a good time being together. Lorrie brought baskets, jewelry and books from Molly. Molly is not able to continue her crafts for health reasons. GBB is grateful to Molly for her past teaching time and sharing her knowledge of basket weaving. She has been generous to GBB many years and we miss her not being with us at meetings.

I want to thank the GBB Board for their ideas, time, energy and willingness to step in at short notice this year. The GBB women instructors, long time and newer weavers, make it possible to continue the basket craft and art.

P.S. Dues for 2025 are due to renew membership
Betty Hulse

Library Exhibit Schedule 2025

Spanish Spring Library—May-June

Sparks Library—July-August

Special Event Dates

Zephyr Point Retreat—May 13-16, 2025

St. Mary's Workshop—October 14-16, 2025

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.

November Meeting—considering projects for 2025—so many great ideas!



**November Program
Fun with Cordage
Veda and others
brought some great
materials**

2025 GBB Retreat at Lake Tahoe

Please come join us at **May 13 – 16, 2025** at beautiful **Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center**, located on the east shore of Lake Tahoe for three days of weaving. This year's retreat fees for a shared room are **\$405**, this is only \$135 per night which includes all meals. What a bargain!! And what a location! A deposit of **\$100 by February 6th** will hold your space at the retreat. If you prefer a single room the fee is **\$640**. Confirmation email will be sent when payment is received. All final registration fees are due by the general meeting on **April 3, 2025**. The class fees are listed below.

Please make checks payable to: GBB Mail to: GBB, PMB 293, 8175 S. Virginia St. #850, Reno, NV, 89511. Please complete one form per student. For more information call or text Nettie at 530-906-0038.

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 the 4/3/2025 deadline. No refunds after 4/3/2025 unless GBB cancels the retreat. Any cancellation must be in writing and mailed to: GBB, PMB 293, 8175 S. Virginia St. #850, Reno, NV 89511, or emailed to Nettie Fox at keepitwild@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership of \$25 required if not a current member: _____

Diet Restrictions: _____

Roommate: _____, Handicap Accessible room required: _____

Class request/Sign-ups, classes are limited to 12 students per class. No phone-in registrations accepted. Classes are based on a first come first serve basis, fees include materials. Please choose one class per day each class lasts all day.

Wednesday's Classes

Basic Introduction to New Zealand Flax with Debbie McClelland	\$60.00	_____
Two Tension Trays and/or Bread Boat Tray with Margaret Mathewson	\$85.00	_____

Thursday's Classes

Mad Weave Mats/Baskets with Debbie McClelland	\$50.00	_____
Spiral weave and/or Starburst pattern tray with Margaret Mathewson	\$75.00	_____

Please enter your amounts below:

Retreat fees \$ _____, + Class fees \$ _____, = Amount Due \$ _____

Payment \$ _____ Check # _____

I understand that a refund, minus the administrative fee, may be obtained until April 3, 2025. After this date, no refunds will be issued.

Participant Signature (required): _____ **Date:** _____

Debbie McClelland from Nanaimo, British Columbia will be joining us this year to introduce us to New Zealand Flax and test our patience with Mad Weave.



Wednesday, May 14—9 am to 5 pm

Basic Introduction to New Zealand Flax

This workshop focuses on how to gather and prepare New Zealand flax. We will make several small pouches to learn diagonal plaiting and a four corner container.

Class + Material Fees: \$60

Tools Needed: Scissors, bobby pins or small toothless clips.

Thursday, May 15—9am to 5 pm

Mad Weave Mats

This workshop explores mad weave patterns using colored paper strips. Different color combinations result in quite different pattern perspectives even though they are woven the same way.

This class is for all level of weavers.

Class + Material Fees: \$50

Tools Needed: Scissors, bobby pins or small toothless clips.



Margaret Mathewson is returning this year from her home in Alsea, Oregon to create some willow wonders with us.



Wednesday, May 14—9 am to 5 pm

Two Tension Trays and/or Bread Boat Tray

This class is a beginners intro to willow work but will also be fun for more experienced weavers. Make either or both of these—a basic round tension tray with an optional twined finishing and handles, and/or a boat shaped rib work bread basket tray.

Class + Material Fee (some rings and ribs precut): \$85

Tools Needed: Clippers or garden snips, small sharp knife (or locking pocket knife), and awl, small strong clips like mini wood clamps, at least four.

Thursday, May 15—9am to 5 pm

Spiral Weave and/or Starburst Pattern Tray

This class will include a basic flat start in twining and plain weave in 2 colors. Students may then either continue to add spokes and make a large round tray or wall hanging with a sunburst pattern, or make a spiral weave (also referred to as Corn Dolly weave) small basket or tray, or both. More challenging than day one.

Class + Material Fee: \$75

Tools Needed: Same as the tension tray class + a heavy spoke weight.



Harakeke



**Art Installation at the Christchurch
Art Gallery.**



**Harakeke (Phormium tenax) - New Zealand Flax.
Freshly split and woven**

**Maori Weavings at the Cultural Center
in Rotorua, New Zealand.**

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.

2024 Officers and Committee Members

President: Betty Hulse
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 Guild Secretary: Vacant
 Treasurer: Karen Olson
 Membership: Betty Hulse

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

Committees: Library: Lorrie Moore; Special Workshops: Sue Ann Monteleone; Exhibits & Shows;; Grants: Betty Hulse, Karen Olson; Raffle: Lorrie Moore; Website: Jennifer Jay; 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 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)

Date _____ Amount: \$ _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Email _____

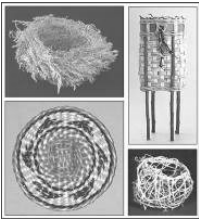
Send this completed form and check payable to Great Basin Basketmakers and mail to:

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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:

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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.

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.

