

Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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April 4, 2024
10 am—3 pm
Sparks Masonic Center



Learn to make t-shirt yarn, then weave an upcycled basket from a discarded waxy milk carton. Bring one or two t-shirts of different colors (preferably with no side seams or heavy plasticized logos) and a half gallon or smaller milk or juice carton. If you bring only one t-shirt, then maybe you can exchange some of your t-shirt yarn for a different color with a friend. We will be experimenting with twining patterns.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with some fourth grade classes with this same project on May 28th. Please contact April Barber if you are interested in helping.

These baskets can be used for a variety of purposes: plant holders, remote control holders, tool holders, center pieces for parties, small party favors, etc.

BRING SCISSORS AND LARGE CRAFT NEEDLES (like in the photo to the left.)



Welcome New Member

Kim Williamson, Portola, CA

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

May 14–17, 2024 GBB Retreat at Zephyr Point Conference Center

For those attending this year's retreat there are still openings in the following classes. If you were not able to register for Ann Taylor's Sampler basket on Wednesday, you could make that basket during the Thursday class by paying an additional \$5 (which covers materials.) If you have any questions please contact Nettie at keepitwild@gmail.com or Karen at kvmikesell@hotmail.com.



Thursday, May 16, 2024

Twined Basket

Ann Taylor

Class/Material Fee - \$60

Using one pattern from the sampler basket and a color of your choice, make a basket on a 5 1/2" cherry wood base. A decorative rim will finish off the basket. Tools: awl, sharp scissors, needle nose pliers, spray bottle, soaking tub.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Coiled Yarn Basket

Gayle Still

Class/Material Fee - \$50

Coiling with yarn around a core using just two stitches is a meditative way to create color, patterns and shape for a basket. The use of yarn is a great stash buster for spinners, knitters and crocheters, although raffia works well with this technique also. Embellishments will be discussed and feathers provided to end our basket. Tools: Scissors



REMINDER: All retreat fees are due by the April 4th meeting. We are asking everyone to bring a basket related item for the Silent Auction to the April meeting. Please fill out the GBB Silent Auction Entry Tag and attach to your donation. Please no white elephant or garage sale items. If you are unsure what to donate give Nettie a call.

GBB Silent Auction Entry Tag

Date _____

Donation Description: _____

Approximate Value: _____

Donated by: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



**WEAVING
ALONG**



FLOWING TWILL PURSE OR SMALL TOTE

**April 18, 2024
9:30 am—3:30 pm
Sparks Masonic Center
Instructor: Karen Olson
(Class is limited to 12)**

Try your hand at following a graphed pattern to make this striking twill weave purse or small tote. This sturdy little tote has a slotted wooden base for the start and a sixteen spoke repeat pattern. It's not a hard basket to make, but does require a bit of engineering and concentration. It'll be OK to mumble in front of 2 and behind 3...to keep track of where you are, as you weave each start and stop row.



Tools: Scissors, packing tool (or a small flathead screw driver if you don't have a packing tool), spray bottle or sponge, small towel, 12" ruler.

Class fee: \$30.00 member, \$40.00 non-member

Material fee: \$35.00, includes a hand crafted adjustable leather shoulder strap.

Contact Karen at kvmikesell@hotmail.com or 775-843-1361 to sign-up for the class or for any questions.

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.

Irish Creel Willow Workshop with Eli Goodwin June 4 & 5, 2024

An Irish Creel is a woven load bearing basket or gathering basket (not a fishing creel.) It is made in the opposite direction to traditional stake and strand flat based baskets. The stakes are put in the ground or a jig and the top of the basket is woven first. The creel does not have a woven border; instead an incredibly tight weave called the mouth-wale is used for the first round. For our class Eli will have us place our stakes in a garden pot filled with dirt. The pot should be straight sided and measure between 12–15" across the top of the pot. Weavers will be expected to provide their own garden pot and dirt. The creel can be finished with either an open bottom or closed bottom.

The two day class will be held at Karen Olson's home at 4201 Fairview Rd, Reno, NV 89511. Sign-ups are open—registration is limited to 12. **The two day class is \$240** which includes the instructors fee and all the willow. **Half of the fee (\$120) is due upon sign-up**, with the balance due by May 17, 2024 or you can pay the whole amount upon signing up.

You will need shears or clippers, knife, bodkin or large awl, metal or wooden rapping tool. For more information contact Sue Ann at samonte@charter.net or Karen at kvmikesell@hotmail.com.



**Jeana
Harrison
weaving
her creel**



March 7, 2024, GBB General Meeting Minutes submitted by Sandy Zoerner.

- Regular meeting at Sparks Masonic Center. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Betty Hulse. Today's meeting was in person and zoom with 17 attendees in person and 3 on zoom. It was wonderful to see new faces as well as returning members that we have not seen in some time. Prior minutes
- Approved treasurer's report by Karen Olson. At the end of February there was \$18,858.76 available in our funds, however most of that is designated toward the retreat in May (approximately \$11,000). Another reminder that dues for this year need to be paid now. Our current membership is around 90 members. Also, final payment for the retreat is due by our April 4 meeting.
- For today's program we are making fish out of bent wire hangers woven with scraps of reed and assorted materials.
- During our April meeting, we will be weaving over milk cartons using cutup T-shirts. April Barber has arranged for a day at Alice Taylor School in Spanish Springs to teach children about weaving. This will be the same weaving on milk carton technique and she needs volunteers to assist. There will be 3 classes involved and the date is May 28.
- On March 21st Bonnie Kennedy will be teaching a Cherokee Wheel Basket. Cost \$30 member fee plus \$15 for materials.
- Nettie reported there are currently 25 signed up for the May retreat and there are a few spots available for classes. Bring your silent auction items for the retreat at the April 4 meeting. Remember any dollars received help fund the following year's retreat.
- An Irish Creel Willow workshop with Eli Goodwin will be held June 4 & 5 at Karen Olson's home. Cost \$240.
- Sad note: Ferne Olson, one of our past members, passed away recently. Our condolences to her family.
- Some great Show & Tell items including Karen's 3 different projects she completed while on a basket cruise in the Caribbean. Jennifer Jay shared a few coiling projects she designed and taught. Also, there were some fun stories that were shared.



2024 Officers and Committee Members

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 Board At Large: Jennifer Jay
 Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone
 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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Date _____ Amount: \$ _____ New _____ Renewal _____

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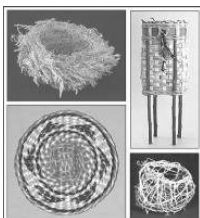
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Great Basin Basketmakers Established January 1987

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 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.

