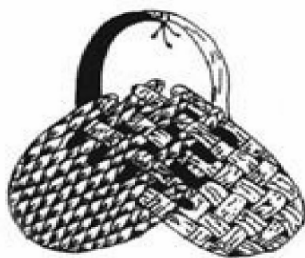


# Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



## Newsletter

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**Karen Olson**

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**November 6, 2025**  
**10 am—3 pm**  
**Sparks Masonic Center**

Veda will show us how to make a five-point star ornament from wheat straw and bamboo. This is perfect timing to get ready for the holidays. Use them as a tree decoration or as the topper on your holiday gift.

Thanks to Trisha and JoJo, the Golden Wheat straw and Bamboo will be provided. A limited supply of scissors, small clips and waxed string will be available. Please bring your own if you have them along with any other weaving material you want to use.



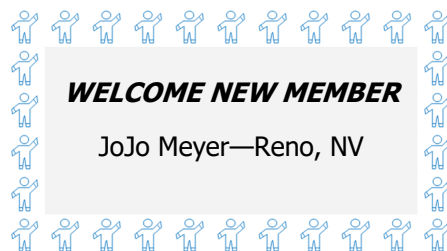
**We will be installing the next basket exhibit at the Spanish Springs Library on Friday, November 7, at 11 am.**

### ***Basket Gathering***

Please bring your baskets for display, to the November meeting.

We are looking for any coiled, twined or plaited baskets made with willow, tule, pine needles, or bark.

We welcome any volunteers who would like to help with setting-up the exhibit.



As we move toward the end of 2025—it's time to think about 2026. What classes and activities do we want to plan for next year.

We had some weather issues with this year's St Mary's workshop, so we have made some changes in the scheduling for next year. Two things: we moved the date up to September 28-October 1 and we have scheduled three nights with two full days for weaving. We will be checking in on Monday afternoon after 3 pm and exiting Thursday morning by 11 am. This way we will be able to start the class by 8 am both days for two full days of weaving. We will be able to get the check in and settling done on Monday afternoon with some social time to get acquainted. Thursday morning will be devoted to last bits of finishing and clean-up. St Mary's charge for the facility will be the same amount. We have not yet chosen an instructor for the workshop, so we are open to suggestions for the class.

We also need to begin the planning process for next year's classes and Programs. We had trouble filling classes during the summer months, so maybe we should consider a different venue for classes (outdoors) or not schedule during the summer. Do we need more beginner classes, more natural materials classes, etc. Put on your thinking cap for what you would like to see or what you would like to teach. We do need more teachers, as many of our past teachers have retired or are no longer with us.

Prior to the November meeting, we will be doing an inventory of materials that have been donated to our group. It would be good to plan some projects for next year, where we could use up some of these materials.

## **Karen**

January Newsletter Editor:  
Sue Ann Monteleone  
samonte@charter.net

Please submit articles for  
the January newsletter  
by December 12



**Small Willow Rib Basket  
November 20, 2025  
9:30 am — 3:00 pm  
Sparks Masonic Center  
Instructor: Sue Ann Monteleone**

Rib baskets (also known as frame baskets, Appalachian egg baskets, etc.) are plaited baskets generally constructed on two crossed rings with spokes inserted to form 'ribs'. Rings and ribs will be provided as well as willow weavers. We will connect the rings with God's Eyes and the ribs will be inserted into that structure. You can bring your own additional weaving material: iris cordage, chunky yarn, red hot poker leaves, fresh red twig dogwood, honeysuckle, wisteria, etc. Some tule will also be provided. You can weave completely with willow, or allow your creative side to add a unique touch.

Class limit – 12

Fee – Members \$35/non-members \$40

Materials - \$20

Tools needed – small clippers, medium awl, a few clips, spray bottle or sponge, towel

Bring your lunch and beverage

Contact Sue Ann Monteleone, 775-721-1817, samonte@charter.net

**\*\* Please sign up by 6 days before class-willow has to be soaked & prepared \*\***



**DECEMBER 4, 2025 — 11 AM TO 2 PM  
WILL BE OUR CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AT THE SPARKS MASONIC CENTER.  
BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT TO EXCHANGE.**





**BONNIE  
WEAVING HER  
RIM**



**MARY WITH HER  
LARGE BASKET, SHE'S  
STILL WONDERING  
HOW IT GOT SO BIG**



**CONNIE TRIMMING**

**NICK WITH HIS  
FINISHED  
BASKET (1) &  
BEGINNING A  
SECOND ONE (2)**



**CONNIE AND MARGARET WORKING ON  
THE TWISTED RIM, IT WAS A LOT OF  
WORK AND TOO MUCH TWISTING**





**KAT WITH HER FIRST EVER  
WILLOW BASKET,  
GOOD JOB KAT!!!**

**JEN WORKING ON HER  
FINAL STEP, COVERING  
THE HANDLE.**



**SUE ANN  
CONNIE  
MARGARET  
KAREN  
BONNIE  
VICTORIA  
JENNIFER  
KAT  
MARY  
ON THE  
FRONT  
STAIRS  
AT  
ST MARY'S  
ART CENTER**



**NICK'S FIRST BASKET  
TO THE LEFT**

**VICTORIA WRESTLING  
WITH HER TWISTED  
RIM, IT'S NOT AS EASY  
AS IT LOOKS.**



## October 2, 2025 GBB General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by April Barber

Great Basin Basketmakers minutes, October 2, 2025 attendance: 11 in person, no Zoom.

Trisha Work called the meeting to order at 10:05 am at the Sparks Masonic Center

The minutes from the September 4 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's report: Reminder that when you sign up for a class or a monthly workshop that payment is required at that time so the teacher has money to buy materials and isn't stuck if you decide not to attend and haven't paid.

Membership: We have a new member today, Jojo.

Programs: Trisha will teach us how to weave with wheat today.

November 6 – Veda will teach a woven star and there will be God's eye practice for the November workshop with Sue Ann.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday classes: October 23 – Nettie and Estelle will teach a baguette basket. Several spots are still available in this class.

November 20 – Sue Ann will teach a ribbed basket.

Special Workshop report: The special willow workshop this month with Margaret Mathewson at St. Mary's Art Center is full.

Shows and Exhibits: The exhibit at the Northwest Library will run through the end of October.

The Spanish Springs Library exhibit will be Nov-Dec and has display areas for smaller baskets. The theme is Technique. There will be three cases: twining, coiling, plaiting. Please bring your baskets to the November 6 meeting.

Install for this display will be November 7.

Library Report: Lorrie reminds us that the library has books, CDs and DVDs to check out for 2 months at a time.

There are also some books for sale.

New business: Everyone please come to the November meeting with ideas of what you would like to see in 2026 for our programs and classes.

We had a fun raffle and Show and Tell time.

Adjourned at 10:50



## THE WHEAT WEAVERS

**BONNIE  
VEDA  
JOJO  
NORMA  
KAT  
TRISHA  
APRIL**





## 2025 Officers and Committee Members

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 Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone  
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**Annual Membership Dues:**

Electronic newsletter recipients: ☐ Individual: \$25/year (\$10 additional/year for family membership)  
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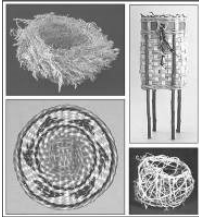
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## **Great Basin Basketmakers** Established January 1987

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:

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Questions regarding workshops, events, etc. may be directed to our email at [gbbreno@gmail.com](mailto:gbbreno@gmail.com) or check our website at: [www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org](http://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.

