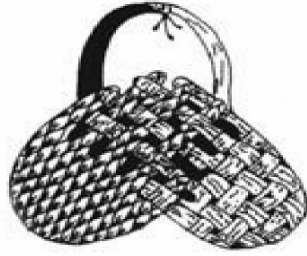


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Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



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May 6, 2021 GBB Guild Meeting 10 am—Noon

We will be meeting at 10 am at the Sparks Masonic Center for a short business meeting, a chance to RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS and hear a presentation by Neil Bertrando, a Board Director of Reno Food Systems, at 11 am.

He will be presenting an informative talk about the expansion of plantings at Park Farm, located at 3295 Mayberry Drive, Reno, NV, to include basketry and dye plants. They will be applying for a specialty crop grant to help develop and manage the gardens. One aspect of the grant is to expose people to new specialty crops and provide education about the crops and their use.

The Masonic Lodge has a WiFi connection, so we will also initiate a Zoom meeting from 10 am-Noon, so if you can't attend the meeting in person you could join us via zoom.



Next Month's Newsletter Editor:
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Please submit articles for
June newsletter by May 12



Reno Food Source's garden plot ready for planting. The structure to the right is used for a weekly farmer's market during the summer. Plans are in the works to plant some willow and other native plants in this garden. At the May meeting we will hear a presentation about the future plans of this garden plot.



The GBB Website

Be sure to check our website greatbasinbasketmakers.org for information regarding our organization. Information will be posted as it comes in.

Check back regularly for updates about our retreat, classes and programs.

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 over managing the Facebook page.

Spring is Here

To me Spring comes when the forsythia blooms. We know there will chilly weather with possible frost, but now the flowering trees are showing off for us as well as the daffodils and other bulbs. The trees are showing their various hues of green . Some of us have been cutting willow for use now or later.

Recently I have read a book I would recommend to you. Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Kimmerer is a Indigenous American from the Potawatomi Nation who has a PHD in ecology and environmental science. She thinks that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. Particularly of interest to basketry makers are her chapters on the cattails, tule, black ash, red cedar and of course sweetgrass. She is a sensitive writer about the reverence the Indigenous people have for the earth and the relationship all of us have to the earth and the environment. Kimmerer believes we have a reciprocal relationship with the plants and animals.

We hope you will join us at the Masonic Center in Sparks on May 6 from 10-noon. It will be a homecoming of meeting in person with masks and social distancing. Note: there will be NO lunch period, but there will an opportunity to return your books to our library & pick up a new one; a time to sign up for classes so bring your checkbooks. At 11:00 Neil Bertrando from the Reno Food Systems will share with us his ideas of planting basketry plants on their project.

Betty Hulse, President

GBB Board - March 31, 2021

4:30 pm [for April meeting]

{Attendance: Pam, Lorrie, SueAnn, Karen, Betty}

1~Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried that we authorize the air fare including the updated ticket price for Karen T. 's classes November 3 - 6.. It was moved, seconded and carried the we advertise the fees at \$45 plus materials fees. Sign ups will start at the May meeting with all fees payable at that time.

2~ Retreat dates will not be available till later in May.

3~ Facebook account will be closed. Volunteer opportunity for anyone wishing to restart it.

4~Neil, from Reno Food Systems, will present the program at the May meeting. They are interested in planting Basket and Dye Gardens along with their current veggies and fruit trees.

5~Update for program & activity committee - tabled till next month.

6~Betty will ask at the meeting tomorrow if anyone is interested in participating in the May Truckee River celebration. Interested members will form a planning committee and contact the sponsors for further information.

7~Margaret Matthewson will conduct willow classes June 28 - July 2. Details in the newsletter.

Next Board Meeting: Zoom - May 5, 4:30, for the May 6th guild meeting.

Minutes by Trisha Work

"As a fiber artist focused in basketry, my medium is derived primarily from the environment. I am continuously inspired by the abundance of natural material that surrounds me, and find myself driven to experiment with barks, roots and fibers that seem to lend themselves to textile applications. Care and patience is necessary in the gathering and processing of the materials. I enjoy combining traditional basketry applications with other historical fibers arts and metalworking techniques such as: piecework, lace making, and fabrication. My basketry forms are a celebration of the harmony that is intertwined between these materials and traditional methods."

Karen Tembreull

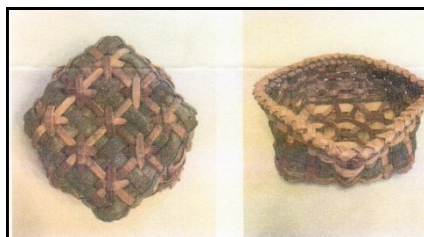
Coming in November

We are excited to announce that Karen Tembreull is coming to Reno to teach **November 3-6, 2021**. Karen is the owner of Barks & Roots Basketry located in L'Anse, Michigan. All classes are **\$45** for members and **\$55** for non-members and are limited to 12 students—there will be a waiting list once the class fills. Priority registration for members begins **May 6, 2021** on a first come first serve basis. If you are a non-member and are taking more than one class, please consider becoming a member @ \$25 for priority registration. After August 1st, class vacancies will be open to non-members. Please pay the class and material fee at the time of registration to reserve your space in the class. Checks can be made out to GBB. Bring to a meeting or mail to: GBB, PO Box 11844, Reno, NV 89510. Please contact or Karen Olson at kvmikesell@hotmail.com or Lorrie Moore at oolalal@charter.net if you have any questions concerning the classes or registering for these classes.

November 3, 2021 #1 Apple in the Pine (Material fee—\$85)

Level: Intermediate / Advanced (8 hours)

The base begins with a vintage spigot handle, threaded with Cedar bark. Twine the base with waxed cotton cord and iris leaves to upright. Using thinner Cedar and wider Willow bark learn the fun and challenging Japanese knot weave. A basic braid track border completes the piece. (4" x 4")



November 4, 2021 #2 Fluted Constellation (Material fee—\$75)

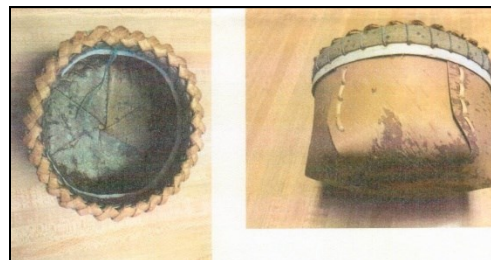
Level: Intermediate / Advanced (8 hours)

Beginning with a unique threaded base of Willow and Cedar barks; weave this sweet and functional basket with an interesting twist. The fluted sides and rim are resultant of a weave change to the basket. The braided Cedar rim enhances the overall flow. (6" x 6" x 2")

November 5, 2021 #3 Double Helix (Material fee—\$85)

Level: Intermediate (8 hours)

Students will heat fold and stitch a hexagonal Birch bowl with split Spruce roots. Next a spiraling liner of hexagonal to bias woven Willow or Cedar bark (or a combination) will be added. The braided rim of Cedar bark was taught to me by Dawn Walden. (6" x 3")



November 6, 2021 #4 Barks on the Bias (Material fee-\$100)

Level: Intermediate (6 hours)

Students will learn to weave this non-traditional basket with thin Birch bark. Overlays of Poplar and Hemlock barks will be added for color and textural notes. The faux braided rim was taught to me by master basketmaker Dawn Walden and is executed with Cedar bark. A hanger handle is sewn and installed with fine brass washers to secure the stitching. (7" x 6" x 5")

SILVER STATE ART FESTIVAL—NV Gourd Society

Please review all of the vendor information on this page before you fill out the vendor application.

The Fuji Exhibit Hall in Carson City is a wonderful indoor facility - no need for canopies! A kitchen and bathrooms are located inside the Hall. A 10x10 booth space is only \$125 for artists and \$175 for commercial vendors for the 2-day weekend. Tables are available for rent as well as electricity.

Show Hours for 2021:

Friday, September 10th - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Saturday, September 11th - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 12th - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Setup Hours:

Fuji Exhibit Hall will be open on Friday from 10:30 to 5:00 pm for vendor setup.

Applicants whose merchandise is their own personal art (gourd, basket, or wood art, etc.) will register as private artist vendors. To better support our artists, imported, mass-produced items will not be acceptable for sale. Those selling tools, dyes, books, and craft related supplies must register as commercial vendors. Nevada Gourd Society reserves the right to determine eligibility issues.

All applications must be received by August 15, 2021.

No cancellation refunds after September 1, 2021.

Terms of Agreement

Download, print, read and sign the Terms of Agreement for the 2021 Silver State Art Festival. You will need to give this signed form to us before you start setting up at the festival. (We will also have copies on hand if you forget to bring yours to the festival.)

Vendor Application

Fill out the vendor application form, and determine the total amount owed for your booth fee(s).

Payment

Payment will NOT be required until you have been accepted into the show. We recommend you apply early. If we have more applicants than we can accept, we will put you on our waiting list. Once accepted, we will contact you and make payment arrangements at that time.

Questions? Contact Kristy Dial at 619-995-2475 or nevadagourdsociety@gmail.com



Great Basin Basketmakers General Membership Meeting, April 1, 2021

Minutes

Betty Hulse convened the April 1, 2021 general membership meeting shortly after 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. There were 13 members joining the meeting.

Betty summarized the GBB board meeting, which was held yesterday, and made the following announcements:

Betty thanked Pam Wilcox for taking the minutes of the meeting, and asked for a volunteer to take minutes for future meetings. (Later in the meeting, Sandy Zoerner volunteered for the next meeting.)

Susan Lester volunteered to update the GBB website. Members are encouraged to look at the revised website. Members should call Susan with items for the website, especially photographs. The board is very grateful for her help with this.

As reported at the last meeting, Margo Duarte, who has been in charge of the GBB Facebook page, will be moving to Henderson. She is discontinuing the GBB page today. The board is asking for a volunteer who is knowledgeable about Facebook to resume the GBB page. Many thanks to Margo for her work on this. Peggy Camp volunteered to contact Margo about continuing Facebook.

As announced at the last GBB meeting, we plan to resume in-person meetings at the Masonic lodge in May. The May meeting will be at **10:00 on May 6**. Please wear masks and be prepared for social distancing. At 11:00 there will be a presentation by Neil Bertrando of Reno Food Systems about their urban gardening project and their invitation to us to help them plant basket materials. There will be no break for lunch at our meetings as long as masks are recommended. **PLEASE remember to bring back any library books you have at home!!**

Betty has been contacted by the group that will sponsor the Truckee River Festival during the entire month of May. They are inviting GBB to participate. Please let Betty know if you are interested. Betty thinks the Idlewild Park Sensory Garden may be available to us.

The next board meeting will be held as a Zoom meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5.

The May newsletter editor will be Sue Ann Monteleone.

Karen announced that Margaret Mathewson is willing to come to Reno the last week in June to teach willow classes for four days. Margaret is a popular teacher, and has taught at our retreats. Karen expects her to arrive on June 28 or 29, and stay for the entire week, offering two 2-day classes: a fancy wavy willow basket, and a basket with a tension base. Each class will probably cost \$100, including materials. Pictures of these baskets were sent out with the announcement for today's meeting. Karen plans to go to Margaret's home and bring back the willow needed for the classes, including some in different colors, so it can be ready for the classes. Those interested in attending should let Karen know as soon as possible, and pay for the classes at our May meeting. Thanks to Karen for arranging for Margaret to come.

Betty announced that there are currently no other classes planned for the summer, and encouraged members to contact her with ideas.

As announced at the last meeting and in the Newsletter, Karen Tembreull will be visiting us in November to teach several basket classes. She will be teaching for four days, November 3-6 (Wednesday-Saturday). Classes are planned to be held at the Masonic Lodge. Photos of her baskets have already been made available, and will be available again at the May meeting, when members are encouraged to sign up. If some of the classes are not full by summer, members of other nearby Guilds may be invited to join us to fill the classes. Costs will be similar to our local classes, probably about \$45/day plus materials.

It is hoped that we will now be able to resume regular Guild meetings on the first Thursday of every month at the Masonic Lodge. Exact times will be announced and will depend to some extent on medical advice re COVID-19. The August meeting has sometimes been cancelled in the past, but this year it may be perfect for a field trip or some other special opportunity. Betty pointed out that the July and November meeting days are already planned for classes (see above), and asked for input about these meetings; they could be moved to another day. Seven members shared current projects for Show and Tell. All were beautiful. Thanks for sharing.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Wilcox

2021 Officers and Committee Members

President: Betty Hulse
 Vice President : Vacant
 Guild Secretary: Sandy Zoerner
 Treasurer: Karen Olson
 Membership: Janice Johnson

Board Chair: Trisha Work
 Board At Large: Paula Pennington
 Board At Large: Pam Wilcox
 Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone
 Board At Large: Lorrie Moore

Committees: Classes: Bonnie Kennedy, Ann Taylor; Library: Pam Wilcox; Special Workshops: Lorrie Moore; Exhibits & Shows; Grants: Betty Hulse, Susan Lester, Karen Olson; Raffle: Sandy Zoerner; Website: Susan Lester; 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

Arnies Arts N Crafts Located Houghton Lake, MI www.basketpatterns.com 800-563-2356 Reed, cane, tools, patterns, gourd patterns & tools, books and many wooden bases.

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

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Date _____ Amount: \$ _____ New _____ Renewal _____

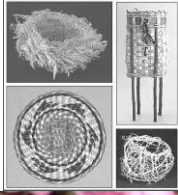
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Meetings the first Thursday of each month at Sparks Masonic Center located at 2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV. During the pandemic GBB business meetings will be via ZOOM at 10 AM. All are welcome.

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, PO Box 11844, Reno, NV 89510.

Questions regarding workshops, events, etc. may be directed to GBB president, Betty Hulse at betty.hulse5@yahoo.com or check our website at: www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org.

Information to be exchanged among GBB members may be directed to: gbbreno@gmail.com.

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.

