

Great Basin Basketmakers

Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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Summertime!

We hope you'll join us for our summer activities.

July - Convergence at Stewart Indian School July 15

- Tule gathering in Sierra Valley July 19

August - Tour at Pyramid Lake Visitors Center August 9

- Dyeing workshop at Karen Olson's August 10

Great Basin Weaver's Convergence

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum

1 Jacobsen Way, Carson City, NV 89701

July 15, 2023

The Great Basin Native Basketweavers Association and the Great Basin Basketmakers are meeting together for another day of basketry appreciation. Join us from 10:00 to 4:00 for discussion and comparisons of weaving techniques and materials, lunch, and a short workshop.



Morning – Introductions and sharing
Noon – Potluck lunch
Afternoon – **Tule Visor Workshop** or
Tule Egg Bag for beginners

Please RSVP by July 9 to reserve your free materials -

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

or

Leah—leahbee2014@gmail.com, 775-340-2833



Message Center

I would like to thank the GBB membership for their cards of concern and sympathy on the death of my husband, Jim. I am grateful for your kind words and support. There will be a Celebration of Life for him on Sunday, July 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 780 Del Monte Ln. in Reno.

Look forward seeing you soon. Have an enjoyable summer.

Betty Hulse



Tule Gathering in Sierra Valley Wednesday July 19—We will meet at the L.T. Davis rest area on Hwy 70 just west of Beckwourth at 9:00 am. Then we will carpool to tule patches that Trisha Work will scout out. After gathering we will enjoy our lunches in the shade back at the rest stop. Bring sunscreen and bug spray, water boots, hats, gloves, and clippers or knives.

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.

Tour at Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitors Center—Wednesday August 9



Photos from Pyramid Lake Museum website, Brendan Kiely and Robert Wikoff

Arrive at 11:00 am
Bring your own picnic lunch

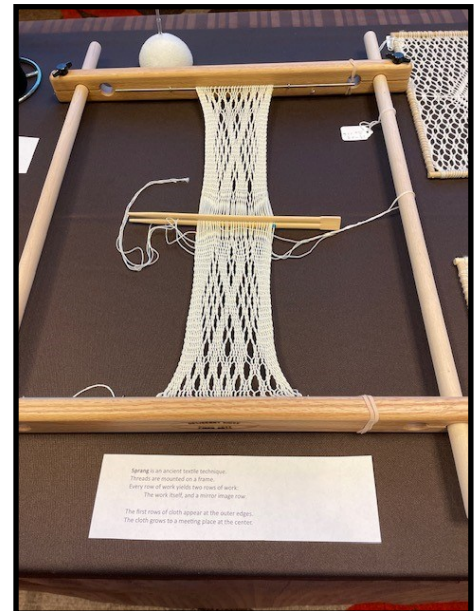


Material Dyeing Workshop at Karen Olson's - August 10, 2023—9:30-3:30

Come join us for a day of experimenting with dyes. We recently received a gift of materials and dyes from our former member, Tish Kendrick. This antique Rit dye display was included. We will dye some reed with Rit and discuss other dyes such as Jacquard dyes, leather dyes, and Gaywool dyes. These were also included in Tish's dye tub, their use with the appropriate fiber material will be shared.

Right: Sprang cotton weaving on the loom. Could be dyed with natural dyes, Rit, or Gaywool.

We will also explore some natural dye methods. Please feel free to bring any dyes and methods to share with the group. Everyone may have a different experience and method for dyeing reed, wool, gourds, cotton, and linen. If you have large dye pots and a camp stove, please bring them. Also if you have materials that you want to try dyeing, bring them. Bring a chair and a bag lunch and wear old clothes. For more info contact Karen at 775-843-1361 or email kvmikesell@hotmail.com 4201 Fairview Rd, Reno, NV 89511



Nettie Fox taught a great class on the Williamsburg basket ...



Sprangfest was a great success—

Weaving expert Carol James gave an intriguing presentation on the ancient Sprang technique of finger weaving. She demonstrated the technique of interlinking warp strands to form a beautiful elastic fabric and showed ancient artwork that shows weavers making sprang textiles back to Greek and Egyptian eras.

Fragments of sprang textiles have been dated to the medieval and even bronze age. The technique has also been found in ancient Peru and the American Southwest.

You can learn more about sprang and Carol James at www.spranglady.com.



Above: Training Sprang Loom, Betty and April
Left: Sprang Drawstring Bag made of cotton
Right: Carol James teaching Diane and Trisha the sprang method. Nettie is admiring the sprang products



Wilbur D. May Arboretum Tour— June 1, 2023

About 15 basket makers came to the May Arboretum for a tour of the gardens and basketry related materials. The tour of approximately an hour was lead by Bradon, one of the Washoe County employees. It is noted that if we were to reprint our basketry brochure, a number of changes will need to be made. Karen Olson will update the brochure and would welcome any help in revising it to include new plants, remove others that are no longer there or other improvements. Some expressed interest in helping cleanup or gather materials that are in need of trimming and could possibly be used in basketry. I will check with Luke the horticulturalist to see when the best possible timeframe to do that. I am thinking mostly in the fall.

After our tour, we gathered at some of the tables to have our lunch and share some of our thoughts. Then some of us walked down to the new pollinator gardens which have been built in the farm area. Thank you to everyone that attended and we welcome your thoughts about future events such as this.

Sandy Zoerner

I would like to have some volunteers to work on updating the arboretum brochure. We could schedule our own workday tour of the garden identifying plants which are featured in our publication:

“Weaving Naturally in the Great Basin”

If you would like to participate, please contact me at kvmikesell@hotmail.com

Karen Olson



Next Month's
Newsletter Editor:
Karen Olson
kvmikesell@hotmail.com
Please submit articles
for the September
newsletter by August 15

Fall Calendar

Hi Weavers:

We are looking for some input for this fall's guild meetings and classes. We definitely have some scheduled dates at the Sparks Masonic Center and some ideas for activities.

September 7, 2023 - GBB meeting — Material's Sale and Exchange

September 21, 2023 - Basketry Class — ?? — Teacher — ??

September 26-28, 2023 - Jennifer Zurick Black Willow Bark Workshop

October 5, 2023 - GBB meeting — Basket Starts — Karen Olson

October 19, 2023 - Oval Bread Basket — Karen Olson

November 2, 2023 - GBB meeting — Christmas Ornaments — ??

November 16, 2023 - Wine Basket — Kaylee Mayne

If you would like to teach or have some requests for classes or projects please contact me at kvmikesell@hotmail.com. We would also like to begin planning for next year's meetings and classes. We are proposing to not meet at the Sparks Masonic Center during January and February (weather always is an issue); however we may schedule a willow gathering day or some other event during this time (weather permitting.) So think about what 2024 can look like.



**Jennifer Zurick Black Willow
Bark Workshop
September 26-28, 2023
Workshop is FULL, contact
Sue Ann Monteleone at
samonte@charter.net to be
on the waiting list.**

2023 Officers and Committee Members

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

Board Chair: Trisha Work
 Board At Large: Nettie Fox
 Board At Large: Sandy Zoerner
 Board At Large: Sue Ann Monteleone
 Board At Large: Lorrie Moore

Committees: Classes: Vacant; Library: Lorrie Moore; Special Workshops: Sue Ann Monteleone; Exhibits & Shows:; Grants: Betty Hulse, Karen Olson; Raffle: Lorrie Moore; Website: Karen Olson, 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.

Consolidated Thread Mills Located Fall River, MA www.consolidatedthreadmills.com 508-672-0032 Good source artificial sinew, waxed linen and craft cords. Call for pricing.

Royalwood Ltd Located Mansfield, OH www.royalwoodltd.com 800-526-1630 Books, patterns, weaving materials, reed, waxed linen, caning supplies, shaker tape, Spend \$100.00 or more and qualify for wholesale prices.

The Caning Shop 926 Gilman St, Berkeley, CA 94710 www.caning.com 800-544-3373 Your source for caning, basketry and gourd crafting supplies, tools, and books.

V. I. Reed and Cane, Inc Located in Omaha NE www.basketweaving.com 800-852-0025 Reed, tools, caning, books and kits. Good quality of reed.

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)

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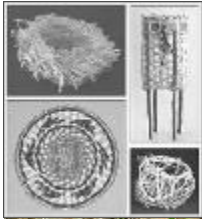
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Send this completed form and check payable to Great Basin Basketmakers and mail to:

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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 GBB, 8175 S. Virginia St. #850, PMB 293, Reno NV 89511

Questions regarding workshops, events, etc. may be directed to Karen Olson at kvmikesell@hotmail.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.

