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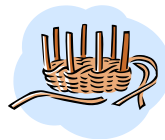
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April 19th meeting...

Who: VSBW members

What: Thrill of the Twill, Part 2

Where: Venice Chamber of Commerce

When: Thursday, April 16, 2015

Social time at 6pm, Business meeting at 6:30pm

If you aren't making the twill basket, come and bring along something you are working on or just come and visit!

We will have a raffle and "for sale" tables

Next board meeting will be held on Saturday, April 10th,
10 am, at Jo Page's home.

REMINDER...Library books are available to be signed out for one month. Please return any you have borrowed. Thank you for your cooperation.

~ Looking Ahead ~

Election of Officers at the April 16th meeting ~ Nominated officers for 2015-2016

**President: Barb Hower, Vice Pres: Eleanor Langlois,
Secretary: Linda Sharp, Treasurer: Marge Schemanski**

Sale of Weaving Materials

The materials from the estate of Mrs. Smekin, including full reams of flat & round reed, antlers, and some cording will be for sale! Bring your checkbook!

President's Letter

Dear Weavers,

Let me encourage you to come to our next meeting on April 16th. Even if you have not taken part in the first half of our twill project, you can work on anything that pleases you. We will be voting on a by-law change and electing our new officers. I know that those who have volunteered to serve will bring fresh ideas to our programs.

We had fun teaching 14 new weavers at our "So You Want To Weave A Basket" on March 21st. Hopefully this class will generate some new members. Thanks to all who helped and especially Sue Davis and Barb Hower for preparing the kits.

Keep your lasher damp,

Donna

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VSBW March 18, 2015 Meeting minutes

President Naylor called the meeting to order at 6:35 with 21 members and one guest present.

Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Schemanski reported a balance of 2590.52.

Doris Crocker reported for librarian Jeannette Johnson that she brought 4 books on twill weaving for check-out tonight, and also had copies of a 1 to 5 twill available. Library books that are due may be returned to Doris tonight.

Jo Page has flyers about the Manatee Heritage Day, March 28, open house.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate: President Barb Hower, Vice President Eleanor Langlois, Secretary Linda Sharpe, Treasurer Marge Schemanski.

The programs for March and April will be weaving a twill basket. In May, we will picnic at Grace Guidice's pavilion.

Grace announced a Fairy Festival at Spanish Pointe. The Tuesday weavers made 10 grapevine garlands to decorate the gazebo. Grace added flowers to the garland. Set-up for the festival will be on March 24.

A by-laws amendment was presented, eliminating the September meeting because so few are available to attend, and presenting the possibility of occasionally changing the meeting date. The proposal will be in the newsletter, and will be voted on in April.

Ron Chimke, of Osprey, whose wife Cora wove antler baskets, has antlers and reed for sale. Contact him if interested.

Sharon Schneider told us about using Lauhala leaves for weaving. They are available on Maui, but cannot be exported, and are expensive on the US mainland.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Langlois, Secretary

From Membership ~ at anytime your address, phone or email changes, please send the changes to Sue Davis at suedavis101@comcast.net

Membership Information Changes

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Member Teaching Schedules & Weave-in

...**At the Venice Art Center** ~ Nantucket Basket Class with Marge Schemanski and Peter Finch through April 24th

...**Kathryn Erickson ~ Private lessons:** contact Kathy at pineneedleart@gmail.com

...**at the Knitting Place**, 258 West Miami Place, Venice ~ for all your knitting needs and classes at all levels ; for information, please call 941-486-1584; www.veniceknittingplace.com.

...**WEAVE-IN** at Historic Spanish Point (HSP) ~ **Every Tuesday, September-May from 12-3**. Bring your lunch. Please meet at the Visitor Center at 12 noon for a wonderful, relaxing place to weave and visitors are welcome! **Cost:** One year HSP membership \$50 **or** \$3.00 each weave-in. Contact: Grace Guidice at 412-0935 or at guid@comcast.net. **If the weather is inclement, please contact Grace.**

...**Weaving at Nokomis North Jetty Park** will be on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday from 1:00 - 4:00. It will not be held on the 3rd Thursday when we have our regular meetings. We will weave near the pavilion where picnic tables, shade, facilities, and food is available on the Gulf side parking area. This will give VSBW exposure and provide us with an opportunity to distribute flyers and publicize classes. **If the weather is inclement or cold, we will not weave at the Nokomis North Jetty Park.**

Vote on By-Law Change ~ April 16th Meeting

Article IV, Section A:

Currently reads: Meetings will be held the third Thursday evening of each month, September through May. Meetings may be occasionally changed.

Proposed change: Meetings will be held the third Thursday evening of each month, **October** through May. Meetings may be occasionally changed.

Article VI

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any general meeting by a two-thirds majority of all members present provided a copy of any proposed amendment has been sent to all members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Letter from former member, Janet Brooks (Edited version)

Dear old friend of VSBW:

It's always a delight to get the newsletter of the VSBW!!! I can still recall a lot of the smiling faces of yesteryear, basket weaving!! So I must send in my dues and keep up the newsletter!!

I don't do much weaving anymore! My fingers and hands still work but they don't do very well on the tight, tight, and tight!!! Part, so now I enjoy getting the newsletter and then sit down with a glass of "oh be joyful", (as an old Tara friend used to say), and read the newsletter!! I can still read and walk around (boisterously)!!, especially if I hear music in the hallway.

Oh, I sure miss you all!! We had such good times!!!

Love and best wishes to you all!!

Janet Brooks

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Next VSBW newsletter
will be sent
May 1st
Submission deadline:
April 23



Weaving Suppliers

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| The Country Seat | 610-756-6124 | http://www.countryseat.com |
| H. H. Perkins | 800-462-6660 | http://www.hhperkins.com |
| N. C. Basket Works | 800-338-4972 | http://www.ncbasketworks.com |
| Royalwood | 800-526-1630 | http://www.RoyalwoodLtd.com |
| The Knitting Place | 941-486-1584 | http://www.veniceknittingplace.com |

VSBW has been organized for many years to share, learn, and celebrate a variety of basket weaving activities. The current officers and chairpersons are listed above.

VSBW is a member of the National Basketry Organization, the Sarasota County Arts Council, and the Art and Cultural Alliance (serving south Sarasota County).

The **VSBW newsletter** will be sent out the 1st day of the month. If you are interested in receiving your newsletter electronically (PDF Adobe Reader) via e-mail **or** mailed to members without email.

Dues: \$30 single; \$35 family and shall be paid by January 1st.

2014-2015 Meeting dates: September 18 ; October 16; November 20; December 18; January 15; February 19; March 19; April 16; and May 21

VSBW exchanges newsletters with approximately 20 basketry organizations across the US and is available to members at the meetings.

Newsletter Exchanges: Please send your newsletter to VSBW, Box 1411, Venice, FL 34284-1411. Feel free to use our information, but please credit appropriate source.

VSBW website ~ <http://www.venicebasketweavers.com/>

Meeting Pictures ~ March 26th



THRILL TO TWILL ~ Part 1 of 2



Janet and Helen



Rene



Sue Hosey & her guest Mary



Sharon, Carolyn & Doris



Doris



Cindy



Donna



Beautiful Weaving

April 16th meeting ~ THRILL TO TWILL ~ Part 2

So You Want to Weave a Basket ~ Market Basket April 21st ~ Jacaranda Library ~ 10:00-4:00

There were 13 participants attending our annual *So You Want To Weave A Basket*.

There were 8 VSBW members teaching and assisting the participants.

We began promptly at 10 and the participants were finished at 3:30.

A great time for everyone and beautiful baskets!
Thank you to the VSBW members who assisted!

