



Newsletter

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Celebrating 32 Years of Weaving

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The April 21st meeting at the Venice Chamber of Commerce building will begin with gathering time at 6:00 PM and followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30. The program will be weaving a Planter Basket. Materials cost: \$5.00. Bring weaving tools.

There will be tables available for Raffle, Give Away and For Sale.

Next Board Meeting: 10:00, April 9th at Linda Sharp's home.

~ Nominating Committee Report ~

Elaine Cunningham volunteered to be the Nominating Committee

Nominated officers for 2016-2017 ~ Election of Officers at our April 16th meeting

President: Barb Hower, Vice Pres: Eleanor Langlois,

Secretary: Linda Sharp, Treasurer: Marge Schemanski

President's Message...

Hello Weavers,

It is hard to believe April is here already and we have just two meetings remaining before we break for the summer.

Some of you will be heading north before we meet this month. Safe travels to all of you.

March twelfth we held "So You Want to Weave a Basket" at the Jacaranda library. The participants had a great time learning to weave. All went home with completed baskets.

Special thanks to Sue Davis for handling all the details this year and many thanks to volunteers Linda Sharp, Carolyn Thomas and Sharon Schneider.

Happy weaving to all,

Barb

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March 17, 2016 meeting minutes...

President Hower called the meeting to order at 6:24 P. M. with 22 members and 5 guests present. She thanked the five teachers: Sue Davis, Sharon Schneider, Carolyn Thomas, Linda Sharp, and Barbara Hower for their help with So You Want to Make a Basket. All eleven women students went home with a finished reed basket.

Secretary's report was posted. The treasurer reported an operation balance of \$2,812.82.

Vice President announced that next meeting members would be making a plant basket with a materials fee of \$5.

Elaine Cunningham announced the slate of officers for next year: President, Barbara Hower; Vice President, Eleanor Langlois; Secretary, Linda Sharp; and Treasurer, Marge Schemanski. The election will be held at the April meeting.

Grace Guidice stated that Weave-in is going well. Barbara Hower read a note from Cherie Rice thanking VSBW for an enjoyable experience that she and friends had weaving at Spanish Point in February.

Three tables full of raffle materials were won by participants.

We have two new members.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P. M.

Jo Ann Page taught the group how to make a Josephine knot basket. Jo arrived with a table full of weaving materials and encouraged members to use several different kinds of materials in their baskets.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Sharp, secretary

Please Welcome New Members

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Josephine Knot Baskets with Jo Page ~ March meeting

Jo brought weaving directions and a variety of weaving materials. She demonstrated and the assisted us as we were weaving!



Janet Goldman



Sue Davis



We went home with material to finish our baskets.

Member Teaching Schedules and Weave-in

...At the Venice Art Center ~ Nantucket Basket Class with Marge Schemanski and Peter Finch ~ Friday, 10-3, January - April

...**Kathryn Erickson** ~ Private or group lessons on your timeline in Punta Gorda. Please contact Kathy at kathye1745@exede.net

...**Patty Feather** ~ Private or group classes. Contact Patty at patty@featherbaskets.com

...**Sandy Frick** ~ Check the websites below for more info for description and pricing

Botanical Prints in Clay @ Selby ~ Friday, March 11 & 18, 10 – 2:00; www.selby.org

Color Paper Pulp @ Art Center Sarasota ~ Monday, March 14; www.artsarasota.org

Eco Print on Paper and Silk @ ACE ~ Thursday, March 24, 9:30 – 3:30; www.ace-sarasota.com

...**Jennie Baas** ~ Lime Tree Baskets ~Classes can be found on the events page at Limetreebaskets.com

Classes now through July 2016 at Art Center Manatee, Bradenton, FL will be on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-8:00

Find class descriptions at artcentermanatee.org under special interest. Beginning Classes can be found at The Artful Giraffe Sarasota & G.T. Bray Bradenton. Home parties can also be arranged. Questions, please contact Jennie Baas at 309-721-3532.

...**WEAVE-IN** at Historic Spanish Point (HSP) ~ **every Tuesday, through 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 in the 70's, windy or raining, please contact Grace.

...**Weaving at Nokomis North Jetty Park** ~ suspended and will resume at a time to be announced.

VSBW Weavers on a Caribbean cruise

VSBW members ~ Marge Schemanski, Barb Hower, Eleanor Langlois and Patty Feather as a teacher went on a 7 day Caribbean in February. They participated in regular and mini classes.



Marge



Patty



Barb



Eleanor



Weaving Class

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Next VSBW newsletter
will be sent
May 1st
Submission deadline:
April 25th



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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 **VSBW newsletter** will be sent out the 1st day of the month. VSBW newsletters are electronically sent (PDF Adobe Reader) via e-mail **or** mailed to members without email.

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

2015-2016 Meeting dates: October 15, November 19, December 17, January 21, *February 11, March 18, April 21 and May 19

VSBW **exchanges newsletters** with approximately 20 basketry organizations across the US and is available to guests 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/>

So You Want to Weave a Basket ~ March 12th ~ Jacaranda Library



There were 11 participants attending our annual *So You Want to Weave a Basket*. There were 5 VSBW members teaching and assisting the participants. We began promptly at 10:00 and participants were finished at 3:00.





Beautiful Baskets by Happy Weavers!!!

**Thank you Barb Hower, Carolyn Thomas, Linda Sharp and Sharon Schneider!
A wonderful weaving day and a lot of fun!**

Sue Davis