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Celebrating 32 Years of Weaving

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The February 11th 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.

Julia Bennett will present a program about the Baskets of the Indigenous People of the Pacific Northwest.

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

Next Board meeting: February 6th, 10:30, Linda Sharp's home.

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President's Message

Hello Weavers,

A gentle reminder: OUR February meeting is February 11th this month, the second Thursday, not the third.

This month we will welcome back Julia Bennett who will continue her presentation of the basketry of the Indigenous People of the Pacific Northwest. If you missed her last year, do try to attend. It was a wonderful program.

March 12th is our annual "So You Want to Weave a Basket" at Jacaranda Public Library. See page 3 for detailed information.

Happy Weaving!

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January 21st meeting minutes...

President Hower called the meeting to order with 20 members and 6 guests present.

No secretary's report due to the Christmas party instead of a meeting in December.

The operating balance in the treasury is \$2,777.54.

Aprons with VSBW logo are available for purchase at \$15.00.

Jo Ann Page reported that the Education committee is looking to attract new members and needs input from the members on interesting ways to do this such as: an event either indoors or outdoors; members swap and shop; and other creative ideas.

Grace Guidice announced that weave-in is continuing its dynamic pace.

Elaine Cunningham reported on the 1800's Christmas at North Port Library. The Venice-Nokomis Rotary Art Festival on January 16 - 17 was challenging as the weather cooperated on the 16th. However, the tent was severely damaged that night in the storm. The shelving was saved and members saved their baskets. The good thing was that VSBW won the Merit Award and with this award was a check for \$100.

No raffle was held. There will be raffle at the next meeting.

Membership books were distributed. We gained three new members at the meeting: Joe Vab Berkel, Lynn Foster, and Michele Rapp.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P. M.

Eleanor Langlois presented an exciting class on making a Potato Masher basket.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Sharp, Secretary

Looking Ahead ~ Mark Your Calendar ~ Events

Fabulous Arts Boutique (FAB)

Art Center Sarasota ~ 707 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL

Opening reception March 2, 2016 ~ 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Thursday, Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

So You Want to Weave a Basket

Saturday, March 12th, 10-4 at Jacaranda Public Library

4143 Woodmere Park Blvd, Venice, FL.

Volunteers will be needed

2016 Membership Books

Available for pick up at the February 11th meeting

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 groups lessons on your timeline in Punta Gorda. Contact Kathy at kathye1745@exede.net

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

...**Sandy Frick** ~ Check the websites for more info on classes description and pricing of classes

Wednesday, Feb 3 & 10, 10-2:00 ~ Hand Made Garden Journal @ Selby Botanic Gardens; www.selby.org

Thursday, Feb. 18, 1-4:00 ~ Making Decorative Arts Papers @ ACE; www.ace-sarasota.com

Thursday, Feb. 25, 1 – 4:00 ~ Small Books @ ACE ~ www.ace-sarasota.com

...**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 inclement, please contact Grace.**

...**Weaving at Nokomis North Jetty Park** ~ the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, weather permitting.



So You Want to Weave a Basket Details

March 12th

Jacaranda Public Library

Basic Basket ~ 6 ½” X 6 ½” X 4 ½” tall

Cost of Kit: \$ 10.00

This year VSBW will be teaching a Basic Basket, from 10 am – 4 pm, March 12th, at the Jacaranda Public Library Meeting Room, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd, Venice, FL.

Kits with all materials and written directions will be made for the attendees.

We will need members to assist the attendees. If you will be available, please contact Sue Davis at 941-496-9539 or suedavis101@comcast.net.



One of the best venues in January for VSBW to advertise **So You Want to Weave A Basket** was at the Venice-Nokomis Art Festival. Due to the severe weather, our small handouts for **So You Want to Weave a Basket** are still available to share with friends.

At the February 11th meeting:

- The many small handouts will be available for you to take and share with friends & neighbors.
- If you do have a clubhouse and a place for an 8 ½” X 11” flier with the information, please let me know so we can have the flier for you at the February 11th meeting.

Thanks in advance....Sue Davis at 941-496-9539

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Next VSBW newsletter
will be sent
March 1st
Submission deadline:
February 24th



Weaving Suppliers

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

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. 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 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/>

2016 Venice-Nokomis Rotary Art Festival ~ January 16



A very beautiful Saturday ~ severe storms with wind & rain Sunday morning closed the festival

January 21st meeting and weaving



Thanks Eleanor for teaching a very different basket: the Potato Masher Basket