

# Newsletter

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*Celebrating 32 Years of Weaving*

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*The January 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Mash Potato Basket. VSBW will provide weaving materials. You can weave the basket if you do not have the potato masher. Bring a water container and weaving materials. There will be tables for Raffle, Give Away and For Sale.

Next Board meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 at Eleanor Langlois' home.

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*Happy New Year!*

**Mark Your Calendar ~ Looking Ahead ~ Mark Your Calendar**

**Venice-Nokomis Rotary Art Festival at Venice Airport Festival Grounds**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 10am – 5pm**

**February 11 ~ Julia Gladstone ~ Baskets of the Indigenous People of the Pacific Northwest**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> ~ So You Want to Weave a Basket ~ 10-4 at Jacaranda Public Library**

**Volunteers will be needed**

## *President's Message*

Hello Weavers and Happy New Year!

We send a big thank you to VP Eleanor Langlois for both mapping out a tour of lights for us and once again hosting our Christmas party at her home. Those who attended had a great time. Thanks so much.

For the 2016 year, there are some interesting programs lined up for the remaining season. We will be looking for volunteers to help assemble materials for some of the programs and to assist with "So you Want to Weave a Basket" and Manatee Heritage Days in March, just to name a few volunteer opportunities.

Dues payments have been a bit slow. We encourage you to remit payment soon in order to be included in the annual membership booklet.

Best wishes for 2016 to be filled with health, happiness and loads of weaving for all.

Barb

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## **1800's Christmas ~ December 6, 2015** North Port Public Library ~ North Port, FL

Elaine Cunningham represented VSBW at the North Port Library "1800 Christmas". This event was a great success, with every one dressed in period costumes. There were craft demonstrations with hands on for children, dancing, music and games from the 1800 period.





**Member Teaching Schedules and Weave-in**

...At the Venice Art Center ~ Nantucket Basket Class with Marge Schemanski and Peter Finch ~ TBA.

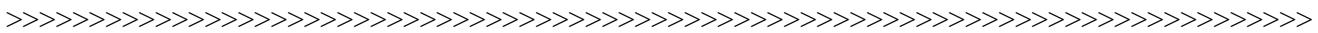
...Kathryn Erickson ~ Private or groups lessons on your timeline in Punta Gorda. Contact Kathy at kathye1745@exede.net

...Sandy Frick ~ classes resume in February

...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) ~ Reusmes January 5<sup>th</sup> and 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 resumes in January on the 14<sup>th</sup> and will continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, weather permitting.



*December 13, 2015...We traveled to Manatee Historical Village with our precious gifts of pine needles, palm inflorescences, weaving materials and beads. Kathryn Erickson, Grace Guidice, and myself assisted the several dozen interested kids in making their first weavings. Bells rang, carolers sang and Scrooge wandered around looking for Bob. We had fun and the day was balmy beautiful. If you have never visited this impressive historical restored and recreated community, you need to add it to your list of things to do!*

*Happy New Year, Jo Page*



**VSBW Christmas Party ~ December 17th**

The tour of lights in Bay Indies was beautiful.  
At Eleanor's home, we had great refreshments and gift exchange.



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Next VSBW newsletter  
will be sent  
February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Submission deadline:  
January 25<sup>th</sup>



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#### Weaving Suppliers

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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

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