

Newsletter

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The March 17th 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 small Josephine Knot Basket. Materials cost: \$5.00. Tools to bring: snips, a round awl, a gallon size plastic bag to hold damp material.

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

Next Board Meeting: 10:00, March 5th in the Board Room at Linda Sharp's home.

2016 Membership Books and Member Addition/Correction

The current Membership Book has been mailed. If there is an error in your information, please contact Sue Davis with your correction.

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CORRECTION: Doris Crocker phone: 941-662-8664

President's Message...

Hello Weavers,

It's a busy time of year for most of us. Relatives are visiting, places are mobbed and traffic is crazy.

Don't forget to pencil in FAB this month, details below, and our March 17 meeting when Jo Page will be teaching us Josephine's Knot **basket**.

We also have *So You Want to Weave a Basket* on March 12 at Jacaranda Library. We are looking for volunteers to assist new weavers in weaving a Basic Basket.

I, for one, am looking for warmer temps and more time for weaving.

Happy weaving to all!

Barb

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February 11, 2016 meeting minutes...

President Hower called the meeting to order with 20 members and 7 guests present.

Secretary's January meeting report was posted in the February Newsletter.

Treasurer reported an operating balance of \$2903.44.

Fliers and posters for **So You Want to Make a Basket** on March 12, at Jacaranda Library, are ready for distribution. These can be obtained by contacting Sue Davis.

The March meeting will feature weaving a Josephine Knot Basket. Please see the picture on our web site.

Weave-in: If the weather is in the 70's windy or raining, weavers will be contacted and meet at the home of a member.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 P. M.

Raffle was held.

Our speaker, Julia Gladstone, gave an excellent power point presentation about basket weaving in the American Northwest. Samples of spruce root, sweet grass, and cedar were viewed. She conducted a weaving project using sweet grass harvested from the Northwest.

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

Kit with weaving materials & instructions: \$10.00

Weaving materials to bring: water container,
scissors, clothespins, small towel & measuring tape

Reserve a kit by March 5th

Contact: Sue at suedavis101@comcast.net or 941-496-9539



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!

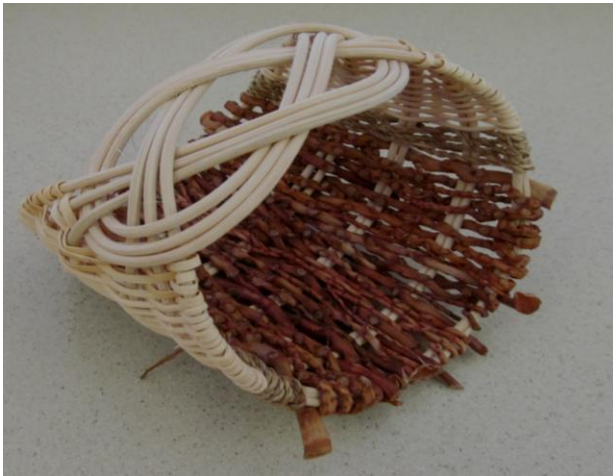
Cost: One year HSP membership \$50 or \$3.00 each weave-in. Contact: Grace Guidice at 412-0935 or at guid@comcast.net. If the weather is in the 70's, windy or raining, please contact Grace.

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

History of Rib Baskets

The weaving of the Josephine Knot Basket was initiated due to our society's interest in exploring the rib style baskets. Rib baskets originated in areas where vines and willows were harvested. The rib basket traditionally begins by lashing hoops and creating a harbor where the spoke ends can nestle, but the knot basket offers the "rib spokes" as originating at the beginning construction.

At the meeting, we'll start the small basket similar to the picture and rand weave with a lighter (smaller in diameter) rattan and as an option a variety of indigenous (locally harvested) materials to complement the commercial rattan will be available. The body shape of the basket is determined by the spoke ribs, and woven with a simple randing of over/under with lighter (or smaller) materials. This short workshop isn't designed to create a replica of any one knot basket but an opportunity to explore and/or to just weave. Additionally available for sale will be materials and guides to construct larger Knot rib baskets.



*** FYI ***

*** Chris Brown from the Manatee Historical Park has announced: March 5, Saturday, 11 – 4, spring event featuring a beard and mustache competition. They also welcome (free) any weaver(s) interested to set up to sell or demonstrate. The number is 941-741-4076

*** Need shears, snips, or even hedge trimmers sharpened? Thierry Rouillard is now set up at the Venice farmers market on Saturdays, located behind the water park.

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Next VSBW newsletter
will be sent
April 1st
Submission deadline:
March 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 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 17, April 21 and May 19

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

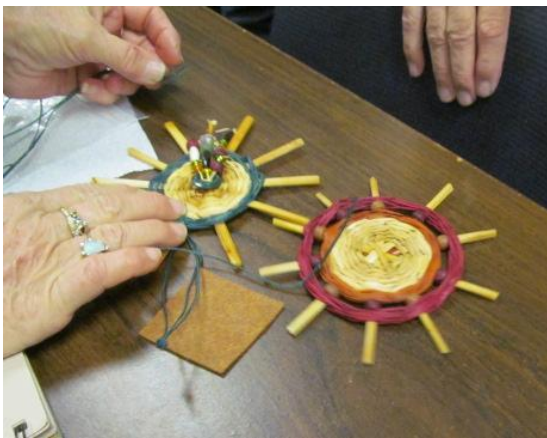
Newsletter Exchanges: Please send your newsletter to VSBW, Box 1411, Venice, FL 34284-1411. Feel free to use our information, but please credit appropriate source.

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

**February 11th Meeting with Julia Bennet
Baskets of the Indigenous People of the Pacific Northwest**



Thank you Julia for a wonderful program and our weaving with sweet grass from the Northwest!



Janet Goldman ~ 1st place winner
ArtCenter Manatee
209 9th Street W ~ Bradenton, FL
9am - 5pm ~ Monday-Saturday

I entered three pieces and this was chosen in the "fine craft" division which included jewelry! The exhibit is up now and will be there through March 25th.



It is a hexagonal weave. It is all watercolor paper, hand painted by me. The paper was cut into strips wide enough for a pasta machine and cut down into 1/4" wide strips and some even thinner for the black accent pieces.

ArtCenter Manatee called me about winning 1st place. Yes, it was a surprise and thrill. I am so excited!

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From the Editor ~ Weaving on Social Media

Many years ago, I created a **Facebook** account to keep up with my teenage grandchildren. Among my interests I included Basket Weaving. Occasionally, I would see pictures which included baskets which my friends had posted on FB.

About two weeks ago, Donna Naylor sent me information about a wonderful basket weaving link to join a group which includes pictures and comments: **Facebook Basket Weavers; basketry, gourd weaving & more!**

I am really enjoying the pictures I see and the comments by other weavers from around the world. If you are interested in checking this out and joining the group, go to the Search Facebook area.

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**WEAVING TIPS**

Members have asked for tips on basket weaving. Tips will be added in future newsletters. If you have a weaving tip, please let us know so it can be shared with all members.