



Newsletter

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Celebrating 34 Years of Weaving

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The VSBW meeting on [Wednesday, April 18th](#) at the Venice Chamber of Commerce building will begin with gathering time at 6:00 PM, sharing creations at 6:15 and followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30. Russian weaver, Vladimir Yarish, will speak about weaving with birch bark.

There will not be tables for Raffle, Free items and For Sale.

Election at the April 18th meeting

President: TBA

Secretary: Sue Garland

Vice President: Jo Page

Treasurer: Cathy Wiggins

President's Message...

Our April 18th meeting is fast approaching and it will be one of the most exciting of the year! We will welcome Russian birch bark basket maker Vladimir Yarish, who will present a program on basket making in a very different manner from what we experience here. I hope you will all attend and give Vladimir a warm Florida welcome!

Don't forget that our meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 18**, a change from our usual Thursday date, at the usual time. Please bring lots of Show and Tell for 6:15, so Vladimir can see what we do.

On a sad note, Linda Smeenk, our President-elect, is moving to North Carolina, so we need to find a replacement for the position of President for 2018--2019. Won't YOU please step up and volunteer for this important and rewarding position? Jo Page will be Vice President, Sue Garland, Secretary, and Cathy Wiggins, Treasurer. This will be a wonderful team - we just need a leader. We will miss Linda, and wish her the best in her new home.

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February meeting minutes....

President Langlois called the meeting to order with ten members and two guests. She announced the secretary's report was accepted and the treasurer reported an operating balance of \$2,873.82.

Marge Schemanski announced the slate of officers:

President: Linda Smeenk, Vice President: Jo Ann Page,

Secretary: Sue Garland, Treasurer: Cathy Wiggins

Sue Davis reported that we have a new member starting next year. She was here to visit tonight.

Karen Pellegrini thanked Donna Naylor for the many, many items donated for the raffle.

Touring teacher: Vladimer will be here and will limit the class to fifteen. Twelve have registered and three are possibilities. It will be held at Art Center Sarasota and if there is a problem with this venue, it may be held at a clubhouse in Bradenton.

Marge Schemanski stated that this last year of FAB did well. The Reception night did the best ever and overall FAB did better than last year.

We need a person to chair the Holiday Tree Lighting before May 2018. There were no volunteers.

Linda Sharp announced that Arts and Craft show tables at Englewood Sports Complex are open for groups or one person for Dec. 2018, Jan.2019 and March 2019, for \$20 per table.

David Pierce of the Chamber of Commerce informed the president that we cannot have the Chamber room on April 19. He has arranged for April 18. This change has been approved by Vladimer for his talk. David Pierce also promised that lights outside will be working until 10:00 PM

Marge Schemanski made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the Shark Tooth Festival. Voted to approve.

Grace Guidice announced that Weave In has new rules: There will be no fees to attend Weave In and the weaving will be held in a classroom when the weather is inclement.

Grace Guidice spoke about having the picnic at her place. She needed help to set up the tables, etc. and there is a problem with parking. After discussion, it was decided not to hold the picnic at her place and other suggestions were given. The final decision will be announced at the next meeting.

President Langlois has not found the list of original members of VSBW. The official list is needed in order to process the inquiry of giving the original members a free lifetime membership in VSBW.

Meeting was adjourned.

Linda Sharp, Substitute Secretary

Sue Davis conducted a class on making a Bunny to hang in a window, on a tree, etc.

Member Teaching Schedules & Weave-in

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

...**WEAVE-IN** at Historic Spanish Point (HSP) ~ **Every Tuesday, September 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! Contact: Grace Guidice at 412-0935 or at guid@comcast.net. **If the weather is inclement, please contact Grace.**

Birch Bark Baskets by Vladimar Yarish



March meeting Cute Bunnies



33" 1/4" flat reed, 1 pom pom, Tacky Glue and 14" 1/4" ribbon, 8" Beadalon clear weaving thread

Venetian Society of Basket Weavers 2018 Membership Application

Dues were due January 1st

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Name _____

FL address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

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Membership: \$30 Individual _____ \$35 Family _____

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May 10th
Submission Deadline:
May 7th



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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
VI Reed & Cane	800-852-0025	http://basketweaving.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 VSBW newsletter will be sent 10 days before the meeting 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.

Meeting Dates 2017 ~ Oct 19, Nov 16, **Dec 9; 2018 ~ Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, **Apr 18, May 17
****date change**

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