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The December 12th meeting, our Annual Holiday party will be at the Venice Chamber of Commerce. Plan to arrive at 6:00. VSBW is providing a ham, paper & plastic products. Please bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. The program will feature sharing of childhood Christmas celebrations. There will be also a wrapped ornament exchange.

Next Meeting ~ January 16th with Karen Woods

Next Board Meeting ~ December 30th, 10 AM at Ali Hicks

George Briscoe, a member of our guild, passed away November 14, 2013. George had been ill, but he fought to keep his life as normal as possible. He was a good friend to our guild and the people who knew him. He was a craftsman with many talents.

At one time, his job included making of stop lights. One day, as he was driving me to Sarasota to catch a plane, he explained the working and timing of stop lights. It was very interesting and I learned a little.

I hope that you will take some time to come to the Celebration of His Life at the Manasota Beach large Pavilion on December 8th at 2:00 PM. If you can, bring some 'finger foods'.

Jeanette

President's Message...

Today your Board met and reviewed the programs for the rest of our 2013-2014 year.

We also reviewed our November meeting and everyone enjoyed using their imagination to create something with the bag of materials without a pattern that they were given. It was recommended that we do this project again next year. Many of the materials were given to us by Trudy Fratschko, who lives in Canada but wintered in Venice. Trudy's husband past away and she doesn't plan to return, except to visit. Some of Trudy's basket materials were sold and VSBW netted \$135.00 from the sale. Trudy is a beautiful person and a very skilled weaver. She will truly be missed.

As Christmas approaches, may you have the time to enjoy and relax with family and friends. I hope to see all of you at our Christmas Party and share with the group a Christmas story from your childhood or special Christmas event.

Jeanette

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VSBW Meeting ~ November 21, 2013

President Johnson opened the meeting with 13 members and 3 guests present. She announced that a Venice Christmas Walk is planned for December 5, ending with dessert at Venice Cafe at 8 P. M. Participants need to sign up in order to get reservations. Second announcement: Our Christmas party will be changed to December 12, at the Chamber with details to follow in the newsletter. Third announcement: Englewood Craft show December 7, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. and tables are \$20. Sue Garland will check and see if any tables are available. For the Christmas Party participants will be asked to share how they have celebrated Christmas over the years, plus there will be a pot luck supper with details in the newsletter.

Secretary's report was read and accepted. Treasurer reported an operating balance of \$1,845.13.

Trudy Fratschko graciously donated baskets and materials from her Florida home: these items were sold and \$135.00. was donated to our treasury.

Committee Reports: Jack Schumacher reported on the Howard Allen show: There were three participants for this two day show. The first day it rained and the tent leaked, but nicer weather on Sunday. They sold over \$2500.00 which more than covered the booth fee paid for by the guild. Doris Crocker stated that there is a spray that may be used to fix the leaks - no decision was made on purchasing the spray.

Elizabeth Hillman announced that Art in the Garden at Art Center Sarasota is Dec. 14 -15 and the tables go for \$50.00 each. Seven spots are filled for the Flo Hoppe class February 27 - 28 from 10 - 4 at Art Center Sarasota and Flo Hoppe with speak to VSBW at our meeting on February 27.

Elaine Cunningham reported a total of 59 entries for the Tradition Gone Wild show at Art Center Sarasota: 18 in surface design; 14 in baskets; 11 in woven; 8 in beads; and 8 in related arts.

Sue Garland announced A 1913 Florida Cracker Christmas demonstration by our weavers is December 15th; sign-up sheets are available and Southwest is February 9. She explained that we may dress for the event and she has been busy purchasing mobcaps and finding 1913 types of clothes so weavers may look the part during the demos. Grace added the Cracker Christmas was easy to find off Route 75 on to Route 64.

Sue Davis will have membership applications in the next newsletter and she is going to combine the Dec and Jan. newsletters.

Meeting was adjourned.

Donna Naylor conducted a raffle. Jeanette Johnson gave each of us a bag filled with basket weaving materials and we are to present our completed structures at the January meeting. Lots of weaving going on and some beautiful basketology was being created.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Sharp, Secretary

LOOKING AHEAD ~ EVENTS ~ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 5th Venice Christmas Walk: CANCELLED

December 15th: 1913 Florida Cracker Christmas

February 9th: Southwest Florida Heritage Festival at Crowley

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Sue Garland: 922-9151 or sue-garland@hotmail.com

TRADITION GONE WILD EXHIBIT

January 16 - February 28 ~ Art Center Sarasota

Member Teaching Schedules & Weave-In

....**At the Venice Art Center** ~ Nantucket Basket Class with Marge Schemanski and Peter Finch ~ beginning in January.

....**At the Art Alliance of Lemon Bay (AALB)** on Dearborn St, Englewood ~ TBA

....**The Gourd Patch** ~ meets at the Art Alliance of Lemon Bay, 452 Dearborn St. in Englewood ~ TBA

....**Kathryn Erickson** ~ teaches beginning pine needle coiling at the Charlotte County Historical Center, 22959 Bayshore Rd, Charlotte Harbor, FL 33980. \$25, 10 A.M.-12 P.M. Learn how to coil pine needles on a walnut slice. Call the Center for reservation: 941-629-7278. Lesson Dates for 2013-2014: First Saturday of the month. For more details, please contact Kathy at pineneedleart@gmail.com

Kathryn will lead a workshop Jan 8-9, 12:30-3:30 PM at the Punta Gorda Visual Art Center. Make a pine needle basket on a walnut slice. Call the VAC at 941-639-8810 for more information and a reservation.

Pine Needle Basket Classes at the Historical Society at Pioneer Park, 1260 12th Street, Sarasota. Wednesdays: January 22, February 26, and March 26, 2014 from 11AM -2 PM. Each class \$30 with \$10 material fees. Come make a pine needle basket on the back porch. Call 941-364-9076 for reservations. Private classes available for advanced coiling. Contact Kathy by email at pineneedleart@gmail.com

....**Sandy Frick** ~ classes to resume in January

....**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) ~ Every Tuesday, from 12-3, bring your lunch, meet at the Visitor Center at 12 noon ~ a wonderful, relaxing place to weave! If the weather is inclement, please contact Grace. Cost: One year HSP membership \$40 or \$3.00 each weave-in. Contact: Grace Guidice at 412-0935 or at guid@comcast.net

November Meeting ~ Basket in a Bag & More



Venetian Society of Basket Weavers ~ 2014 Membership Application ~ Dues are due January 1st, 2014

PLEASE PRINT ~ Add cell number if you want it included in the Membership Book

Name _____

FL address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Seasonal Address _____

Phone _____ FOR MAILINGS: Leave date _____ Return date _____

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

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Next VSBW newsletter
will be sent
January 2nd
Submission deadline:
December 27th



Weaving Suppliers

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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

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. If you are interested in receiving your newsletter 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: September 19; October 17; November 21; ***December 12**; January 16; ***February 27**; March 20; April 17; and May 16 *denotes date change

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

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