



Newsletter

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Celebrating 33 Years of Weaving

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President's Message... A dozen of us bundled up and braved the wind and chilly weather to enjoy the tree lighting event at West Blalock Park. All agreed it was fun: good food, good friends. Our tree was in the perfect location, between the gazebo and the porta-potty! A couple of people tried to buy items from what they thought was a bake sale. They went away with a couple of free cookies instead!

Our reindeer were well received. One girl told me she would put hers on her tree and a little boy promptly tried to eat his, paper and all. Several parents showed their approval high-fiving or saying "You get high marks for that" or "you did that right" when their kids accepted "reindeer". Of course there were lots of "Thank yous."

The trees were especially lovely after the lights came on. We hope for better weather next year. Happy holidays to you all! Eleanor

December Events

Tree at Blalock Park



1800's Christmas at North Port Library



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November 16th minutes...

Following *Sharing Creations*, with items presented by Linda Sharp, Jennie Baas, Lynn Carney, and Roger Hostetler, President Eleanor Langlois called the meeting to order and welcomed 20 members. The Minutes of the Meeting held on October 19, 2017, were published in the November Newsletter, available on the Website. Sue Garland noted the card received from the Women's Sertoma Club of Venice, thanking the VSBW for their participation in the Sun Fiesta held on October 20, 2017.

Treasurer Cathy Wiggins reported a bank balance of \$2,228.88. Vice-President Jennie Bass noted that all but one of the programs for the season have been set. VSBW will be participating in the Holiday Tree Lighting Event at Blalock Park on December 9th, instead of having a meeting. (Members should arrive at 5:00 p.m. and bring finger food to share, a drink, and a folding chair.) In January, Lynn Carney will be teaching Zen Rocks. In February, Roger Hostetler will be teaching a pine needle project. The March project has yet to be determined. There will be a Traveling Teacher (Vladimir Yarish) in April. (NOTE: The VSBW will have a picnic in May.) Jennie will be moving to North Carolina in January and will be resigning from the Board of Directors.

Linda Smeenk rejoined the VSBW and was welcomed back. President Langlois advised that Elaine Cunningham and Sue Davis will be representing the VSBW at the 1800 Christmas Celebration at North Port Library. They have the "fish ornament" materials left over from the Sun Fiesta to use for the children's activity.

President Langlois distributed pictures of the tree the VSBW was assigned to decorate at Blalock Park. The event is being held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on December 9th, with the lighting ceremony occurring at 6:00 p.m. Members are being asked to help decorate the tree. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Sue Davis was not present to discuss the newsletter.

Grace invited everyone to attend the Weave-Ins at Historic Spanish Point.

Karen Pellegrini commented briefly on the raffle ticket and book sales.

President Langlois noted the 1916 Florida Cracker Christmas at Manatee Village Historical Park on December 11, 2017, and circulated the VSBW's copy of the NBO Magazine.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Garland Secretary

For the program, Jennie Baas taught the members how to make a Christmas Tree using round reed on a drilled base with flat reed weavers and buttons for embellishment.

Membership Update

New Address....

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Welcome Back....

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Member Teaching Schedules & Weave-in

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

...**Jennie Baas** ~ teaches at Art Center Manatee & ACE - Sarasota County School District; also private or group classes. Contact at Limetreebaskets@gmail.com

...**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! **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.**

Our January 18th meeting project is "Zen Rocks" which Jennie Bass will be teaching. Members will need to bring surgical gloves (unless you don't mind a little glue on your fingers!), scissors, and bits and pieces of colored weaving materials: 3/16", 11/16" and 1/4" flat oval and flat reed and river rocks if they have them. Jennie will supply rocks and glue.



Venetian Society of Basket Weavers 2018 Membership Application Dues are due January 1st

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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 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 19, May 17
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