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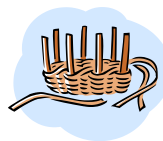
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Celebrating 31 Years of Weaving

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February meeting...

Who: Julia Gladstone

What: Presentation will introduce us to the baskets and indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest and their use of Cedar bark.

Where: Venice Chamber of Commerce

When: Thursday, February 19, 2015

Social time at 6pm, Business meeting at 6:30pm

Program to follow

We will have a raffle and "for sale" tables

Events ~ Looking Ahead ~ Mark Your Calendar

Fabulous Arts Boutique- February 11-14; South Gate Community Center

3145 South Gate Circle, Sarasota

Opening Reception – Wednesday, Feb. 11, 6-8:30pm; \$10 donation

Thursday – Saturday, February 12-14, 10am to 4pm

Annual Florida Gourd Festival, Melbourne, FL. February 29-March 1st; flgourdsoc.org

**Florida Tropical Weavers Guild Annual Conference; Lake Yale Conference Center;
March 19-22nd; FTWG.org**

Manatee Heritage Day – March 28th, Bradenton, FL

President's Message...

Our first time to participate in the Rotary Arts and Craft Show was successful. Some tweaking will be done to make it even better next time. Thanks to all who helped make it a success!

The 11 gals that took Patty Feather's class had an enjoyable time. Each of the baskets had challenges that we learned from. We are so pleased that Patty has joined our group.

We are still looking for someone to house our library. Do you have any empty shelves? We really do need to give Jeanette back her space.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events.

Keep your lasher damp,

Donna

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VSBW January 15th meeting minutes...

The January meeting of the Venetian Society of Basket Weavers was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Donna. There were 18 members and 2 guests present.

There were no minutes from the December meeting as it was our annual Christmas party.

Vice President Barb reported upcoming events: Patty Feather workshop, Rotary Art Show, both the weekend of January 17th, Beach weaving and Spanish Point weave-in continue. The flyers are ready for "So You Want to Weave a Basket" to be held March 21st at the Venice Public Library. They will be available for the Rotary show and weave-ins. The program for the evening is Jo Page teaching us how to do a Flo Hoppe style Japanese knot and a Gretchen rim.

Treasure Marge reported a balance of \$2034.54 with no anticipated upcoming expenses.

Jan Hartvigsen had no updates for Membership and feels she needs some help with membership duties.

Jo Page presented a Josephine's Knot basket which will be used in March for our Want to Weave a Basket event. Volunteer members will make the basket beforehand.

The Guild received a donation of materials from the widow of Ed Maier, a former Guild member. Jo met him when he retired here. He had woven a basket as a child in summer camp and took it up again upon retiring.

Elaine Cunningham reported that all is ready for the Rotary Art Show at Venice Airport Fairgrounds; hoping it will be a good show for us and something we can do next year with more participants. This year there are 5 members participating.

Marge informed us FAB will be held February 11-14 at the South Gate Community Center in Sarasota. Admission is free for Guild members.

Donna reminded us we are still looking for storage space. FAB may have space for our pedestals in its POD, but there are other items remaining which need to be stored somewhere, as well as the library books.

Librarian Jeannette brought books relating to rims, today's meeting topic.

Sharon Schneider said The Gondolier has our meeting information but it did not make it into the paper this week. She is working on getting that information out.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hower, for Secretary Eleanor Langlois

MEMBERSHIP: NEW MEMBER & CORRECTIONS

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Member Teaching Schedules & Weave-in

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

...**Kathryn Erickson** ~ **Private lessons:** contact Kathy at pineneedleart@gmail.com

...**Sandy Frick** ~ Botanical Clay Tile Mosaic at Selby Gardens, February 12 & 13, 10-2, 941-366-5731 and Decorative Papers, paste papers and suminagashi at ACE, Feb. 19, 1-4 pm, 941-361-6590.

...**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, September-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** will be on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursday from 1:00 - 4:00. It will not be held on the 3rd Thursday when we have our regular meetings. We will weave near the pavilion where picnic tables, shade, facilities, and food is available on the Gulf side parking area. This will give VSBW exposure and provide us with an opportunity to distribute flyers and publicize classes. **If the weather is inclement or cold, we will not weave at the N. Jetty Park.**

January Meeting: Weaving a Japanese Knot Members brought a started basket ready to rim with 10" for reed



Email from Linda Smeenk ~ December 2014

To the wonderful VSBW members,

In 2 weeks time I will be moving to North Carolina. We're looking forward to 4 Seasons and the culture of the NC mountain area. Our new address is:

Linda Smeenk
65 Inoli Circle
Brevard, NC 28712

The VSBW has been my favorite part of living in Venice. So many encouraged and supported me throughout whatever project that I undertook. The Tuesday Weave-In's were the most fun, relaxing and special times. To Grace, my mentor, greatest supporter and friend, thank you Grace. To the Tuesday Weave-in ladies who brought much laughter and sincere friendships, love to all of you.

Should anyone come to the Brevard/Asheville area you are more than welcome to spend the night, stop for a rest and cup of tea or just say hello and meet for lunch.

I will miss you but take you with me in my heart.

May we meet in Cherokee!

Sincerely,

Linda

Patty Feather Weaving Class ~ January 17 & 18



Two Wonderful Days of Weaving

Venice-Nokomis Rotary Show ~ January 17-18

Several VSBW members participated in the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Show on January 17-18, 2015 which was held at the Venice airport. Ours is the first group that Rotary selected to be in their show. There were many visitors and good sales. Best of all, one of Doris Crocker's baskets was selected to receive a Merit Award by the show judge, Bill Darrah, a noted fine art artist.



Venetian Society of Basket Weavers 2015 Membership Application Dues are due January 1, 2015

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

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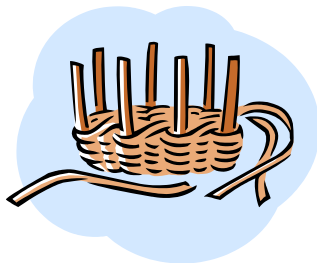
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Membership: \$30 Individual _____ \$35 Family _____

Check Payable to VSBW ~ Mail to: VSBW, PO Box 1411, Venice, FL 34284-1411

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Next VSBW newsletter
will be sent
March 2nd
Submission deadline:
February 23rd



Weaving Suppliers

The Country Seat	610-756-6124	http://www.countryseat.com
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
The Knitting Place	941-486-1584	http://www.veniceknittingplace.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.

2014-2015 Meeting dates: September 18 ; October 16; November 20; December 18; January 15; February 19; March 19; April 16; and May 21

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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