



Newsletter

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The February 15th VSBW meeting 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.

The program will be pine needle coiling with Roger Hostetler. Bring weaving tools, a long needle and thread.

There will be tables for Raffle, Free items and For Sale.

Weaving in the Sunshine State Event

Several members attended this wonderful 3 day event in Ft. Myers.
If you attended this event, please bring your beautiful creations to share at the February 15th meeting.

President's Message...

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you! I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces on the 15th when we learn Roger's method for making beautiful pine needle baskets. Roger is a self taught basket maker who likes to dabble in making different kinds of baskets and the results we see are always beautiful.

Don't forget to bring Show and Tell items. We like to see what others are doing.

Plans for Vladimir's class on April 21 are progressing. I will bring registration forms to the February 15th meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you!!!

Eleanor

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Meeting Minutes, January 18th

For *Sharing Creations*, Judy Kramer of the Tampa basketry group presented items and background about Vladimir Yarish, Russian Birch Bark basket weaver, supporting approval to move forward with the plans for him to teach in the area in April 2018.

President Eleanor Langlois called the meeting to order and welcomed 22 members.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on November 16, 2017, were published in the December Newsletter, available on the Website.

Treasurer Cathy Wiggins reported a bank balance of \$2,493.80.

Following comments by President Eleanor Langlois on the Zen Rocks program to be taught by Lynn Carney, Roger Hostetler requested the members to bring a long sewing needle and thread to the February meeting when he will be teaching pine needle basketry. Plans for the March meeting are still being developed. Plans for Mr. Yarish teaching in April are being finalized. It was suggested that the VSBW hold its picnic in May at Grace Guidice's community clubhouse.

For Hospitality, Karen Pellegrini confirmed that she has a lot of items for the Raffle Table.

Sue Davis noted that she prepared a list of new members and updates to be inserted into the Membership Book, asking each person to take a copy. She confirmed that she is working on the February Newsletter.

Discussion was held on the Tree Lighting Ceremony at West Blalock Park. During the event, bicyclists with lights on their clothes and bicycles rode around the park. The ornaments that survived the weather were ones tightly woven and painted with Polyurethane. It was noted that Barb Hower's husband, Tim Gomber, took down all of the ornaments and lights.

The plans for scheduling Vladimir Yarish, Russian Birch Bark basket weaver, to teach in April, 2018, were discussed. The plans would include him speaking at the VSBW meeting on April 19th and teaching a one day class on April 20th. Art Center Sarasota is being considered for this event at a cost of \$200 a day. That cost, along with the teaching fee for Mr. Yarish, would be divided by the students. Following discussion on whether or not the VSBW wanted to move forward with scheduling Mr. Yarish to teach, it was decided that we will go ahead with the plans, subject to approval by Mr. Yarish. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

President Eleanor Langlois advised that Marge Schemanski offered to serve on the Nominating Committee for the Slate of VSBW Officers for 2018-2019. One or two other members are being sought for the Committee.

Happy Birthday to Sue Davis!

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Garland Secretary

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! **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.**



ZEN ROCKS



The Rocks and



Various Weaving Materials

Venetian Society of Basket Weavers 2018 Membership Application

Dues were due January 1st

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Name _____

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

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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

****date change**

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