



# Newsletter

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*Celebrating 32 Years of Weaving*

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*The February 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Program:** Gourds by Doris Crocker  
There will be tables for Raffle, Free items and For Sale.



***Mark Your Calendar ~ Event ~ Mark Your Calendar***

**Fabulous Arts Botique 2017 ~ Art Center Sarasota**

**March 1st ~ 6-8:30 pm ~ Reception ~ Donation \$10.00**

**March 2-4 ~ 10am-4pm ~ Admission Free**



Hello weavers,

We all had a great time at Char's workshop last month. Let me encourage those who attended to bring their creations to the February meeting.

And let's not forget those lucky weavers who attended the Ft. Myers gathering as well. We have resumed Show and Tell at our monthly meetings!

On a sad note, last month we lost Billy Malone. Billy was the epitome of kindness and generosity, patience and creativity. It was a privilege to know him and great fortune to have been lucky enough to have his guidance early on in my pursuit of basket weaving.

He was a true gentleman in every way.

Godspeed, my friend.

Barb

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### *January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes...*

Vice President Langlois opened the meeting with 14 members and 4 guests present.

Secretary's report was posted in the December newsletter.

No treasurer's report.

Doris Crocker brought three gourds and commented on each one. She will be our February speaker on the creative ways of working with gourds.

There were no issues to be discussed and Vice President Langlois asked for volunteers to speak.

Sue Davis apologized for the emails, etc. due to the Comcast Server was NOT working.

The meeting was adjourned.

Our teacher-basket maker, Char, spoke about her introduction to basket making, trials and tribulations in the creation of baskets, and teaching basket making. She discussed tips on the creative processes she had discovered during her journey which have resulted in making her an avid basket teacher.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Sharp, secretary

## Samples of Doris Crocker's Beautiful Gourds



## Member Teaching Schedules & Weave-in

...**Patty Feather** ~ Private or group classes. Contact Patty at [patty@featherbaskets.com](mailto:patty@featherbaskets.com)

...**Kathryn Erickson** ~ Private or groups lessons on your timeline in Punta Gorda. Contact Kathy at [kathye1745@exede.net](mailto:kathye1745@exede.net)

...**Sandy Frick** ~ Eco Printing at Art Center Sarasota. Monday, Feb 20, 10-4. Lay fresh and dry leaves between sheets of paper, bundle them, and cook them in near boiling water for an hour to reveal a direct print of the leaves. Always amazing to see the results. Pages will be assembled into a book with Japanese stab binding. [www.artsarasota.org](http://www.artsarasota.org), 941-365-2032

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

...**WEAVE-IN** at Historic Spanish Point (HSP) ~ **Every Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:guid@comcast.net). **If the weather is inclement, please contact Grace.**



**Char**  
**Wonderful meeting**  
**Great weavings at class**



### Venetian Society of Basket Weavers 2017 Membership Applications

Dues were due January 1<sup>st</sup>

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FL address \_\_\_\_\_

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Seasonal Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Next VSBW newsletter  
will be sent  
March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Submission deadline:  
February 24<sup>th</sup>



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Royalwood  
VI Reed & Cane

610-756-6124  
800-462-6660  
800-338-4972  
800-526-1630  
800-852-0025

<http://www.countryseat.com>  
<http://www.hhperkins.com>  
<http://www.ncbasketworks.com>  
<http://www.RoyalwoodLtd.com>  
<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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Meeting Dates 2016 ~ Oct 20, Nov 17, \*Dec 10; 2017 ~ Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18**

VSBW exchanges newsletters with basketry organizations across the US.

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