



Newsletter

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Celebrating 31 Years of Weaving

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The January 15th meeting at the Venice Chamber of Commerce building will begin with gathering time at 6 PM and followed by a brief business meeting at 6:30. The meeting will be a short workshop exploring and practicing several finishing techniques for spoke woven vessels. **Go to page 2 for more details.** Bring weaving tools and a water container.

There will be tables for Raffle and For Sale.

Next Board meeting: January 10th, 10 AM at Elaine Cunningham's home.

3 Events ~ Looking Ahead ~ Mark Your Calendar

Patty Feather class ~ January 17 & 18

Waterside Clubhouse ~ 300 Sunset Lake Drive, Venice

Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club 23rd annual Fine Art and Craft Festival ~ January 17 & 18
Venice Airport Grounds

Fabulous Arts Boutique (FAB) ~ February 11-14 ~ Sarasota, FL
South Gate Community Center ~ 3145 South Gate Circle, Sarasota

President's Message...

I continue to be so pleased with the dedication of our board members. When they see what needs to be done, they step up to do it. You will be enjoying the fruits of their labors with the upcoming meetings.

There are items that belong to VSBW that we use for our activities. This would include a tent, shelving units, pedestals, etc. Elaine Cunningham (and before her, Jack Schumacher) has been storing these items. The library has been stored at Jeanette Johnson's home. They now need their space back. Surely when you volunteer in this group, you don't have to make a lifetime commitment. We are looking for new storage space. Do you have room for our "stuff"? Do you have connections to find us inexpensive storage? Let anyone on the board know if you are able to help us out.

Keep your lasher damp,

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VSBW Meeting, December 18th was the Annual Christmas Party at Eleanor Langlois' home. Members enjoyed the wonderful food and the wrapped gift exchange.

January 15th Meeting Details

The guild has scheduled for the January meeting a short workshop exploring and practicing several finishing techniques for spoke woven vessels.

We are prepared to use recycled teaching materials at little or no cost to the participants. However, it might be more enjoyable and valuable should the weaver come prepared with one or several small shallow spoke style woven baskets in tow to simply "finish" in this time.

If you wish to do this, here are a few general guidelines: Using a #2 or #3 reed, start a base that measures 3-4 inches in diameter and same in height and here's the important part, **plan for a minimum of 10 inches of remaining spoke material** above, weaving in which to utilize as you "finish" the basket.

As you know there are so many variables in this type of activity and these variables become opportunities; so please do not hesitate to bring what you think won't work.

Additionally, there will be a limited number of these types of "class sample starter baskets" to purchase at \$3.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE & 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 graceg604@yahoo.com. **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.



COMMERCIAL SHOW ~ January 2015 ~ COMMERCIAL SHOW

VENICE-NOKOMIS ROTARY CLUB 23rd ANNUAL FINE ART AND CRAFT FESTIVAL
JANUARY 17th and 18th, 2015 at the Venice Airport Festival Grounds
FESTIVAL HOURS: Saturday, January 17th ~ 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
Sunday, January 18th ~ 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

HOURS OF SET-UP: Friday, January 16th, NOON-5:00 PM (WEATHER PERMITTING)
Saturday, January 17th, 6:00-8:00 AM (ROTARY HOURS)

IMPORTANT DETAILS - SHOW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- *Participants are to be present on FRIDAY at 3:00 for tent raising*
- *Participants are to be present on SATURDAY at 7:00 to set up art work. Show begins at 9:00 a.m.*
- *Participants are to be present on SUNDAY at 4:00 to take down art work, lower the tent and stow all equipment in vehicles.*
- **If you withdraw from the show, your entry fee is NOT refundable.**
- **Participants will pay a 15 % commission to VSBW on all art work sold as long as the artist works the show.**
- **Participants will pay a 25% commission to VSBW on all art work sold if the artist DOES NOT work the show.**
- **All art work must be labeled with a number, price and name.**
- **All art work must be delivered with a detailed, legible list no later than 2 hours prior to the opening of the show.**

For information and work assignments contact Elaine Cunningham: elapet@comcast.net or 941-412-3638

COMMERCIAL SHOW APPLICATION

Make your applications/fees to VSBW & mail to: VSBW, PO Box 1411, Venice, FL 34284

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Type of Baskets _____

Approximate number of pieces for sale _____

Jan. 17-18, 2015

Venice-Nokomis Rotary Show

Venice Airport Grounds, Venice

_____ I WILL PARTICIPATE

_____ \$10.00 FEE ENCLOSED (due 1-15-15)

**A Very Merry Christmas Party
Great friends, wonderful food and a wrapped gift exchange!!!**



**Beautiful gifts!
A great time at Eleanor's home!
Thank You, Eleanor!!!**



North Port Library ~ 1800's Holiday Celebration

On Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014, North Port Public Library held their annual **1800's Holiday Celebration**.

When the celebration opened at 2:30 p.m., carolers lined the hallway and greeted the attendees. All participants were in period costume.

There were 14 tables for children and adults to make period decorations or toys including gingerbread banners, corn husk dolls, Santa cones and marble making. Throughout the afternoon we were entertained by the North Port Chorale, the North Port Woodwind Quintet and a string band with music from the Civil War.

The Garden Club, Quilt Group, Woodcarvers Club, Ukrainian League, a spinner and the VSBW were also demonstrating throughout the afternoon.

Elaine Cunningham represented the VSBW. Ladies in period dress served punch and cookies. This was a wonderful celebration with thorough and elaborate preparation from the North Port Library. Let's put this on our list for next year's activities with more participation from our members. You will thoroughly enjoy it.



A Very Wonderful 1880's Celebration!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our own Kathryn Hendricks Erickson won **FIRST PLACE** in the fiber exhibit, *Joy of the Unexpected*, at the Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda. Her piece, called *Moonlight Path* is a basket created from coiled Muhly Grass on a Picasso Jasper base with Argonite beads and Artistic Jasper pendants. The show was sponsored by the fiber artists of Common Threads and was on display in the Goff Gallery the month of December.



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Next VSBW newsletter
will be sent
February 2nd
Submission deadline:
January 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.

VSBW website ~ <http://www.venicebasketweavers.com/>

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 _____

FL address _____

Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____ **Email** _____

Seasonal Address _____

Phone _____ **FOR MAILINGS: Leave date** _____ **Return date** _____

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

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