



## Woven Words

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*Celebrating 31 Years of Weaving*

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### *March meeting...*

**Who:** VSBW members

**What:** Thrill of the Twill, Part 1

**Where:** Venice Chamber of Commerce

**When:** March 19<sup>th</sup>

**Social time at 6 PM, Business meeting at 6:30 PM**

**Program to follow**

There will be tables for Raffle and For Sale.

**Next Board meeting:** March 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM at Sue Hosey's home at 125 Van Dyke Dr, Sorrento East, Nokomis

### **Events ~ Looking Ahead ~ Mark Your Calendar**

**So You Want to Weave a Basket ~ Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 10am-4pm**

**Jacaranda Public Library ~ Meeting Room ~ 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd.**

**Manatee Heritage Days ~ March 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Bradenton, FL**

1404 Manatee Ave. East (State Road 64), Bradenton, 11 am to 4 pm.

Food and craft vendors, hands-on activities and more. For more information, visit

[www.manateclerk.com/historical/manateevillage.aspx](http://www.manateclerk.com/historical/manateevillage.aspx).

### **Election of Officers**

At our April meeting, we will elect new officers to lead us for 2015-2016. In order for VSBW to be a successful organization, each of us needs to take an active role. In your membership book, you will find the duties of officers and standing committees. Please read them over and consider how you can best use your time and talent to benefit our group and keep it interesting and productive. Many of our board members having been serving in one or more capacities for many years and we owe them our thanks for a job well done. Now it's your turn, to step forward and offer to lead us to even greater heights. Each of us has a creative spirit or we wouldn't be part of this great group, so PLEASE, let any of our officers (they are serving as the nominating committee) know what you can contribute! They are all listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Thanks for your commitment to helping us grow.

### *President's Message...*

I just love the little turtle we made at the February meeting! Julia Gladstone gave a very interesting presentation, and the hands on project is so cute.

The upcoming **So You Want To Weave a Basket** should be a fun time. Please let Jo Page know if you are planning on helping to teach the class.

It's time for the nominating committee to find new officers. If you are interested in serving on the VSBW board, please contact me. It's such a fun group to serve with.

Keep your lasher damp, *Donna*

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## VSBW February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes...

President Donna Naylor called the meeting to order at 6:30 with 16 members, 1 guest, and our speaker, Julia Bennett, present.

Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Marge Schemanski reported a balance of 2272.52.

Vice President Barb Hower introduced our speaker and reviewed programs for March and April meetings. We will make "Thrill of the Twill" baskets at these meetings, a Billy Malone pattern adaptation. On March 21, "So You Want to Make a Basket" will be held at Jacaranda Library. A small market basket will be made, and 10 have already registered, out of a limit of 20 participants. Volunteers to help are needed and may sign up tonight. New flyers are ready to be distributed.

Sue Davis introduced one new member. She will email those who have not renewed.

Jeannette Johnson reported that 57 of our library books are listed on our website. Synopses are included.

According to Elaine Cunningham, the Rotary Show went well and we are invited back next year. Everyone participating sold something. Doris Crocker won a \$ 100.00 award for her gourd and antler basket. Ali and Ed Hicks provided transportation for our display materials, which was much appreciated.

Jo Page announced 2 opportunities to demonstrate and sell to the public. Manatee Historical Village invites us to Heritage Days Open House on March 28. On March 1 we are invited to a benefit for the Myakka Old School House hosted by the Farm and Rancher's Association at the Hermann Lippezzanna Farm from 1:00 to 4:00. Set up by 12:00 noon.

Weave-ins at Spanish Pointe and Nokomis Jetty continue, weather permitting.

The board voted to provide membership cards which can be used for free admission to FAB.

Outgoing Board members form a nominating committee to compile a slate of officers for the coming year.

Janet Juliano, a Nantucket basket maker who lived in Venice, has died. Her brother donated her Nantucket molds to VSBW. The Board will decide how to use them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Langlois, Secretary

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:guid@comcast.net). **If the weather is inclement, please contact Grace.**

...Weaving at Nokomis North Jetty Park will be on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 1:00 - 4:00. It will not be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

### *February Meeting* *Baskets of the Pacific Northwest* with Julia Gladstone



Julia Gladstone lives in Washington state and also in Venice, FL. She gave a wonderful video presentation about the Baskets of the Indigenous People of the Pacific Northwest to VSBW members. We learned a lot about the many tribes located in the Northwest. From harvesting the cedar bark and sweet grass, Julia talked about the daily living of the people and their desire to preserve their craft as well as the natural areas and forests.

Below are items Julia brought to share with us. Members present wove a cedar bark turtle after her presentation.



### **THANK YOU to Elaine Cunningham, Marge Schemanski and Barb Hower**

Elaine and Marge met Julia Gladstone at the March 2014 Downtown Art Classic. After visiting and sharing information, they shared Julia's information with Barb and VSBW Board. It was decided to ask Julia to be a speaker and give a presentation about the Baskets of the Indigenous People of the Pacific Northwest to our members.

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Next VSBW newsletter  
will be sent  
April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Submission deadline:  
March 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Weaving Suppliers

The Country Seat	610-756-6124	<a href="http://www.countryseat.com">http://www.countryseat.com</a>
H. H. Perkins	800-462-6660	<a href="http://www.hhperkins.com">http://www.hhperkins.com</a>
N. C. Basket Works	800-338-4972	<a href="http://www.ncbasketworks.com">http://www.ncbasketworks.com</a>
Royalwood	800-526-1630	<a href="http://www.RoyalwoodLtd.com">http://www.RoyalwoodLtd.com</a>
The Knitting Place	941-486-1584	<a href="http://www.veniceknittingplace.com">http://www.veniceknittingplace.com</a>

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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/>

*SO YOU WANT TO WEAVE A BASKET*

**Jacaranda Public Library Meeting Room**

**4143 Woodmere Park Blvd ~ Venice, FL**

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 10am-4pm**

**Kit with all weaving materials & instructions: \$10**

**Weaving tools to bring: water container, scissors, nippers, clothespins, small towel & measuring tape**

**Contact: Barb at 941-484-4766**



*Pictures from Fabulous Art Boutique Show*

