



Newsletter

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Celebrating 32 Years of Weaving

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The March 16th 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: Random Weave with Jo Page.

Details below.

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

Next Board Meeting: April 8th

Random Weave Details

There is no charge for this project. Please bring 6 pieces of #5 round reed 10 feet long or longer. If you do not have #5, there will be half coils for sale for \$5 each.

Please soak your reed at home and bring it damp, if possible or bring a water bucket. There will only be enough time to make the basic basket. Jo Page will teach the class, and will discuss possible materials to weave into the basic basket. Let's have fun with this project.

It will be fun to see the finished baskets at a later meeting, to see what was added and how they turned out.

President's Message...

Hello weavers,

Last month we welcomed 3 new members to our Guild. In addition, we had 3 guests joining us. Thanks to all for attending.

March is a busy month here with many events going on. Sure hope all of you will pencil in our March meeting. Jo Page will lead the program this month. We will be doing a random weave.

In the meantime, don't forget to schedule some time to weave!

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VSBW Meeting, February 16, 2017...

President Hower opened the meeting at 6:30 P. M. with 22 members and 3 guests present. Three new members were presented to the group. She announced that 11 people attended Char's basket workshop.

Treasurer reported that we have an operating balance of \$2,315.05. Grace Guidice reported that Weave-in was going well. Sue Davis spoke about Billy Malone, who has recently passed away, having created the logo for our society. Others praised his work with our group and the book, *New Lashings*, that he wrote. Karen Pellegrini was thanked for taking over the hospitality position.

Jo Ann Page will lead the group in random weave basketry next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P. M.

Show and tell delivered with many new kinds of weaves.

Our speaker, Doris Crocker, brought in a large array of gourds that she has decorated. She gave a talk on - start to finish - gourd decorating. She also explained drilling holes in gourds and the thickness of the gourd. She shared carving on gourds, weaving on the top and using pine cones, reed, pine needles, and more.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Sharp, secretary

Please Welcome New Members

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VSBW Membership Books

Thank you, Karen Pellegrini for assisting in the mailing of the Membership Books.

All members now have their 2016-2017 Membership Books. Please review your information. If there is an error in your information needing correction, please contact Sue Davis.

Member Teaching Schedules & Weave-in

...**Kathryn Erickson** ~ Private or groups lessons on your timeline in Punta Gorda. Contact Kathy at kathye1745@exede.net

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

...**WEAVE-IN** at Historic Spanish Point (HSP) ~ **Every Tuesday, September 22nd 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.**



**SHOW
And
TELL**



Doris talking about her beautiful gourds



Thoughts and Prayers to the family of Jo Collins

Jo was a member of VSBW for many years.

Jo passed away on December 29, 2016.

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Next VSBW newsletter
will be sent
April 10th
Submission deadline:
April 1st



Random Weave

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
VI Reed & Cane	800-852-0025	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 1st.

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

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