



Newsletter

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Celebrating 34 Years of Weaving

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The March 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 an Easter Bunny with printed directions. Please bring a 12" ruler, scissors, clothes pins, small towel and Tacky Glue. Cost: \$2.00

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

Nominating Committee for election at the April 19th meeting

President: Linda Smeenk

Vice President: Jo Page

Secretary: Sue Garland

Treasurer: Cathy Wiggins

President's Message...

Baskets have long been associated with spring, in the form of Easter baskets. Eggs are the symbol of rebirth and spring, and what better to hold them than a basket! Hens stepped up their egg production at this time of year in preparation for introducing a new generation of chicks. In some places, farm wives and children, using native plants, dyed these extra eggs to give a s gifts and to add color to their world. Some placed carefully decorated eggs in hen's nests as an inducement to start laying again. Germans introduced the bunny as distributor of these colorful eggs.

This year, Sue Davis will teach us to make a darling, quickly made bunny to add to our own spring decorations. Come to the meeting on March 15 to learn how to make your own Easter rabbit.

Happy Spring to all of you!

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February 15th Meeting Minutes.....

Following *Sharing Creations* by Lynn Carney, Jo Page, and Roger Hostetler, President Eleanor Langlois called the meeting to order and welcomed 14 members.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on January 18, 2018, published in the February Newsletter available on the Website, were approved.

Treasurer Cathy Wiggins reported a bank balance of \$2,815.61.

Membership Chair Sue Davis requested everyone to make sure their dues were paid.

A full slate of officers for 2018-2019 was developed by the For Hospitality, Karen Pellegrini advised that there still are a lot of items for the Raffle Table.

President Eleanor Langlois noted that the VSBW needs a coordinator for the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at West Blalock Park in December 2018.

Since the VSBW is registered as an organization for profit, due to commercial shows, we may not be able to use Art Center Sarasota for Vladimir Yarish's class on April 21, 2018. Other facilities are being reviewed. President Langlois advised that 13 individuals have signed up for the class. Registration Forms were distributed.

Donna Naylor brought in Polymer Clay and clay tools for purchase, which had been donated to her church.

For the March Program, Sue Davis will be teaching a flat reed Easter Bunny with ribbon trim and a cotton ball tail, to replace the bag exchange program discussed at the earlier Board meeting held this date.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Garland Secretary

PROGRAM: Roger Hostetler taught his techniques for creating Pine Needle Baskets.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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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.**



Sharing



< Pine needles with Roger >



Venetian Society of Basket Weavers 2018 Membership Application

Dues were due January 1st

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

FL address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Seasonal Address _____

Phone _____ FOR MAILINGS: Leave date _____ Return date _____

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

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will be sent
April 10th
Submission deadline:
April 5th



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800-338-4972
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<http://www.countryseat.com>
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<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 2017 ~ Oct 19, Nov 16, **Dec 9; 2018 ~ Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17

****date change**

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