

# Newsletter

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Peter Finch presenting his 5 " round open Nantucket basket to Jan Hartvigsen



May 16<sup>th</sup> ~The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual VSBW Picnic will be at Grace Guidice's clubhouse & pool, beginning at 5:30. VSBW will provide hot dogs, buns, soda drinks and all paper products. Please bring a favorite dish to share. Grace's address is: 604 Marcus St, Venice. Please carpool and park in the parking lot near Grace's villa and walk over to the clubhouse.

Please call Grace to RVSP at 412-0935 or email her at guid@comcast.net about what you plan to bring and for more information.

Yummy food ~ lots of fun ~ Cool in the Pool

**Sad News** ~Trudy Fratschko's husband, Herman, passed away. A card has been sent by VSBW to Trudy. Her Canadian mailing address is:

1024 Kingston Ave. London, ONT, CAN, N6H 4C6

# President's Message...

Our next meeting will be held on May 18th at Grace's clubhouse. I hope you can all make it. We always have a great time with lots of food and good company. There is a pool and you are welcome to use it.

We have had a great year and we have gained new members. It was wonderful to have another guild come to visit at our April meeting and join in our activities. Our 'So You Want to Make a Basket' program was a success. The board hopes to provide a special class for this program again in the coming year.

I want to thank all of our board and guild members who have contributed so much of their time, ideas and labor to provide us with basket activities. The board has already formed a list of programs for next year. We think we have come up with a variety of programs that will appeal to everyone. The board definitely appreciated ideas contributed by members.

May you have a great summer with your families and friends. As you make time to weave baskets, we look forward to seeing your new baskets and to sharing weaving ideas when we resume our meetings in September.

Jeanette

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### VSBW Meeting Minutes ~ April 18, 2013

President Johnson opened the meeting with 16 members and 7 guests in attendance. Secretary's report was read and accepted. The treasurer reported an operating balance of \$2,513.85.

Committee Reports: Sue Davis reported that we have 61 members. Librarian, Jeanette, and Elaine Cunningham are working on adding to our library a list of donated books and the list is to be put on the VSBW website. Marge Schemanski reported that the Flo Hoppe all day class at Art Center Sarasota will be February 27-28, 2014. The round reed class will feature both traditional and contemporary styles and is open for beginners through advanced weavers. We need a minimum of 8 in order to have the class. Flo is willing to give a talk, but she will not be here during a regularly scheduled meeting. Grace Guidice stated that weave-in will continue through the month of May - every Tuesday from 12 noon to 3 P. M.

President Johnson announced that next year Sue Garland and Grace Guidice will be the Educational Committee.

The slate of officers for 2013-2014 was presented and there were no nominations from the floor:

President, Jeanette Johnson Vice President, Sharon Schneider Secretary, Linda Sharp Treasurer, Alice Hicks

The above slate of officers was elected.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P. M.

May meeting will be at Grace's Place, details in the newsletter. Sharon conducted a Yankee Swap and members brought baskets and explained the weaving methods. A raffle was held.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Sharp, Secretary

# Jacaranda Public Library Educational Basketry Exhibit May 1 through June

The exhibit will be organized by weaving categories & weavers:

Round reed: Sue D Flat reed: Donna Rib: Doris Art Piece: Linda Sharp Naturals: Vicky Gourds: Grace Coiled/pine needle: Kathryn Coiled: Marie Twined: Sharon Shaker: Marge Nantucket: Barb

An email blast will be sent when the exhibit is in place. Exhibit pictures will be in the September newsletter.

# **VSBW Membership Update: 61 members**

The VSBW Membership Book will be updated during the summer and be published for distribution to members beginning at the September 19th meeting. If there are any changes to be made for you, please email me your changes: <a href="mailto:suedavis101@comcast.net">suedavis101@comcast.net</a>.

# Member's Teaching Schedules & Weave-in

....At the Venice Art Center ~ Summer Art Camp for kids ~ Sue Davis ~ Tuesday & Thursday, July 9 through August 1; 10-12 beginners and 1-3 intermediate. For information: www.veniceartcenter.com

....At the Venice Art Center ~ Nantucket Basket Class ~ Marge Schemanski and Peter Finch ~ January 2014.

....At the Art Alliance of Lemon Bay (AALB), 452 Dearborn St, Englewood ~ for information about basket and gourd classes, please call Judy 941-497-5667 or email <u>basketwman@verizon.net</u> for information.

.....The Gourd Patch ~ meets at the Art Alliance of Lemon Bay, 452 Dearborn St. in Englewood. Please call Judy 941-497-5667 or email <u>basketwman@verizon.net</u> for details and information.

.....Kathryn Erickson teaches beginning pine needle basketry at the Charlotte County Historical Center, 22959 Bayshore Rd, Charlotte Harbor, FL 33980. \$28 includes basket kit of materials and lesson, 10 A.M.-1 P.M. Call for reservation: 941-629-7278. Lesson Dates: **2013**: May 1 & 4, June 1 & 5, July (no classes), Aug 3 & 7, Sep 4 & 7. For more details, please contact Kathy at <a href="mailto:pineneedleart@gmail.com">pineneedleart@gmail.com</a>

....Vicky Chirnside ~ Wednesday, 1:00; Creative Classes (next to Creative Framing) in the Holiday Center, (493-2276), 2357 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice. For more information, contact Vicky at 504-5826 or 493-5825.

....Sandy Frick ~ Sea Shore Mosaics thru ACE (adult community education) May 30 and June 6 from noon to 4:00. Use real shells, sea weeds, and other beach objects to make impressions in clay. Cut into tiles and arrange to make a wall plaque! 941-361-6590 www.ACE-Sarasota.com

...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 through May, from 12-3, bring your lunch, meet at the Visitor Center at 12 noon ~ a wonderful, relaxing place to weave! If the weather is inclement, please contact Grace. Cost: One year HSP membership \$40 or \$3.00 each weave-in. Contact: Grace Guidice at 412-0935 or at <a href="mailto:guid@comcast.net">guid@comcast.net</a>.

# **April meeting ~ Weaving Techniques & Yankee Swap**







Guests from Ft. Myers attending & sharing with VSBW members





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Next VSBW newsletter
will be sent
September 1<sup>st</sup>
Submission deadline:
August 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **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

**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>.

**Meeting dates:** September 19; October 17; November 21; December 19; January 16; \*February TBA; March 20; April 17; and May 15 \*denotes date change

**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.

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