



Newsletter

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Celebrating 30 Years of Weaving

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May 8th ~The 10th 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. **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.**

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. If walking is a problem, call Grace in advance to arrange alternate parking.

Yummy food ~ lots of fun ~ Cool in the Pool

Fabulous Arts Boutique

An email blast will be sent as soon as details for FAB are available.

2014-2015 VSBW Officers

President: Donna Naylor

Vice President: Barbara Hower

Secretary: Eleanor Langlois

Treasurer: Marge Schemanski

President's Message...

At the end of May, I will have completed two years as the President of our Guild. I am happy to have served our group and will continue to be of service when called upon. Several years ago when Sue Hosey was President, she was finding it difficult to get people to serve on committees. One meeting she said that if people didn't help, there wouldn't be a guild because she wasn't going to do it alone. She was prepared and had sheets of paper set out with committee headings. She stated that members needed to go up and put their name on committee of their choice. People did sign up and our guild was saved. I signed up under Librarian. We all need to contribute to our guild if we want it to be the best it can be.

We have two board members who have served several years: Linda Sharp (Secretary) and Ali Hicks (Treasurer). They are now retiring from those positions. Both individuals have contributed much to our guild. We thank them for all the ways they have served VSBW.

If you come up with any ideas for meetings or activities, please contact your incoming president, Donna Naylor, or other board members.

Our last meeting is 'Picnic at Grace's' and is our most relaxed and enjoyable meeting of the year. The date has been changed to May 8th, so please change the date on your calendars. Details relating to the picnic can be found in this newsletter. Hope you can come.

This summer I'll be in Michigan and Ohio and I'll be on the lookout for basket ideas. How about you? Here's to basket weaving and having a very enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Jeanette

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VSBW April 17th Meeting Minutes ~ President Johnson opened the meeting with 14 members and 2 guests present.

Our speaker on Shaker baskets, Eleanor Langlois, related the history of Shaker baskets and showed us Shaker baskets which she had made. She showed us how they cut the narrow strips of brown or black ash and demonstrated the exacting way that a Shaker basket base was born. She attached the base on a pedestal and began to weave. While she was weaving the basket, the meeting was conducted.

Vice President Schneider announced that May 15 meeting would be a pot luck picnic at Grace's place. We will follow the procedure as defined in the newsletter. The society will reconvene the third Thursday in September.

Secretary's report was read and accepted. Treasurer reported an operating balance of \$2,312.19. She reported that we had changed from the Bank of America to Chase bank and now we do not have to pay any fees for banking services.

Committee Reports: Sue Davis reported that we have 48 members and that she has the newsletter almost ready for printing. She is including pictures from So You Want to Make a Basket, Eleanor's Shaker baskets, and information from Mary Catello and Terry Salomoni on where they are exhibiting their baskets. Library book list will be posted on the website in two lists - one the books with patterns and directions and the second list will be coffee table books. Exhibitions: none planned at this time. Education: no report. Website: Sharon has not had time to put up the photos.

Nominating committee presented the slate of officers as follows:

President: Donna Naylor, Vice President: Barbara Hower, Secretary: Eleanor Langlois, Treasurer: Marge Schemanski. There were no nominations from the floor and the above slate was elected.

New Business: Weave-in attendees need to contact Jeanette Johnson for time and date of weave-in and it will be left up to the attendees when they will end the weave-in season. Elizabeth Goodwill, the director of education at Art Center Sarasota, asked for donations for the children's arts and crafts classes and asked if VSBW would sponsor a scholarship for one child to attend these classes. We voted to spend \$195 for this scholarship. Marge Schemanski announced that FAB has new rules and registration is now open. Go to fabsarasota.com for details and forms will be in the newsletter. FAB will again be held at South Gate Community center, Sarasota.

Doris Crocker conducted the raffle and collected \$27.

The meeting was adjourned.

Eleanor Langlois showed the group the woven Shaker baskets and folks gathered around Eleanor for information and perusing of her baskets.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sharp, Secretary

Please Welcome New Members

Kathi Poyneer
Venice, FL

Ellie Vick
Venice, FL

Kathi & Ellie both attended *So You Want to Weave a Basket!*

Membership Information Updates

If your mailing address, email address and/or phone number changes, please email Sue Davis with your information changes at suedavis101@comcast.net.

Member Teaching Schedules

...**Judy Briscoe** ~ at the Art Alliance of Lemon Bay (AALB), 452 Dearborn St, Englewood for detailed information and about basket and gourd classes, call at Judy 941-497-5667 or email basketwman@verizon.net.

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

...**Sandy Frick** ~ **2 one day workshops at ACE:** May 8, 1-4:00, 1 Sheet of Paper =1 Book... make a simple book; May 22, 1-4:00, Design a Summer-T Nature Printing at ACE; www.ace-sarasota.com or 941-361-6590.

...**Kathryn Erickson** ~ Teaching at her home private lessons in pine needle coiling. Please call 941-639-8829 or email pineneedleart@gmail.com.

...**Mary Catello** ~ teaches traditional to contemporary basketry with a strong influence of naturals; every Monday from 9:30-1:30 at The Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Avenue, West Palm Beach; For more information, email Mary at mcatello@gmail.com.

WEAVE-IN at Historic Spanish Point (HSP) ~ Every Tuesday, from 12-3, bring your lunch, meet at the Visitor Center at 12 noon; a wonderful, relaxing place to weave! **Cost:** One year HSP membership \$40 **or** \$3.00 each weave-in. **If the weather is inclement, please contact Grace Guidice at 412-0935 about where weave-in will be held.**

*****An email blast will be sent to members regarding Weave-in during June, July and August.*****

News from our VSBW east coast FL members

Mary Catello & Teri Salomoni

Mary has been a member for 6 years and Teri a member for 4 years. Mary took her 1st class with Judy Briscoe as there were no basket weavers on the east coast. They have formed a guild on the east coast, **South Florida Basket and Fiber Guild**, which meets at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach.

Mary is teaching classes, traditional to contemporary, with a strong influence of naturals at the Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL

Mary and Teri display as "EarthArt by Mary and Teri." For details, go to: <http://www.earthartbymaryandteri.com/>

They are selling their creations at the following locations listed below:

Artisans on the Ave

630 Lake Avenue
Lake Worth, FL

Spruce Home and Garden

345 Plaza Real
Boca Raton, FL

Spruce Home and Garden

1300 Suite 103C 3rd Street South
Naples, FL

Florida Craftsmen

501 Central Avenue,
St Petersburg, FL



If you are planning a trip to the east coast or have friends on the east coast, please share the information about Mary & Teri!

Editor's note: Thank you Mary for sending VSBW the above information!!!

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Next VSBW newsletter
will be sent
September 1st
Submission deadline:
August 25th

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 1st day of the month. Newsletters are electronically (PDF Adobe Reader) sent via e-mail or mailed to members without email.

Dues: \$30 single; \$35 family and shall be paid by January 1st.

Meeting dates: September 19; October 17; November 21; *December 12; January 16; *February 27; March 20; April 17; and *May 8 *denotes date change

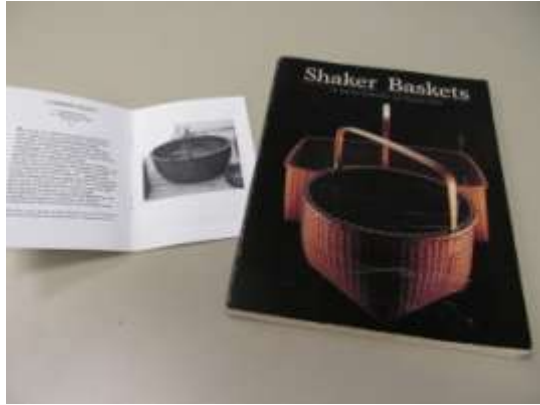
VSBW exchanges newsletters with approximately 20 basketry organizations across the US and is available to members at the meetings.

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.

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

Eleanor Langlois sharing her beautiful Shaker Baskets

Eleanor talked about the history of Shaker baskets, her Shaker baskets books, baskets she has woven, and then demonstrated how to weave a Shaker basket. A wonderful and informative presentation!



Baskets to Iowa Exhibit ~ May 3, 2014 to October 6, 2014



“Primary Fusion”
Gourd Base with coiled
yarn
10” x 10” x 10”
Elaine Cunningham

3 VSBW Entries



“Trees Have Soul”
Muhly Grass, pine needles, petrified
wood, Teneriffe rounds, Perersite
pendants, Jasper beads
15 x 10 x 4 inches
Kathryn Erickson



“Box Office Hits”
35 mm film
Double Sided permanent tape
3 cubes: 4” x 2 1/2 “ x 1 3/4”
Sue Davis

You Want To Weave a Basket March 29th at Venice Public Library
VSBW Members assisting with weaving: Barbara Hower, Carolyn Thomas, Elaine Cunningham, Jeanette Johnson, Linda Sharp and Sharon Schneider



Wonderful Weaving Day!
Happy Weavers!!
Beautiful Baskets!!!



Thank You Elaine Cunningham for the pictures

...from Art Center Sarasota ~ Summer Camp Wish List

Supplies can be dropped off at anytime. ACS is open Mon-Sat, 10-4. We really need supplies in May but supplies can be dropped off all year long as they will also be used in the youth classes.

- **Art and Craft Supplies**
 - Scissors
 - Sharpie Markers or other Permanent Markers
 - Pipe Cleaners
 - Paint brushes
 - Acrylic Paint and mediums
 - Watercolor paint
 - Metallic Paint
 - Colored sand
 - Dowels
 - Mosaic pieces and tiles
 - Mat Board
 - Pre-cut Art Mats
 - Hand mirrors
 - Dies for Sizzix Machines
 - Beads & buttons
 - Wire
 - Clay – sculpey, clay, paper clay
 - Shells and pebbles
 - River stones
 - Oil pastels
 - Magnets
 - Balloons
 - Old canvases

- **Papers**
 - Cardstock
 - Black Cardstock
 - Watercolor Paper
 - Craft Foam Paper
 - Tissue Paper
 - Brown paper
 - Large sheets of heavy paper
 - Acetate or transparency paper
 - Old calendars
 - Painting Canvas and Canvas Panel
 - Large piece puzzles
 - Magazines
 - Clean pizza boxes

- **Recyclables**
 - Styrofoam & plastic EGG CARTONS (clean)
 - plastic Caps, Bottle Caps
 - Shoe Boxes and Lids & Any Small Boxes
 - Large mint tins with lids
 - Newspaper
 - Food Box Cardboard (Cereal boxes, Crackers, etc)
 - Cardboard Tubes, toilet paper, paper towels
 - Corrugated Cardboard
 - Plastic trays

- **Fabric, Ribbons & Notions**
 - Felt – lots of it
 - Buttons, elastic, thread, zippers, etc.
 - Needles
 - Hoops
 - Cloth Ribbon, colorful Yarn, String, Embroidery Floss
 - Food Coloring, RIT Fabric Dyes, Fabric Dyes

- **Glues & Tapes**
 - Hot Glue Guns and Glue Gun Sticks
 - Tape – Masking, Duct, Scotch, etc.
 - Fabric Glue, Tacky Glue, Glue Sticks
 - T-Shirts any size, clean (to Repurpose!)

- **Household & MISC**
 - Hardware Leftovers
 - Clothing Irons
 - Hair Dryers
 - Blenders
 - White Sheets and Curtains-murals, drop cloths
 - Plastic Buckets with or without lids
 - Storage bins for supplies
 - Sticks, Drift Wood, Small Pieces of Plywood, 2x4's
 - Sand paper
 - Functioning Garden Hose
 - Bubble Wrap
 - Fishing line
 - Plastic coated wire, floral wire
 - Bamboo placemats
 - Children's books
 - Old jewelry