

# Newsletter

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*Celebrating 33 Years of Weaving*

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**The November 16<sup>th</sup> 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 weaving Christmas Ornaments. Bring your weaving tools and water bucket.

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

## **Mark Your Calendar**

**1800's Christmas** ~ December 2nd, North Port Public Library North Port, FL

**December 9<sup>th</sup> VSBW Meeting** ~ Holiday Tree Event at Blalock Park, time to be announced

## *President's Message...*

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I am grateful for the support and enthusiasm of our VSBW members. Our stash of ornaments for our holiday tree at Blalock Park is growing, lights and wires for hanging the ornaments have been acquired - now we are waiting to find out what tree will have the honor of exhibiting our work! I hope to have that information before our next meeting.

Four of us enjoyed helping little tykes - and a couple of big ones - make fish shaped tree ornaments at Sun Fiesta in Venice in October. Most of them picked up the weaving technique rapidly, and they were so proud of their creations! See the pictures in this newsletter to enjoy their concentration and smiles of victory when their pieces were finished.

See you at the meeting on November 16th. Until then, happy weaving -

Eleanor

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### ***October 19<sup>th</sup> minutes...***

President Eleanor Langlois welcomed 12 members. This being the first meeting of the season, there was no Secretary's Report. Treasurer Cathy Wiggins reported a bank balance of \$2,354.77. Concern was stated about a \$15 monthly fee imposed by the bank. It was noted that the fee does not get charged if the account does not go below a certain amount. Vice-President Jennie Bass has not returned from being out of State, due to illness, so there will be no Program Report. Sue Davis reported that there are 40 members and commented on the October Newsletter, noting she included photos of the basket weaving events held at the North Port Library during the summer for children. Marge Schemanski advised that approximately half the total number of artists have signed up for the 2018 FAB and they will be accepting applicants until the end. The photo shoot has been scheduled for November 11, 2017. There is a strong possibility that this will be the last FAB event.

Grace noted that the Weave Ins at Spanish Point have started back up.

President Langlois advised that books from the disbanded library are being sold at the meetings (\$1 for paperbacks, \$2 for hardbacks). If they do not sell in two months, they will be raffled.

President Langlois presented a sample of the "fish" ornament that will be made at the Sun Fiesta Event at Centennial Park on October 20, 2017.

President Langlois commented on the Holiday Tree Event at Blalock Park scheduled for December 9th. She would like everyone to make ornaments for the VSBW's tree and to attend the Tree Light Ceremony, which will be our Holiday Party this year. Everyone needs to bring a hors d'oeuvre. We will be giving out Candy Cane Reindeers to the children.

Vice-President Jenny Bass has been working to schedule Vladimir Yarish, a Russian Birch Bark basket weaver, in April 2018. Due to the costs involved, the VSBW wants to open up the event to the Tampa group and share expenses. Mr. Yarish has a 5 student minimum and a 15 student maximum requirement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Garland Secretary

For the program, Sue Garland presented instructions for her Christmas Ball Ornament. Due to difficulties with the gauge of the reed available, the balls became much more challenging.

## Member Teaching Schedules & Weave-in

...**Kathryn Erickson** ~ Private or groups lessons on your timeline in Punta Gorda. Contact Kathy at [kathye1745@exede.net](mailto:kathye1745@exede.net)

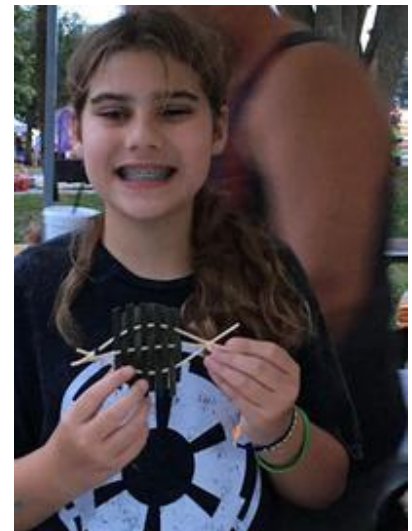
...**Jennie Baas** ~ teaches at Art Center Manatee & ACE - Sarasota County School District; also private or group classes. Contact at [Limetreebaskets@gmail.com](mailto:Limetreebaskets@gmail.com)

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

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### Sun Fiesta Event Centennial Park



**All had a great time!!!**

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### Weaving Ornaments at the October meeting



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Next VSBW newsletter  
will be sent  
December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Submission deadline:  
November 21<sup>st</sup>



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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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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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