



Newsletter

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Celebrating 31 Years of Weaving

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The November 19th meeting at the Venice Chamber of Commerce building will begin with gathering time at 6:00 PM and followed by a brief business meeting at **6:30**.

Our program will be Billy Owens and his white oak baskets.

Next Board meeting: November 14, 10:30 at Ali Hicks' home.

Looking Ahead ~ Mark Your Calendar ~ Volunteers Needed

1800's Christmas ~ December 6th ~ 2:30-5:00

North Port Public Library ~ North Port, FL

Contact Person: Elaine Cunningham at elapet@comcast.net

A 1915 Florida Cracker Christmas ~ December 13th ~ 11:00-4:00

Manatee Village Historical Park ~ Bradenton, FL

Contact Person: Jo Page at japdlg@comcast.net

President's Message

At our October meeting we welcomed two new Guild members: Cindy Wiggins and Sheri Russell....Glad to have you!

In November we will have Billy Owens here for a two day workshop. Billy is a second generation white oak basket maker from the Ozark Hills. He will also be our guest speaker at the November meeting. The workshop has generated a lot of enthusiasm from members. Thanks to all of you for registering. We really look forward to it.

Our membership booklets will be available in January to better reflect paid memberships. We ask that everyone submit the member application with your dues to ensure all contact info is correct.

Be sure to check out our new brochure. A color rack card is replacing the original flier. We are very pleased with the results; a brand new look we hope will better attract attention to the Guild.

Happy weaving!
Barb

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VSBW minutes, October 15th

President Barb Hower welcomed 13 members and 1 guest. She shared the new VSBW card to be used for publicity. Barb also shared that Sue Davis was taking minutes for Linda Sharp and also commented about Sue Davis' exhibit at the Venice Public Library.

Vice President Eleanor Langlois talked about Billy Owens who will be the speaker at our November 19th meeting. He also will be teaching on November 20 & 21. There are 17 members participating in the workshop.

Secretary announced there were no minutes for the May meeting as it was the annual picnic.

Treasurer Marge Schemanski announced the current balance is \$2,543.80.

Marge announced that 2016 Membership Applications are now available at meetings and will be published in the newsletter as dues are due by January 1, 2016. 13 paid at the meeting and the guest became a member. Sue Davis announced the 2016 Membership Books will be published in January and be available at the January meeting. The Newsletter was sent to members on October 1st.

Area Events: Elaine Cunningham shared information about the 1800's Christmas at North Port Library on December 6th. VSBW has been invited to demonstrate weaving. Jo Page told about 2 area events in Manatee: 1915 Florida Cracker Christmas, December 13 and Manatee Heritage Days, March 5th. Members are encouraged to participate.

Weave-in continues at Historic Spanish Point every Tuesday from 12-3.

Webmaster: the website is current and up-to-date.

Hospitality & Raffle sales: \$12.00

Meeting ended at 7:00. Eleanor Langlois then demonstrated making the snowflakes using a hex pattern for weaving.

Submitted, Sue Davis for Linda Sharp



Please Welcome New Members

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Next VSBW newsletter will
be sent
December 1st
Submission deadline:
November 24th



Billy Owens' Apple Basket

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
The Knitting Place	941-486-1584	http://www.veniceknittingplace.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. 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 1st.

2015-2016 Meeting dates: October 15, November 19, December 17, January 21, *February 11, March 18, April 21 and May 19

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/>

COMMERCIAL SHOW ~ January 2016 ~ COMMERCIAL SHOW

VENICE-NOKOMIS ROTARY CLUB 23rd ANNUAL FINE ART AND CRAFT FESTIVAL

JANUARY 16th and 17th, 2015 at the Venice Airport Festival Grounds

FESTIVAL HOURS: Saturday, January 17th ~ 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Sunday, January 18th ~ 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

HOURS OF SET-UP: Friday, January 16th, NOON-5:00 PM (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Saturday, January 17th, 6:00-8:00 AM (ROTARY HOURS)

IMPORTANT DETAILS - SHOW RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- *Participants are to be present on FRIDAY at 3:00 for tent raising*
- *Participants are to be present on SATURDAY at 7:00 to set up art work.
Show begins at 9:00 a.m.*
- *Participants are to be present on SUNDAY at 4:00 to take down art work, lower the tent and stow all equipment in vehicles.*
- **If you withdraw from the show, your entry fee is NOT refundable.**
- **Participants will pay a 15 % commission to VSBW on all art work sold as long as the artist works the show.**
- **Participants will pay a 25% commission to VSBW on all art work sold if the artist DOES NOT work the show.**
- **All art work must be labeled with a number, price and name.**
- **All art work must be delivered with a detailed, legible list no later than 2 hours prior to the opening of the show.**
- **There will be a buffet for the exhibitors on Saturday night, January 16.**

For information and work assignments contact Elaine Cunningham: elapet@comcast.net or 941-412-3638

COMMERCIAL SHOW APPLICATION

Make your applications/fees to VSBW & mail to: VSBW, PO Box 1411, Venice, FL 34284

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Type of Baskets _____

Approximate number of pieces for sale _____

Jan. 16-17, 2015

Venice-Nokomis Rotary Show

Venice Airport Grounds, Venice, FL

_____ I WILL PARTICIPATE

_____ \$10.00 FEE ENCLOSED (due 1-8-16)