



Newsletter

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Celebrating 30 Years of Weaving

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The September 18th meeting at the Venice Chamber of Commerce building will begin with **gathering time at 6 PM** and followed by a **brief business meeting at 6:30**. The program will be weaving the pencil holder we will be teaching to children at the Venice Art Center in October. Please bring scissors, cutters, water bucket and a towel. Kits will be provided by VSBW. There will be tables for Raffle, Give Away and For Sale. **Next Board meeting:** September 13th, 10 AM at Marge Schemanski's home.

President's Message...

Many of our dedicated board members are finally getting a break after years of service. They are Linda Sharp as secretary, Ali Hicks as Treasurer, Sue Davis as membership, Sue Davis a newsletter (she's still at it for a couple of months), Sharon Schneider as Webmaster, Kathryn Erickson as Commercial Show and Grace Guidice as Education. To those of you who have served for many years on the VSBW board, we thank you for your dedication to furthering the art of basket weaving. You have had a positive impact on the community and I know you've made many good friends. We've made some wonderful memories. The fun will continue and now there will be more time for weaving.

As we move forward this year with many members serving in different roles, may we build on the foundation that has been established. The members that are assuming chairmanships will need our help to make a smooth transfer of responsibility. We thank you for that assistance.

We will continue to meet at the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce. We are trying a new starting time for our monthly meetings. We will gather at 6:00 to visit, buy raffle tickets, check out show and tell, and check out the items for sale and give away. The meeting will begin at 6:30 followed by the program. We'll see how that time works and tweak it if necessary.

Keep your lasher damp,
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2014 ~ 2015: MEETING DATES & PROGRAMS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 18 ~ weave a pencil holder

October 16 ~ weave a tension tray

October 18 ~ Weaving with kids ~ 10-4
Venice Public Library

Tension Tray in the morning; Pencil Holder in the afternoon

November 20 ~ Peggy's Little Ribbon Basket & a Candle Holder

December 18 ~ Holiday Party at Eleanor Langlois' home

January 15 ~ TBA

February 19 ~ Julia Gladstone ~ Baskets of the Indigenous People
of the Pacific Northwest

March 19 ~ Twill, Part 1

March 21 ~ So You Want to Weave a Basket ~ 10-4
Venice Public Library

April 16 ~ Twill, Part 2

May 21 ~ Annual picnic at Grace Guidice's club house

2014 ~ 2015 VSBW AREA EVENTS

November 1 & 2 ~ Venice Art Fest
Venice Ave. ~ Venice, FL

December 14 ~ A 1914 Florida Cracker Christmas
Manatee Village Historical Park
Bradenton, FL

February 11-14 ~ Fabulous Arts Boutique,
South Gate Community Center
3145 South Gate Circle
Sarasota, FL

March 7& 8: Downtown Art Classic
Venice Ave. ~ Venice, FL

WEAVE-IN at Historic Spanish Point (HSP) ~ **Every Tuesday, September-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.**

VS BW 2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP BOOKS

To members sending a membership update...**THANK YOU!**
Membership Books will be printed September 10th.
Membership Books will be available at the September meeting.

Looking Ahead ~ Historic Spanish Point Event
Scarecrow Festival ~ October 10th & 11th
(see insert page)

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Next VSBW newsletter
will be sent
October 1st
Submission deadline:
September 23rd



Pencil 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

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.

2014-2015 Meeting dates: September 18 ; October 16; November 20; December 18; January 15; February 19; March 19; April 16; and May 21

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/>

Historic Spanish Point will be holding a Scarecrow Festival on October 10 and 11. They are offering booth rental space for this two day event to crafters for \$50 for a 10' x 10' site. I thought that members of our group may be interested or perhaps a group could get together and participate.

The Scarecrow Festival will have scarecrows as the centerpiece. The public is invited to create a scarecrow to be displayed and there are several categories to choose from. The Scarecrow may also represent your organization. The events on Friday will be geared towards a senior population with educational programs, costumed interpreters, musical performances, food and vendors. Saturday's events are geared towards families with children. The events that day will include games, pony rides, a costume parade, musical performances, storytelling, crafts and of course food.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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