



Georgia Basketry Association

Spring-Summer 2023 Newsletter

Convention 2024 Location and dates

The 2024 GBA convention will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Atlanta Roswell. The dates are March 1st - March 3rd, 2024. Yes, this is a change from previous conventions, but necessary to avoid running into or over other conventions. The first weekend of March will be our annual convention time going forward. The 2024 theme is "Weaving in the Peach State". Just so you know, the 2025 convention will also be held at this location.

Dues changes!!

Sorry folks, like everything else these days, the amount of yearly dues will be increasing in order to help offset the cost of convention.

GBA membership dues are currently \$15. All dues postmarked by June 1st will be \$15, dues postmarked after this date will increase to \$25.

GBA membership dues must be postmarked by **July 1, 2023** in order to be eligible for "First Day" status for convention. The new membership year begins **March 1** and ends Feb. 29, 2024.

Dues for 2024-2025 will increase to \$25 for all members.

Dues can be mailed to:

GBA
3482 Keith Bridge Rd. #213
Cumming, GA 30041

A Letter from the 2024 Convention Chairs

Hi All,

Thanks to all of you who assisted in deciding the location of our 2024 convention. After data was collected for 3 different venues, we compared each of them weighing the pros and cons of each. The majority decision was to keep the 2024 and 2025 conventions at the Doubletree of Roswell. The date of the convention will be the 1st weekend of March which is March 1st - 3rd, 2024. Debbie Ray and I have decided that the theme of the 2024 convention is "Weaving in the Peach State". We are working on the logo concept now. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Thanks,

Michele & Debbie

GBA convention 2023

Minutes 2/4/2023

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Gramenz. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 2022 convention meeting. Motion passed. The treasurer's report was given by Annette Roose.

Current balance: \$14,494.74

Active members: 167

Lifetime members: 10

221 members on mailing list

113 members attended this year's convention.

24 first timers

13 teachers

5 cancellations

The cost of this year's convention is \$15,564.77. The cost of last year's convention was \$8497.00.

Michele Payne and Annette Roose gave the report on this year's convention and thanked convention committee members. Reports from local guilds were given. Local guild reporting were: Greater Atlanta, Gwinnett, Ebenezer Weavers, Augusta. We were saddened to learn Shooting Creek guild is no longer active.

Election of officers – The office of Vice President and Treasurer were up for election in 2023. Sandy Quackenbush was elected to the office of vice president, and Annette Roose was re-elected as treasurer. Kimberly Hodges has agreed to serve as chair for door prizes and Robbie Dixon will serve as chair for goody bag committee.

New business

Karen introduced her friend Johna Rogovin, a member of Rainmakers, who gave a talk on raising funds and membership.

Convention 2024 - 2024 convention chairs will be Michele Payne and Debbie Ray. A change of venue was discussed. Karen Gramenz, Annette Roose, and Kim Chase will investigate ideas. Kim suggested that members send ideas to the committee. Discussion was held on possible ways to save money including having the convention brochure sent out online instead of having it printed and mailed. An increase in yearly dues and convention registration was also discussed.

Miscellaneous business – Basket cruise will be in February 2024. Gwen Clark scholarships of \$100 vouchers toward next years convention were awarded.

With no further business, a motion was made by Tisa Barton, seconded by Kathleen Fosha that the meeting be adjourned and we move to the raffle, and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Gibson
Secretary

2023 GBA convention post planning

Those attending:

Annette Roose, Michele Payne, Karen Gramenz, Amy Rice, Debbie Ray, Sandy Quackenbush, Carlene Coleman, Kathleen Wendelken, Jean Nash, Sandy Gibson

General discussion:

-Convention committee members need to arrive no later than 10am on Friday

-Registration will begin at 11am – brochure will need to be updated

-Beginning in 2024 the convention brochure will be sent electronically. Allowances will be made for those who don't have email.

-Newsletter will be sent 3 times a year. Need guild rep names

-Trash bags on tables for students

-Add dietary restrictions line to registration form

-Class level is determined by the teacher

Lessons learned section

Dates for next years convention – Annette suggested waiting until Florida (sorry, I don't know the persons name) decides on their dates, then schedule ours away from theirs.

Dues – will be increased to \$25 per member beginning April 1, 2023. Still \$15 for those who pay by

March 31st . Motion was made by Kathleen, seconded by Sandy, and passed.

Registration – will be increased to \$100 per member for 2024 convention and then to \$130 for the 2025 convention. Motion was made by Jean, seconded by Sandy, and passed.

Scholarships – it was decided that individual guilds will determine who may need help paying for registration due to increase. It will be up to the guild to provide funds.

Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Gibson
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Convention 2023 has come and gone! Many thanks to Michele Payne and Annette Roose for "Weaving with Light and Joy." It was our first time at the DoubleTree in Roswell, and I found it an absolutely delightful venue.

Unfortunately, Roswell also may have been our most expensive venue to date! We have an emergency fund, thanks to the foresight of our long-time treasurer, Sybil Sweat, but we had to dig into that fund by thousands of dollars. As a result, registration for next year's convention must be increased to \$100. It's still far less than many associations around the country charge for their conventions. (Florida's, for instance, is \$65 for a single-day registration and \$140 for two or three days.) And we did compare prices at two other possible venues and decided that the DoubleTree was still our best bet.

Accordingly, next year's convention will take place at the Roswell venue again (as well as in 2025). Once again, Michele Payne is a chair and Debbie Ray will co-chair. The convention dates, however, have changed permanently. We will meet the first weekend in February. Next year, those dates are March 1-3, 2024.

Michele and Debbie's theme for the 2024 convention will be "Weaving in the Peach State." Now that we have a date and a venue, Michele and Debbie can move ahead with their committees and plans for the convention. Having been a co-chair, I can tell you that it takes many months for a convention to take shape. (And Betty Wong and I, who were co-chairs for 2021, also became co-chairs for 2022 by default because of COVID!)

Vice President Sandy Quackenbush will be in charge of Summer Weave this year. Details will come out shortly. If anyone wants to volunteer to assist her, feel free to reach out!

Unfortunately, dues are also going to have to increase as a result of rising costs. They will go from \$15 to \$25 effective June 1st. If you did not attend convention in 2023 and pay your dues with your registration, you'll want to get your dues in by that date or pay the higher fee.

We thank everyone for their continued support, and we look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Karen Gramenz
President
Georgia Basketry Association

Ebenezer Weavers (EWG)

The weavers have been busy since convention. Members attended the Walnut Grove festival in Walnut Grove, South Carolina demonstrating basket weaving. We were also set up at Old Effingham Day demonstrating basket weaving and talking with interested people. Plans are being made for Weavers Week to be held in May.



Committee	2024 Member	Phone number
Co-chair	Michele Payne Debby Ray	678-551-0071 478-361-0184
Brochure	Kathleen Fosha Kathie Smith	678-938-5600 770-843-6186
Class assignments	Sandy Quackenbush	770-262-3683
Door prizes	Kimberly Hodges	704-292-3431
Financials	Annette Roose	678-455-5967
Goody bags	Robby Dixon Trisha Brown	478-951-6930 508-763-5555
Jury Coordinator	Pattie Bagley Jean Nash	678-231-2860 404-822-6122
Logistics	Michele Payne	678-551-0071
Logo Sales	Debbra Gordon	770-827-1277
Name tags and signs	Amy Rice	912-658-5998
Raffle	Pattie Bagley	678-231-2860
Teacher liaison/marketplace	Patti Patterson	404-444-8669
Vendors	Jean Nash	404-822-6122
Welcome/check-in	Kathleen Wendelken Carlene Coleman Sandy Gibson	912-665-0395 912-547-7823 912-658-0868
Venue	Karen Gramenz Annette Roose Kim Chase	561-723-4723 678-455-5967 770-722-3878

Officer Elections 2024

Elections for 2024 will be for President and Secretary/newsletter. If you are interested in either position, please contact our current president, Karen Gramenz.

GREATER ATLANTA BASKET GUILD (GABG)

GABG is a longstanding basket guild that meets monthly in the Marietta/Smyrna/Cobb County area. We have members from Gwinnett and North Fulton Counties, too, and welcome new members. We have two parties during the year, a Christmas dinner and a June picnic, and have lunch out together at some local restaurant most months. Our next meeting is from 10:30 to 4 on May 20th at the East Cobb Library, and will feature an Origami paper basket technique taught by Betty Wong. Email Frances Carpenter at jetcarpenter@aol.com for more information.

Here are some of our recent and future projects:



Japanese Leaf Scoop – APRIL 2023

This unique basket is a twill with a butterfly knot. It is about 7" wide by 9.5" long. It's a traditional basket for serving pastries or hors d'oeuvres.



May 2023 – Origami paper basket

This is an elegant and useful Origami paper basket technique. Perfect for entertaining, they are made from 12" double-sided cardstock paper.



August 2023 - Betty's Ribbed Basket

This handy and attractive potato bowl is a Pattie Bagley design. It's large enough and sturdy enough to become your favorite fruit basket.