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## Please Join NNWLA for the March 25, 2015 Banquet Honoring Judge Deborah Schumacher as our 2015 Outstanding Woman Lawyer



NNWLA is pleased to celebrate Judge Deborah Schumacher's years of service at its Outstanding Woman Lawyer Award Banquet on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Atlantis Casino Resort. NNWLA welcomes all members of our community to celebrate Judge Schumacher's accomplishments at this dinner in her honor.

Individual tickets may be purchased for \$50 and tables for \$400. Electronic payments can be made via PayPal on our website ([www.nnwla.com](http://www.nnwla.com)) or via check. You may send a check for your ticket to our treasurer, Anjali Webster c/o Gordon & Silver, 100 W. Liberty Street, Suite 940, Reno, NV 89501. Please include the memo notation "OWL Ticket" on your check. Please also remember to note your meal choice (chicken, salmon, or vegetarian) with your payment.

## Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives in Northern Nevada: the Great Basin Basketmakers

As we have previously mentioned, this year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's History Movement and the National Women's History Project. The Project's 2015 theme is "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives." As the National Women's History Project states:

Accounts of the lives of individual women are critically important because they reveal exceptionally strong role models who share a more expansive vision of what a woman can do. The stories of women's lives, and the choices they made, encourage girls and young women to think larger and bolder, and give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience. Knowing women's achievements challenges stereotypes and upends social assumptions about who women are and what women can accomplish today.

Judge Schumacher is the perfect recipient for our Outstanding Woman Lawyer Award this year. Not only does she have many accomplishments and an inspiring story (as we learned from the interview with her featured in February's Newsletter), but she also has a deeper connection to the Women's History Project theme—since she is a collector of textiles.

You will have an opportunity during the March 25, 2015 Banquet to learn more about a local group of basketmakers called the Great Basin Basketmakers. The Great Basin Basketmakers will provide a demonstration during cocktail hour and will have items on display at the same time.

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### Event Highlights:

**March 25:** Outstanding Woman Lawyer Banquet honoring Judge Schumacher at 5 p.m. at the Atlantis.

**April 21:** Social Mixer at The Depot at 5:30 p.m.



## A Word From Our President



By Kimberly L. Goodnight

It's time to celebrate Women's History Month! In 1980, President Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980 National Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress

declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity and gave this country an opportunity to honor the extraordinary achievements of American women annually.

The theme of this year's Women's History Month is "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives." The goal of this year's theme is to demonstrate how the lives of individual women are essential to the fabric of our nation's history. By sharing the stories of women's lives and the choices they made, we encourage girls and young women to think larger and bolder and give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience. By knowing about women's achievements, we challenge stereotypes and social assumptions about who women are and what they can accomplish.

NNWLA celebrates the month by honoring Judge Deborah Schumacher with this year's Outstanding Woman Lawyer Award. NNWLA invites everyone to join us on March 25, 2015, at 5 p.m. at the Atlantis Casino Resort to learn how Judge Schumacher's life and achievements reveal an exceptionally strong role model for all individuals in this community.

This month NNWLA also provides you with an opportunity to learn how women weave the stories of their lives through art. During the cocktail hour of Judge Schumacher's celebration, the talented artists of the Great Basin Basketmakers will be conducting a weaving demonstration and exhibiting their art. To learn more about these artists, please read this month's newsletter article on the Great Basin Basketmakers.

We hope you will join us during Women's History Month to honor Judge Schumacher as we celebrate everything she has accomplished and discover the extraordinary talents of other women in Northern Nevada!

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## Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives in Northern Nevada: The Great Basin Basketmakers Continued...

The Great Basin Basketmakers was organized by Mary Lee Fulkerson in 1987 and continues to be an active group throughout the region. The Great Basin Basketmakers offer classes in Reno and Carson City and have monthly meetings. The group stays connected through a monthly newsletter, membership library, and three night retreat at Lake Tahoe each year. In addition to their artistic contributions, the Great Basin Basketmakers have published a book: "Weaving Naturally in the Great Basin: a guide to harvesting and preparing plant material for basketry."

We are fortunate to have very talented women from the Great Basin Basketmakers perform a demonstration and display their work during the cocktail hour for our March 25, 2015 Banquet. Short Biographies of two of the Great Basin Basketmakers that will

be performing the demonstration and displaying their work appear below.

### **Betty Hulse:**

Betty Hulse started making baskets after she retired in 1996. In the beginning, plant materials from her garden and the Reno environment were her preferred materials. She discovered willow, tule, iris and daylily leaves, honeysuckle, sedge, and tree bark. Each of these added variety of color and texture to her baskets and provided endless creative possibilities. Later she added copper wire and mesh with the natural material. Dyed reed also became part of her design. In 2011 Betty experimented with pine needles and found this form of basketry opened many creative possibilities.

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## Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives in Northern Nevada: the Great Basin Basketmakers Continued...

Betty has attended several basket weaving conferences and enjoys teaching classes for the group. She is a member of "Connections," an art group who has a sale, "YART," in July. She is also part of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Artisan Show and Sale in November.

### **Anne Bacon:**

Anne Bacon was the first woman bank president in Nevada, when she was named to head First Western Bank. Her banking career included four CEO positions. After she had a stroke and retired, she shifted from the financial world to creative endeavors and became a member of the Great Basin Basketmakers. She developed her craft attending numerous workshops and retreats. She specializes in pine needle baskets, but loves to experiment with a variety of materials she gathers from her garden and her Reno neighborhood. She can also be found wandering along the ocean in Northern California gathering a variety of basket materials, including, willow, wild iris leaves, driftwood, kelp, and shells. She also uses native Nevada plants such as brittlebush, sage, and rabbit bush in her baskets. One of her recent creations incorporated a moose antler in a basket made from reed, dracaena, and iris leaves.

### **More Information About the Great Basin Basketmakers:**

All of the Great Basin Basketmakers' classes are open to the public, which include beginning and more advanced classes. Please visit their website ([www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org](http://www.greatbasinbasketmakers.org)) for the complete meeting and class schedule, as well as additional information about the group.

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## Save the Date for April 21, 2015 Social Mixer

NNWLA's April event is perfect for those of you interested in networking with other members in our group. Please join us on April 21st for a social mixer at The Depot at 5:30 p.m. The Depot is located at 365 E. 4th St., Reno, NV 89501. More details regarding the mixer will follow in the April Newsletter.

We hope you will join us for this great opportunity to network with other NNWLA members and to support a new local business (which is owned and operated by the husband of our members, Therese Shanks).

## Stay Connected to NNWLA

To ensure you continue to receive e-mail updates and Newsletters, please pay your dues and complete the attached membership form! Also, you can stay connected with NNWLA by "liking" us on Facebook and visiting our website ([www.nnwla.com](http://www.nnwla.com)).

## Membership Corner: Member Updates

Please note Jennifer A. Smith's new contact information:

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[jennifer@jenniferasmith.com](mailto:jennifer@jenniferasmith.com)

After 30 years with Lionel Sawyer and Collins, Jennifer is giving retirement a try, although no one seems to think it will last... She tells us she is still working on a few limited projects, but that so far she seems to be adjusting well to a life of leisure! NNWLA wishes her all the best.

If you have new contact information or exciting news you would like to share with the membership in a Newsletter, please submit it to Marilee Breternitz at [marilee@nvlawyers.com](mailto:marilee@nvlawyers.com).



## **February 3, 2015 NNWLA Board Minutes**

1. Present: Kimberly Goodnight, Lauren Berkich, Anjali Webster, Jennifer Gustafson, Katie Hoffman, Tara Zimmerman, Laury Macauley, Marilee Breternitz.
2. Bank Balance: \$2,789.53.
3. Discussion of revised Board Member responsibilities.
4. Discussion of Upcoming Events: February 17<sup>th</sup> Assistant Bar Counsel luncheon; March 25<sup>th</sup> Outstanding Woman Lawyer Banquet, April 21<sup>st</sup> Social event; assignment of tasks associated with each event among Board members.
5. Next Board Meeting: 03/03/15.

## 2015 Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association Membership Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (work): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Personal information will not be published or provided to third parties)

State(s) and Years (s) admitted to practice:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Nevada \_\_\_\_\_ Others: \_\_\_\_\_

- Membership Type/Annual Dues:
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fewer than two years of practice in Nevada - \$50.00
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Government attorneys (regardless of years of practice) - \$50.00
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Retired attorneys (regardless of years of practice) - \$50.00
  - \_\_\_\_\_ More than two years of practice in Nevada - \$75.00
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining member - \$125.00

Please make checks payable to "Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association" or NNWLA and remit to:

**Anjali Webster**  
**c/o Gordon & Silver**  
**100 W. Liberty St., Ste. 940**  
**Reno, NV 89501**

More information about you (check all that apply):                      My practice areas include:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Solo practitioner
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fewer than 5 attorneys in firm
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5- 10 attorneys in firm
- \_\_\_\_\_ More than 10 attorneys in firm
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contract Attorney
- \_\_\_\_\_ Employed by Government
- \_\_\_\_\_ Agency/Court
- \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial Law Clerk
- \_\_\_\_\_ Not currently practicing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Seeking employment

What subjects/activities would you like to see as topics for the monthly lunch meetings?

- \_\_\_\_\_ political/legislative issues
- \_\_\_\_\_ family law issues
- \_\_\_\_\_ career options
- \_\_\_\_\_ local legal community issues
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ mentoring
- \_\_\_\_\_ stress management
- \_\_\_\_\_ CLE credit
- \_\_\_\_\_ issues particular to women practicing law

Do you have any suggestions as to activities and/or events that you would like NNWLA to sponsor or participate in during 2015? \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_