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Ever since the first humans tried to pick up that extra scrap of food and found themselves short handed, people have been creating baskets of one kind or another to carry everything from small children to large fruit and a variety of things in between. But after a long history as a functional carry-all, the basket has come into its own as a work of art. These four basket artists create their unique and thought-provoking wares from materials both diverse and unexpected. Reeds and other traditional weaving materials, as well as wire, trash bags and even fish are the ingredients that help make up this astounding mix of baskets.



"Private Party" by Artist Shannon Weber