

Basketry

Lanny Bergner

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Create biomorphic/geometric baskets and sculptures out of metal mesh in this fun mesh-working workshop. Students will learn about the various mesh types and their uses for sculpture making. They will explore the myriad of form making possibilities as they cut, connect and manipulate stainless steel, black aluminum, bronze and brass mesh. Lanny will share his extensive thirty-six years of experience creating ethereal sculptures, baskets and installations out of mesh. Students will learn about his wire twisting, wrapping and edging fabrication techniques. He will also demonstrate the use of pigmented silicone caulking that he uses for colorful surface embellishments. He will also demonstrate how he creates berry forms, spheres, branches and vines out of glass frit, silicone and wire.

Students will explore the fascinating world of "flame painting" as they learn to use a propane and butane torch to burn designs, patterns and images on stainless steel mesh. The class will be experimental in nature, but form samples and construction templates will be provided for their use and inspiration. Some nominal degree of hand strength is necessary for the manipulation of the mini-linesman pliers, but this is usually not a problem even with elderly workshop participants since we mainly work with light gage material that is easily joined.

MATERIALS LIST

- For cutting stainless steel mesh: Wiss 7in utility shear or Wiss *aviation snips (Available at Home Depot) <https://www.homedepot.com/b/Tools/Wiss/N-5yc1vZc1xyZ1mr>
- Mini needle nose pliers
- (Optional) Students can bring additional materials or embellishment items of their choosing to class if they wish to experiment with incorporating these materials/items into their mesh designs.
- *Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)
- *Padlock for your studio locker, if desired (For rent in the Supply Store for the week)

All Items marked with an "*" are available for purchase in the Supply Store

COVID-19 UPDATE

In accordance to Arrowmont's COVID-19 policies, Arrowmont recommends that all students bring multiple face coverings in accordance to the CDC guidelines (2-ply, cloth face covering). Along with additional masks, students should consider bringing additional PPE that they may need personally, including but not limited to hand sanitizers and gloves. When asked to bring a respirator or N95 for class, please consider the best option for the supply in your area with health care workers in mind.

In addition to the new operating policies due to COVID-19, Arrowmont is providing additional information to students about materials and tools that will be provided in classrooms. If a student already owns the below items and can travel with them, the student can choose to bring these additional items. Arrowmont will provide these items to students but wants to ensure that all students feel comfortable while on campus as some of these items will be shared amongst a class and are not guaranteed to be one per student.

SUPPLIES

- Butane torch and refills
- *Please see highlighted item above*

If a student chooses to mail tools and supplies to Arrowmont prior to the class, the packages will be placed in the student's classroom.

Please label packages clearly, including student's name and class week.
Students can mail packages to:

Arrowmont
C/O Student Name and Class Week
556 Parkway
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

MATERIALS FEES: \$90.00-\$130.00

Instructor will collect part of the material fee which comprises of \$65.00 fee for mesh, wire, and glass frit.

Arrowmont will collect part of the material fee for screen, fuel, and silicone caulking.

Materials fees will be charged for materials used in the studio and/or provided by instructors for use in the studio by the entire class. In order to keep these fees as low as possible, fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class. Materials fees are paid on the last day of class.

Please be advised that above course description and materials list is written and approved by the instructor

If you have any additional questions about this class, below is the contact info for your instructor:

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