

Basketry

Billy Ray Sims

April 8-11, 2021

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Traditional Woven Fish Creel Basket

The basket made in this class is based on one by the instructor in the collection of the Smithsonian American Art Museum. The basket is 6" x 12" x 8" and woven with Southern white oak and Maine black ash splints. Students will be introduced to the fundamentals of how to split, shape and process splints from a harvested tree. Prepared weavers and materials will be supplied to complete the basket during the class, plus additional individual finish time. The basket is woven on a mold that allows you to create a precise shape, more quickly than an open form basket. You'll add finishing elements such as a cherry wood lid and shoulder strap for your basket.

MATERIALS LIST

- *Craft scissors
- *Awl
- Pliers
- *Sandpaper 120-220 grit
- Sharpened pocket or paring knife suitable for carving and whittling hard wood
- *#2 pencil
- *Tape measure
- *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

- Drawknife
- Heavy shears or hand pruners
- Small spring clamps
- Small wooden mallet

- Pliers
- Awl
- Small froe 6-8" blade
- Spray bottle
- Sandpaper 120-220 grit

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: \$120.00 to be paid to instructor via check or cash

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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