

Evening Activities

Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, October 5, 7pm - Green Building

Basket Film Watch Party hosted by Emily Derke

Believe it or not, YouTube is a treasure trove of weaving inspiration.

Emily and others will share some of their favorites!

Thursday, October 6, 6pm - Blue Building

Community Craft Night: Basket Repair

Our monthly drop-in and craft together night focuses on basket repair.

Instructors April Stone and Beth Kraus will consult with anyone on how

you might undertake a repair. Bring your baskets in need of care, or any

other project you'd like to work on.

Friday, October 7, 5:30pm - Blue Building

Wood-Fired Pizza Bake Potluck

The oven will be hot and the dough will be ready! We'll have sauce and cheese, you bring your favorite topping to add to the smorgasbord.

Delicious fun for everyone; BYOB.

Saturday, October 8, 7pm - Green Building

Basket Film Watch Party (see above)

Basket Week Courses

October 4

- Birch Bark Basketry: An Introduction
- Advanced Willow Basketry: Rectangles Fitching
- Black Ash Basketry Sampler: From Log to Splint

October 5

- Black Ash Basketry Sampler: From Splint to Basket

October 6

- Black Ash Basketry Sampler: From Log to Rim

October 8

- Sweetgrass Basketry
- Pine Needle Basketry
- Willow Exploration
- Winter Birch Bark Folded Baskets

BasketWeek



October 4-11, 2022

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Basket Gathering Day

Friday, October 7, 2022

Talks are free for the public; initial mini course enrollment limited to students in Basket Week courses. Any open mini course seats will be made available to the general public on Thursday, October 6.



9am: Untangling the Story of the Knutkorg, the 'Knot Basket' with Jane Laurence, Blue Building

Jane Laurence spent months studying and unraveling the story of these mysterious baskets. Made in Duluth in the 1930-50s but sold up the Gunflint Trail as tourist totchkes, these knot baskets were once made on a large scale in pockets of Sweden

and Norway in the mid 1800's - to early 1900's. Vesterheim Norwegian Museum in Decorah, Iowa, has six examples in their collection, all brought by immigrants from Scandinavia. But there is very little indication that this style of basket was ever widely made in Minnesota (or anywhere in North America). So how did this little group of marginalized Finnish loggers and miners, 'inmates' of the Poor House (as they were known), come to be such masterful makers of a style of basket that was all but unknown in their adopted home? Jane will regale us with tales of her recent trip to Sweden and Finland to trace the story of this beautiful tradition.

10:30am: The Historical Art of Basketry with Steen Madsen, Blue Building

Guest instructor Steen Madsen is a renowned historian and raconteur about European basket traditions. He'll share images and a smattering of stories dating back to 8,000 B.C., up through the 1960s when basket making was almost lost, a window into his decades of research into the human passion for weaving things to carry other things. This talk will focus specifically on how Steen uses artwork, from Roman sculpture to Renaissance paintings to recreate historical baskets.



12:30-1:30pm: Basket Show & Share Lunch, Blue Building

Basket Show & Share and Brown Bag lunch, so plan to pack a lunch or pick up something nearby and bring a basket to share with the group. It could be something you are making or something intriguing for others to see. Rosters will be posted on campus Friday morning.

2-4pm: Mini Courses

Registration is open for enrolled Basket Week students; inquire at the NHFS School Store for availability. Materials fees vary. Any open mini-course seats will be made available to the general public on Thursday, October 6.

- Willow Skills with Steen Madsen, Red Building
- Black Ash Cooking Baskets with April Stone, Boat Barn
- Birch Bark Etching with Greg Biskakone Johnson, Blue Building
- Birch Bark Knife Sheaths with Beth Homa Kraus, Green Building
- Teeny Tiny Baskets with Emily Derke, Milling Shop

2-4pm: Free Wattle Weaving Demonstration with Paula Sundet Wolf, Blacksmith Shop

Stop by campus for a demonstration of wattle weaving, a natural and fun way to create a fence or trellis in the garden. Outdoors, weather permitting.