



Bountiful Baskets

Date 11 & 12 May 2024

10am – 4.30pm

Cost: £156 includes some great tuition, a stunning venue, tea and coffee throughout the day and a home made tray bake. You need to bring your own packed lunch. There is a fridge and microwave if needed.

Additional material fee: £13. All equipment is provided.

If you have any special access/food or disability requirements, please contact us by email: info@cowshedcreative.co.uk

Course Description:

Learn a traditional rural craft and make your own timeless round basket with a handle. A course for anyone who likes to use their hands, enjoys the smell and creaking of willow as they work on their woven basket and wants the satisfaction of creating something unique with lots of practical uses. This two day course will equip you with the skills to make a truly original basket and provide you with the confidence and ability to work on further baskets at home. No previous experience required.

Alongside advice on how to order and soak willow and what tools to use, you will be given advice on foraging for materials in the garden or hedgerow, and how to incorporate these into your designs. Based on a traditional English round base basket, you can choose from a variety of handle options: traditional handles, inbuilt handles or using a step-rimmed, less conventional lashed-stick handle with contemporary design elements. Which ever you choose, your basket will stand out!

Students need full use of both arms and hands; people with severely strained wrists or hands might struggle with the effort it takes to weave bigger withies. Please let us know before if you need the project adapting in size.

Hannah Ehlert trained for three years in a coppice worker apprenticeship with a variety of crafts people at the Bill Hogarth Memorial Trust. She has run successful creative green wood-working courses for nine years, including; hazel wattle hurdles, Swedish spoons and greenwood carving and baskets and willow structures in the garden. She also runs family and adult Nature Connection courses and works as a qualified Forest School practitioner.

Hannah's classes are fun and sociable, whilst also providing quiet, relaxing time, allowing you to become deeply absorbed in your own project and connecting with nature's wonders. If you have any queries, email Hannah timbertales@gmail.com

What to bring

Please bring a pen and notebook

Glasses if you need them

Clothes that aren't precious or an apron

Material fee to be paid in cash to tutor

A camera to document the stages of construction if you wish