

Tennessee Basketry Convention  
July 15-18, 2026  
Cookeville, TN



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*Hello Tennessee Basketry Association Members,*

*You are viewing the TBA convention booklet solely online, no longer printed and mailed, for the first time in the convention's 26-year history. In 2024 the TBA membership voted to offer the booklet online to reduce convention costs. The goal is to offer excellent convention experiences at nice locations, and at a registration cost reduced by eliminating printing and mailing booklets. You can view beautiful baskets in amazing color on your computer or phone.*

*The convention chairs, Fran Sorrell and Amy Woods, along with many committee members have spent countless hours to make 2026 the best convention yet. I extend my sincere appreciation and admiration for their work.*

*I hope to see all of you in Cookeville where you will find several traditional convention activities: a nice selection of classes taught by talented and patient teachers; a variety of vendors; goody bags with useful items and a basket kit; a hospitality room as well as catered meals; a raffle and a silent auction; marketplace you can sell and/or buy from; basket and kit exchange; nice hotels with an easy drive to the Leslie Centre; and the only yearly general business meeting. You will elect a new slate of officers at the meeting.*

*So, carefully peruse the class offerings that members voted in back in the fall, and prepare to meet other basket makers while gaining new basketry skills.*

*If you decide to attend, thank you, thereby helping to support basketry in Tennessee and the many states of all members. The Board recognizes that your participation is time consuming and expensive, and we appreciate your involvement.*

*Barbara Holt, Ed.D.  
President*

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### Basket Exchange

The TBA Basket Exchange is a great opportunity to get together and share a beautiful part of ourselves with others! Each year members make a basket and bring to convention to share with another member. In return you get a lovely basket to enjoy!

If you have not participated before, please consider doing so....you will not regret it!



### Tools Checklist

Most Teachers ask that you bring a basic set of weaving tools in some type of tote or toolbox. If you don't have these items, most can be purchased at the convention from one of our wonderful vendors

- Small Tub or Bucket For Water**
- Fine Sandpaper**
- Hand Towel or 2**
- Small Spray Bottle of Water**
- Heavy Duty shears**
- Packing Tool**
- Measuring Tape**
- Clothespins or Small Clips (12)**
- Sharpened Pencil**
- Small Trim Plane/Wood Shaver**
- Small Spoke Weight**
- Any Special Tool Required**

### Basket Kit Exchange

Do you have basket kits at home that you know you don't want to make? Or Did you buy 2 of the same basket? Bring it to the Convention and exchange it with someone else. Take a new challenge home.

## Registration Information

- Current TBA membership is required to register for classes. Contact Ernestine Meiners at [865-691-7149](tel:865-691-7149) or email to [ernestine2576@gmail.com](mailto:ernestine2576@gmail.com) for questions about membership.
- Registration must be postmarked by **April 15, 2026**, to be considered “**first day**”. Registrations postmarked after **April 15, 2026**, will be assigned in the order they are received.
- The **registration fee is \$50.00**, and your check should be made **payable to TBA**.
- Please list your classes in order of your preference. You may include up to 3 choices. **(Making only one choice will not guarantee you a space.)**
- **DO NOT INCLUDE ANY CLASS FEES AT THIS TIME.**
- Please indicate the class that is **MOST** important to you and indicate whether this is your “**First TBA Convention**”.
- Class assignments will be sent the week of **May 1st**. If you do not have an email address, send a self addressed stamped envelope (legal size) and your assignment will be mailed to you.
- Your class fees will be due by **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Classes not paid for by that date will be forfeited.
- Should you need to cancel, your cancellation should be submitted in writing to Fran Sorrell or Amy Woods, email [fwsorrell@ael.com](mailto:fwsorrell@ael.com) or [amylynnwoods7@gmail.com](mailto:amylynnwoods7@gmail.com) before **June 15<sup>th</sup>**. **A \$15.00 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds.**
- **There will be no refunds after June 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- Send your signed, dated registration form and registration fee, and self addressed stamped envelope (if you don't have email), to **Fran Sorrell at 1721 Shaw Road, Brownsville TN 38012**.

## Location & Lodging

The Convention is at the Leslie Towne Centre which is located at 1 West First Street, Cookeville, TN 38501. Lodging is on your own. Trip Advisor suggested these:

LaQuinta Inn & Suites 931-650-5330, 1131 S Jefferson Ave  
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Comfort Inn & Suites 931-651-6004, 1045 Interstate Dr  
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# Tennessee Basketry Convention Schedule

## Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 Doors Open  
8:00 Vendors Set Up  
10:00 Goodie Bags Assembled  
11:00 Receiving Donations for Silent Auction/Raffle  
2:00 Registration Opens  
**4:00 - 8:00 Classes! Let the Weaving begin!**

## Thursday, July 16<sup>st</sup>

7:30 Registration Opens  
8:00 – 5:30 Classes/Silent Auction Begins  
**12:00 – 12:15 Basket Exchange/Kit Exchange**  
12:15 – 1:30 Catered Lunch  
**5:30 – 8:00 Marketplace**

## Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30 Registration Opens  
8:00 – 5:30 Classes  
12:00 – 1:30 Annual TBA Business Meeting (**Boxed Lunch will be provided**)  
**3:00 Close of Silent Auction/Raffle**  
**6:00 – 8:00 Winners for the Auction/Raffle Announced**

## Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 Registration Opens  
8:00 – 2:00 Last Day of Classes  
**2:00 Convention Closes**

**Welcome to  
Middle  
Tennessee!!!**



**WEDNESDAY  
(2 HOUR CLASS) 4 PM-6 PM**



**W1 Holiday Treasure Bowl Sandy Atkinson**

Woven on a drilled base, with round reed spokes and bi spokes, plus the wording of your choice in wood cutout. Choose from Hope, Noel, Love, Peace, Faith or Joy. Base is stained and varnished ready to weave on. A fun and beautiful weaving. Extra bases brought to class for purchasing.

**All Levels D 5.5" H 6" \$25.00  
Kit \$25.00**

**WEDNESDAY (4 HOUR CLASSES) 4 PM-8 PM**



**W2 Mini Brooms  
Bev Lawson**

Broom making on a miniature level. Various style options available and color options.

**All Levels Size Varies  
\$60.00 for 4 or \$40.00 for 2**



**W3 Woven Gourd Bowl Sheryl Scott**

This will use a pre-dyed gourd, that has also been pre-cut for weaving. 7" Martin gourd that has been pre-cut and prepared for class.

**All Levels D 7" W 7" Round \$50.00  
Special Tools: Teacher will have everything needed.**



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## WEDNESDAY (4 HOUR CLASSES) 4 PM-8 PM Cont'



**W4 Weaver's Choice Steve Atkinson**

Students gets the choice of a selection brought to class they would like to weave. Four choices to choose from, the easiest is 3 X 3 Twill or 2 X 2, then more difficult Diamond pattern, or the 4 Rag Twill, using Shaker Tape or nylon webbing. Sizes of foot stool vary from 13" square to 15" square. Many choices of colors for the weavers will be brought to class. **NOT TO BE USED AS A STEPPING STOOL.**

All Levels L 13-15" W 13-15" \$68.00  
Kit \$68.00

**Bring your  
favorite  
Snack to  
Share!!**



**W5 4" Nantucket Box Denise Bendelewski**

Using a white acrylic mold with cherry hardwood staves and a cherry base . Student will weave with natural cane and over two under two pattern. Some sanding of stave may be needed. A solid cherry rim will be added to finish the basket.

All Levels D 5.5" H 3.5" \$110.00  
Kit \$100.00



**W6 Kaleidoscope Pat Mercer**

Beginning on an 8" wooden base, students will have a template for spoke placement. Chase weave, twining, over/under weave and lashing are the traditional reed techniques employed. Weaving straight side walls will be emphasized to accommodate the ribbon accents. The rim filler is jet black cording. Two sizes of ribbon are used in the curling and running stitch, giving Kaleidoscope its name.

Beginner to Intermediate D 10" H 5" \$47.00  
Kit \$47.00

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## WEDNESDAY (4 HOUR CLASSES) 4 PM- 8 PM Cont'



**W7 For A Friend      Lorelea Roberts**

This is a fun twill weave with a faux leather rim filler and a "Friend" embellishment.

**All Levels    W 4" L 7"    H 3"      \$35.00**  
**Kit \$30.00**



**W8 Japanese Flower Basket  
 Dani Sue Anderson**

The Japanese Flower Basket was patterned after an antique basket purchased in Tokyo in 1985. The basket is easy and fun to make. Materials used are 1/4" flat reed for spokes with both No. 2 round reed and 3/16" flat reed for weavers. The top of the basket is completed by folding the spokes over each other and into the basket. Size is approximately 6" wide and 7" tall. Kit includes all materials and great instructions. Students will learn how to lay out staves and twine around them to create their base, continuous weave for the sides and a unique folded rim.

**All Levels    D6"    H 7"      \$35.00**



**W9 Star Trivets      Laura Lee Zanger**

The Star Trivets are made with 11/64" flat oval reed. The design element is woven in a 4-1 twill technique. One trivet is the reverse image of the other (positive and negative). The perimeter is twined with waxed linen and the fringe is cut with a rotary cutter. It is a good way to learn a 4-1 twill design number rhythm.

**Intermediate    W 8" L 8"    \$40.00, Kits \$40.00**  
**Special Tools: Metal Spoke Weight & Small packing tool.**

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**(12 HOUR CLASSES) Wednesday 4 PM – 8:00 PM  
Thursday 8 AM – 4:00 PM**



**WT1 Rambler Tote**      **Jamie VanOekel**

Take the opportunity to weave a great tote to take on the road! Add overlays to stakes in a slotted base. Use 3 rod wale and reverse 3 rod wale along with more over lays to create a distinctive decorative band. Leather handles make it comfy to carry and waxed linen holds it all together.

**Intermediate**    **W 10" L 18" H 14"**  
**\$120.00**

**Special Tools: A longer Weave Rite Tool, Needle Nose Pliers**



**WT2 Mammy's Lidded Picnic Basket**  
**Linda Elschlager**

This picnic basket is very versatile. The lid is completely removeable to give you a second option of use as a sturdy market basket as well. This basket has a wooden base that is shaped over a form for class use. The lid is also woven. Staples and brad nails are used in finishing of this basket.

**Beginner/Advanced Beginner**    **W 10"**  
**L 18" H 7"    \$120.00**



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## THURSDAY (4 HOUR CLASSES) 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

### T1 Apple Basket Sheryl Scott

This will be a dyed Apple gourd that has been pre-cut. Students will weave flat ¼" reed onto the gourd. Apple gourd is made of flat reed, the Instructor will provide all materials.

All Levels D 6" H 8-10"  
\$50.00



## THURSDAY (6 HOUR CLASSES) 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

### T2 Leather and Lace Dani Sue Anderson

This basket has a 12" round wooden bottom with a set of leather handles. The weaving style gives it an extra special look. This beauty has many different functions which will add unique character to any home. This basket uses a variety of media and weaving techniques with a braided rim. Great for the confident weaver who wants to learn more.

Intermediate D 12" H 8" \$85.00



### T3 Northern Light Denise Bendelewski

Weaving on a class mold the student will set up a 6" round Nantucket basket using black staves, and will weave with black weaving. They will add a space dye weaver in a twill pattern in the center of the basket and finish with black weaver. Using a cherry base and cherry solid rim to complete basket.

All Levels D 6" H 4.5"  
\$105.00  
Kit \$90.00



### T4 Work Basket On Legs Bev Lawson

A great basket to hold all your hand projects. Color choices will be available. Color options in picture may not be available.

All Levels W 10" L 18" H 8"  
\$149.00



Bring Silent  
Auction/Raffle  
Donations!!

# THURSDAY (8 HOUR CLASSES) 8 AM – 5:30 PM



**T5 Maumee Bay Potato Basket Sandy Atkinson**

Different start on rib basket, drilled holes in 10" hoop allow ribs to attached to hoop, then continues into frame. Woven with round /flat reeds, dyed reed dark green/ dark brown accents side weaving. Shape stressed in class to obtain classic potato basket shape. Beaded dangles on one side done in class. Beads shape/sizes subject to availability.

Intermediate D 10" H 7" \$68.00  
Kit \$68.00



**T6 Old World Charm Pat Mercer**

Old World Charm begins on a woven base over a 5" Williamsburg handle, which helps to give this basket its expanding shape. The sides are built by over/under weaving, twining and turn-backs. The contrasting double-braided rim highlights the fluid shaping that is achieved throughout the basket. It's topped off with a covered handle, incorporating the round reed used in the rim.

Intermediate W 8.5" L 16" \$70.00  
Kit \$70.00

**Special Tools: 2-3 Awls, Ice Picks or Wooden Skewers**



**T7 Brewing Joy Lorelea Roberts**

In this basket you will weave a twill pattern on a wood base in your choice of all natural or with a dyed accent color. The rim is a complicated matchstick and a fun way to finish the basket

All Levels W 2" L 9" H 4.5" \$57.00  
Kit \$52.00

**Marketplace  
is at 5:30p.m.**

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## THURSDAY (8 HOUR CLASSES) 8 AM – 5:30 PM



**T8 Caribbean Reef Sandy Bulgrin**

This sturdy double wall basket starts with a wood base. The inside basket is woven with smoked spokes and beautiful dyed reed. The outer basket is woven with natural spokes, and weavers, learn the French rand arrow with spaced dyed reed with shades of blue to accent the outside.

All Levels D 12" H 5.5" \$90.00  
Kits \$85.00

Special Tools: Round Nose Pliers



**T9 Crossing Paths Laura Lee Zanger**

The Crossing Paths is a 1-3-5 twill number rhythm where the brick-like blocks of crosses intersect uniquely. The handle is wrapped and woven with complimentary crosses too. You will learn how to measure and line up the designs so they will be centered at the top of the handle and symmetrical on both sides perfectly.

Intermediate W 13" L 13" H 10"  
\$125.00  
Kit \$105.00

Special Tools: Metal spoke weight, small packing tool, alligator clips, sponge and 4 wooden clothes pins.

### Welcome Vendors to the Convention!!

Atkinson's Country House – Sandy & Steve Atkinson

Basket Beginnings - Linda Hinkleman

Blacksferry Handmade Baskets – Kay Kass

Dani Sue Creations – Danielle Anderson

Dream Weavers Ent – Laura Lee Zanger

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Lorelea Roberts – Lorelea Roberts

Magnolia Baskets – Denise Bendelewski

P & L Baskets – Linda Elschlager

SJ Wood Creation – Stacy Watson

Don't  
forget to  
buy your  
extra kits!

**FRIDAY (4 HOUR CLASSES) 8 AM – NOON**



**F1 Catch It!**

**Jamie VanOekel**

This handy basket is just the right size to Catch It! Use beginner techniques and add a wrapped, built-in handle incorporated in the rim. Other color choices will be available at the time of class.

Beginner W 5.5" L 11"

**\$30.00**

Kit \$30.00

**FRIDAY (4 HOUR CLASSES) 1:30PM–5:30PM**



**F2 Martin Gourd Basket**

**Sheryl Scott**

This is a dyed and pre-cut gourd, that you will weave flat ¼" reed onto the gourd. 7"-8" Martin gourd, spray finish, ¼" flat reed.

**All Levels W 8" L 8" H 8-10" \$50.00**



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## FRIDAY (6 HOUR CLASSES) 9 AM – 4:30 PM



**F3 Western Rush**

**Steve Atkinson**

This is a basic beginner pattern to learn the steps on how to rush, the technique can be used on any chair. Added to this pattern are three colors to give it your custom design. Dyed rush brought to class for your choice of colors. The pine stool comes stained, sealed and ready to weave on. Not to be used as a stepping stool.

**All Levels L 13" W 12" H 13" \$65.00**

**Kit \$65.00**

**Special tools: Rubber Gloves, 4-3" Long Clamps, Heavy Duty Packing Tool**



**F4 Black & White Twill Denise Bendelewski**

Weaving on a class mold the student will setup a 5 1/2" round Nantucket basket. Student will weave a twill pattern using black cane staves and natural cane weaver. Basket will use a cherry base and finish with a cherry solid rim and cover with a wooden pull knob.

**All Levels D 6" H 4.25" \$125.00**

**Kit \$115.00**



**F5 Sweeping Beauty: The Art of Broom Making Bev Lawson**

Discover the rich tradition of handcrafted brooms in this hands-on class. Using natural broomcorn and traditional techniques, you will learn how to construct a variety of functional and decorative brooms. Participants will explore binding methods, handle wrapping, and color accents to personalize their creations. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced maker, this class will provide the skills and knowledge to craft beautiful, durable brooms that honor the time-honored art of broom making.

**All Levels Varies \$85.00**

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of the  
teacher's  
time.**

## FRIDAY (8 HOUR CLASSES) 8 AM – 5:30 PM



**F6 Traditional Feather Basket**  
Sandy Atkinson

An antique pattern developed somewhere in the 1800's for use around the farm. Basket was actually used to keep goose down feather from blowing in the wind while plucking the goose. A good beginners + or all around basket as it features a captured lid, a little tricky but not hard to master. Shaping and sizing for handle insertion is stressed in class.

**Advanced Beginner** 7 ¾ SQ Base H 8.5"  
**\$70.00**  
**Kits \$70.00**



**F7 Winter Twilight** Nancy Matthews

Winter Twilight has simplified shaping and rib control. The cedar handle is predrilled with the primary ribs glued in place. The weavers are seagrass and space dyed flat oval. Weaving is over under and twined chains. Little or no filling in is require to finish.

**Intermediate** W 9" L 15" H 7" **\$62.00**  
**Kit \$62.00**



**F8 Down By The Pond** Pat Mercer

This basket begins on a 12X4 slotted racetrack. After chase weaving, twining, and triple twining, the shoreline and ripples in the water are created by using both solid and space dyed reed in a braid weave technique (a variation of reverse triple twining). The majority of the basket is start/stop, over/under weave, capped by a lashed rim. The students will weave their own cattails and select their placement, creating their own unique scene. A tapestry needle will be provided to tack the cattails in place and create the flock of Canada Geese with macrame cord.

**Intermediate to Advanced** W 7.5" L 13.5" H 9.5"  
**\$89.00** **Kit \$89.00**  
**Special Tools: Awl or Ice Pick**

# FRIDAY (8 HOUR CLASSES) 8 AM – 5:30 PM



**F9 Beginner Pineneedle Lorelea Roberts**

Learn the art of pine needle basket weaving in this hands-on class! You'll create a beautiful, rustic basket featuring a customizable ceramic center and waxed linen thread in your choice of colors. Perfect for beginners and seasoned weavers alike, this class will guide you through the process of coiling and stitching pine needles to form a unique, nature-inspired basket. By the end, you'll have a stunning finished piece that combines natural materials with a personal artistic touch.

**Beginner \$60.00**  
**Kits \$55.00**



**F10 Caned Stool Sandy Bulgrin**

Students will learn how to cane a foot stool, it will make a wonderful addition to your home. You will learn the 7-step caning pattern on a beautiful handcrafted stool. The frame is finished in a light stain. In this class you will learn the techniques to cane your own chairs. 12 caning pegs included.

**All Levels W 7" L 12" H 7" \$95.00**

**Special Tools: Awl**



**F11 Dusk and Dawn Linda Elschlager**

This basket starts on a slotted base, highlights will be shaping, 4 rod wale in a over 2, behind 2, continuous weave and a double match stick rim. Some choice of colors will be available. (Plum, black and navy)

**Advanced Beginner D 10" H 9.5" \$68.00**  
**Kits \$65.00**



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**FRIDAY (8 HOUR CLASSES)  
8 AM – 5:30 PM**



**F12 Whirlwind Basket Dani Sue Anderson**

The Super Unique Whirlwind Basket is crafted using distinctive materials such as paper splint, whitewashed reed, and braided round reed. Its weaving techniques create dynamic, winding patterns that twist elegantly around a sturdy wooden slotted base. Finished with a one-of-a-kind wooden handle, this basket offers ample room for storage as it measures 13" in diameter and 18" tall including the handle. Designed for intermediate to advanced weavers, this project is both challenging and highly rewarding. Plus, there are plenty of opportunities to personalize your basket with a variety of dyed reed.

**Intermediate Advanced D 13" H 18" \$150.00**

**(12 HOUR CLASS)  
FRIDAY 8 AM – 5:30 PM  
SATURDAY 8 AM - Noon**



**F13 Christmas In July Tray**



**Laura Lee Zanger**

Choose by color, you receive both patterns. The Christmas Trays come in red or blue. The color layout defines the design. The number rhythm for these trays is mostly 3-1-3 and 4-1-4 with steps of 1-3-5 and 5-3-1. You will improve on your graph reading skills. Pick the color for your class kit and receive all instructions and graphs for both colors.

**Advanced W 13" L 13" H 2.5" \$95.00, Kit \$80.00**

**Special Tools: Metal spoke weight, small packing tool, alligator clips, sponge and 2 towels**



## SATURDAY (2 to 4 HOUR CLASSES) 8 AM - NOON



**S1 Twill Bracelet Denise Bendelewski**

Using a metal cuff and black cane staves Student will weave with natural weaver in a twill pattern to make this bracelet. Black end cap will be added. Small, Medium and Large metal cuff will be offered. IF student needs an x-small or x-large please contact teacher.

All Levels W 3/4" \$75.00  
Kit \$65.00

**(2 Hour)**



**S2 Woven Knot Bracelet Dani Sue Anderson**

For intermediate to advanced weavers: Join us to weave two beautiful Japanese knot bracelets, designed by Flo Hoppe. We are honored to have permission to teach this class. This project requires patience and focus, but once you master the technique, you'll want to make more! Choose your preferred medium—cane, paper splint, natural reed, or dyed reed—to match your style. Additional 2-yard pieces will be available for purchase including leather but we will not use the leather.

Intermediate to Advanced D 4" \$45.00

**(2-3 Hour)**



**S3 Pine Needle Rim on Gourd Sheryl Scott**

This is a 7" bowl, that students will get to weave a colored pine needle rim. 7" gourd, waxed linen thread, dyed pine needles.

All Levels W 7" Round \$50.00

**(4 Hour)**

Bring a friend to share the fun with and make new memories!

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## SATURDAY (6 HOUR CLASSES) 8 AM – 2 PM



**S4 Spiraling Arrows Bowl**      **Pat Mercer**

If you love weaving arrows and are looking for a challenge, this is the project for you. This unique spiral weaving pattern is achieved through a combination of triple twining, reverse triple twining and chase weaving. The body of the bowl is achieved through start/stop weaving F/O natural, reminiscent of Nantucket style without the form.

**Advanced D 11" H 5.25" \$69.00**  
**Kit \$69.00**



**S5 Lying Cat**      **Lorelea Roberts**

You'll learn how to shape a cathead base and weave a mesmerizing Fibonacci twill that brings math and magic together in a striking design. This project is purr-fect for weavers ready to explore shaping techniques and pattern precision.

**Intermediate W 7" L 7" H 5" \$66.00**  
**Kits \$61.00**

**Special Tools: Spoke weight**



**S6 Petite Hen**      **Nancy Matthews**

Petite Hen is a smaller version of the traditional hen basket. Frame is made of 3 wooden hoops. Ribs are added one at a time on each side. Short rows will be required to totally cover frame. Weavers are 11/64" natural flat oval.

**Intermediate W 5" D 6" \$48.00**  
**Kit \$48.00**



**Dani Sue Creations**

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- **Basket Kits**
- **Patterns**
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### S7 Josey

Sandy Bulgrin

Josey- This is a smaller version of the Josephine Knot basket. Starting with weaving the knot which becomes the main focal point of this ribbed basket. Using a variety of materials, natural round reed, dyed 11/64" reed and mini sea grass each basket will be unique.

**Intermediate W 5" L 7" \$75.00**

**Special Tool: Awl**



### S9 Braided Skies Linda Elschlager

Woven on a 6" x 14" slotted base. This cheerful basket is a great addition to your desk or chairside table. 4 Rod whaling will be taught along with a 2-2 twill and the rim is finished with a 4 ply braid.

**Advanced Beginner W 5.5" L 7.5" H 4.5" \$57.00**

**Kit \$53.00**

**Special Tools: Awl**

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Prizes!!

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we have a  
hospitality!!



### S8 Back Pack Basket Bev Lawson

Create an utilitarian backpack while learning basic over under weave and a bit of shaping. Wooden skids will be used and green harnesses.

**All Levels W 14" L 10" H 18" \$129.00**

### Self Check List:

- ❖ Bring a pad and pen (for notes).
- ❖ Bring a list of supplies you need from Vendors.
- ❖ Make new friendships and connections.
- ❖ Bring your favorite snack and recipe to share!

## Reminder Checklist

- Did you volunteer to bring:
  - Donations for the Silent Auction, Raffle, Door Prizes or Food for the Hospitality Table?
  - Basket for the Basket Exchange? Basket Kit/or packet of 12 basket patterns for Kit/Pattern Exchange?
- Did you sign up to participate in Marketplace? **Contact Amy Woods, 731-697-8756 ASAP.**
- Did you volunteer to help at convention where needed? Help is always needed and appreciated. Check with Fran or Amy or sign up ahead of time with one of the committee members.
- Did you bring the tools you need for class? **(Bucket for water, hand towel, heavy duty shears or scissors, measuring tape, pencil, sandpaper, spray bottle, packing tools, clips or clothespins, patience and nimble fingers?)** Check to see if your class designated **special tools.**
- Did you bring additional funds to purchase needed supplies from vendors and at marketplace?
- Did you fill out your convention schedule below?

## My Convention Schedule

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2:00pm Registration Opens 4:00-8:00pm Classes	7:30am Registration Opens 12:00pm Basket/Kit Exchange 12:15pm Lunch 8am-5:30pm Classes	7:30am Registration Opens 12:00pm Annual Business Meeting/Lunch 8am-5:30pm Classes 3:00pm Close of Silent Auction/Raffle	8:00am Registration opens 8am-2:00pm Classes
	5:30pm Marketplace	6:00pm TBA Raffle/Silent Auction	

# TBA 2026 Teachers

## **Dani Sue Anderson**

Dani Sue is a Kentucky girl whose roots run deep. She first learned to weave while living on her grandparent's farm in Taylorsville, KY. Dani Sue learned to make her first basket when she was 6 years old, sitting on her Granny and Papaw's table with the basket, almost as big as she was. Her Granny, Ardia Herndon, started teaching basket classes the year Dani was born in 1982. Thankfully, she began teaching Dani how to weave and continued to do so until the day she passed in May 2019. One day in 2016, after making a basket, Dani Sue was sparked with a strong desire to carry on her granny's basket teaching legacy. That desire has been the driving force behind her business, Dani Sue Creations.

## **Steve & Sandy Atkinson**

Sandy Atkinson began weaving in 1983 when she was home with her four daughters. In 1985 she and her husband, Steve, opened Atkinson's Country House, where she could teach basket weaving and sell supplies. The success of the business grew into a nationwide mail order company. In 1986 Sandy approached the U of M PBS-TV about doing a series on basket weaving. The concept was enthusiastically received; the U of Michigan produced the first two series of "Country Basket Weaving with Sandy Atkinson". Series three, four, and five were produced by Steve and Sandy. All five series have been picked up by PBS and Sterling Digital out of New York. Steve and Sandy continue to work at the basket studio in Lennon, Michigan. They live on a small farm, have eight grandchildren and love to travel in the motor home around the USA to teach. Contact Sandy or Steve at [sandy@sandyatkinson.com](mailto:sandy@sandyatkinson.com) or 810-280-6987.

## **Denise Bendelewski**

Denise has been weaving baskets since 1999. She particularly enjoys taking reed-weaving techniques and using them to make her Nantucket baskets unique. Denise added colored cane to her Nantucket baskets, creating a new look to traditional Nantucket baskets. She is a primary supplier of colored cane and reed through her business, Magnolia Baskets. Denise has been teaching since 2001 in her Magnolia DE Studio. She is a co-owner of Nantucket Woodland Retreats and has taught at several basket guilds in other states.

## **Sandy Bulgrin**

Sandy has been weaving baskets for over 35 years, having started by instructing 4-H children, which she continues today. Sandy taught at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Sandy enjoys teaching at the museums in her area along with many continuing education programs in the schools in Wisconsin and Illinois. She has taught at many basket events, gourd events and retreats. Sandy also organizes the Basket Weaving Cruise.

## **Linda Elschlager**

Linda took her first basket class with a group of co-workers in 1996. By 1998, she began teaching locally out of her home. Since retirement, she has begun traveling and teaching in various location in the eastern part of the country. She is married to her husband of 53yrs, Perry. They have 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren. After her family, she finds her joy in basket making and the fellowship she receives from her students and fellow weavers.

## **Bev Lawson**

I have been weaving since 1988 and teaching since 1999. I love to share the joy of basket weaving with those around me and have done so by teaching in Indiana, Illinois, Florida, Kentucky, Michigan, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin, and the Caribbean on the Basket Weaving Cruises. Making basket weaving fun, relaxing, and inspiring is my goal. In 2003 I won the Eiteljorg Museums Weavers Challenge. In 2009 I added broom making as an outshoot of weaving and it too is now a passion. In 2016 I received the honor of being named an Indian Artisan by the State of Indiana for both broom making and basket weaving. I had the honor of teaching at the July Convention 2024.

# TBA 2026 Teachers Continued

## **Nancy Matthews**

A professional educator for nearly 40 years, Nancy loves to teach. Her sister taught her to weave, but she was not hooked until she made her first rib basket. Her mission is to develop and teach techniques that simplify rib baskets construction and result in a more enjoyable weaving process. She enjoys weaving all types of rib baskets and designing new variations. For her, the best part is watching students learn new techniques and create baskets that make them happy. Contact Nancy at [matthewsn@charter.net](mailto:matthewsn@charter.net) or 931-387-2890.

## **Pat Mercer**

Pat Mercer has taught basketry to all ages from middle school to senior citizens in grant-funded programs, private businesses, churches, libraries, arts counsels, conventions and retreats. In 2022, she launched monthly classes, which continue to grow in popularity. Pat experiments with non-traditional weaving materials, such as road maps, denim, dog leashes and cotton cords, and repurposes such items as BBQ tongs, candle-saver lids, and wooden trivets. Occasionally, her designs blend basketry with such art forms as macrame, decoupage and pour painting. Most of her pieces combine function and form into a decorative piece – in other words, art with a purpose.

## **Lorelea Roberts**

Lorelea is currently residing in Louisville, Kentucky. But her love of basket weaving began while living in Vermont! Lorelea has been weaving for almost thirty years. She loves to explore different techniques and materials to weave with that apply to more than baskets! She has been teaching locally in Vermont and Kentucky. She is looking forward to making new friends as she travels to teach at our convention. Lorelea is currently the Kentucky Basket Association President. Contact Lorelea at [owl@lorelea.com](mailto:owl@lorelea.com).

## **Sheryl Scott**

Sheryl Scott started growing gourds commercially in 2013 and her business has grown every year since. They grow about 10 acres of gourds comprised of 34 varieties. In 2025 she added hand pollination and isolated true seeds of 20 of our gourd varieties. She has been teaching the gourd basket classes for 12 years. She says it never gets old. Her website is [www.frontporchgourds.com](http://www.frontporchgourds.com) as well as [www.gourdlady48.com](http://www.gourdlady48.com).

## **Jamie VanOekel**

Basket weaving has been Jamie's happy place for 25 years no matter where the weaving was happening!! Exploring basketry through teaching offers as much learning for her as being a student in a class. Even after a recent move, Tidewater Basketry Guild which is her home guild. Jamie is also a member of basketry associations in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia as he National Basketry Organization. Contact Jamie at [upsetbasket@gmail.com](mailto:upsetbasket@gmail.com) or 757-560-9301.

## **Laura Lee Zanger**

Laura Lee Zanger has been designing baskets and writing patterns since October 2000. She has been teaching on the basketry convention circuit since 2002. She enjoys expressing her creativity in twill number rhythms, designs and techniques of southeastern American Indians and Yombe of the Congo. Laura Lee has also written basketry poems and instructional books. Her goal is to enlighten everyone on the thrill of twill, weaving single and double woven baskets, mats and trays. Laura Lee has made large mats and baskets for Caddo Mounds State Historic Site in Alto, Texas.