

Natural Fiber Basket Newsletter Spring 2014 Workshops

There's nothing quite like making a basket all your own, from start to finish, from the standing tree to the finished basket in your hand! The whole process is a tactile, therapeutic, thoroughly absorbing experience, and one that is unforgettable! The end result is a simple woven

basket, but one with a history full of your senses being awakened.

<u>Three-day workshops -</u>

Day 1 - Bark Peeling- (April - June)

On that day, we will select the trees, cut them, trim the branches, and spend the whole day shaving the outer

bark and peeling the inner bark. This inner bark is the primary material that we will later use to weave the baskets.

Day 2 - Preparing Bark-

This day will be spent cutting and preparing the bark that was earlier harvested. Baskets will be started before the end of the day.

Day 3 ~ Completing Baskets-

Additional materials, such as Black Walnut, Hackberry, American Elm, or Willow bark, as well as Rattlesnake Master leaves, Siberian Iris, or

Daylily leaves, will be provided for contrast. Most baskets will be finished by the end of the day.



<u>Cost: \$150/three-day</u> <u>workshop -</u> If needed, additional days can be scheduled for \$40/day.

<u>Call or email me to set</u> <u>up dates.</u> (Weekends as well as weekdays will work.)









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The thing to remember about making baskets with materials from nature is this: Each basket has the potential to create itself. You are simply the instrument that puts the pieces together.







