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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Medium: Basketry

Instructor: Julia Gartrell

Dates: May 25-30, 2025

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this workshop students will be encouraged to spiral beyond the notion of coiled baskets as utilitarian objects and embrace this traditional process as a vehicle for making sculptural forms. Students will explore techniques in improvisation and chance as ways to embrace a “yes” mentality, curiosity, and a sense of play in a supportive environment. This workshop will emphasize the use of unconventional materials to further engage creative problem solving and tactile thinking. Students should plan on bringing scrap materials, found objects, plastics, etc. from home and be prepared to participate in material exchanges with fellow students. The class will also forage for materials in the surrounding area for additional inspiration. Open to all skill levels.

WHAT TO BRING

- As much as you can bring: You should bring any materials you are interested in experimenting with in your sculptural basketry. This can include but isn't limited to yarn, ribbon, wire, natural fiber, plastic beads, and fabric. The best materials are long and stringy (coilable), and smaller quantities of favorite materials can be worked in, so if you have a favorite material you like, bring it and we will work it in.
- Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)

Planning to purchase materials from the Supply Store for your workshop? Keep in mind that the Supply Store carries a limited selection and cannot guarantee that all materials listed by your instructor will be in stock. Please call **865-436-5860 Ext. 25** or email Celeste Rudd at **crudd@arrowmont.org** to reserve your selection prior to arrival.

MATERIALS FEES | \$40.00-\$80.00

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, this keeps your out-of-pocket costs lower than a typical flat fee. Fees include all provided studio materials as assigned by the Instructor. Material fees are to be paid in the Supply Store no later than midday on the last day of workshop instruction.

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Please be advised that the above course description and materials list has been written and approved by the instructor.

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Instructor Contact

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