

# ARROWMONT

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Medium: Brooms

Instructor: Mark Hendry

Dates: October 19-24, 2025

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Get swept up for a week of exploring the traditional art of 18th century Broom Making. Students will whittle and finish rough sticks into fine broom handles, as well as learn all about growing, sorting and preparing broomcorn. Finally, gain the skill of historic hand-plaiting used to make a variety of brooms; from cobweb besoms and shaker-style sweepers to various styles of hand whisks. Functional & fanciful, great gifts for all occasions: multiple brooms will be made by all and students will leave with the know-how to continue making brooms on their own. All levels welcome. Some upper body & hand strength required.

## WHAT TO BRING

- Supportive SHOES with good tread
- Work towel for wrapping wet broom material
- Lotion for hands
- Long Shirt in case handling broomcorn is an irritant
- 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](mailto:crudd@arrowmont.org)** to reserve your selection prior to arrival.

## MATERIALS FEES | **\$140.00-\$200.00**

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.

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

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