

ARROWMONT

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Medium: Woodworking

Instructor: Gina Siepel

Dates: October 25-30, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this workshop, students will explore greenwood chairmaking techniques from an ecological and plant-oriented perspective. Each participant will build a classic greenwood post and rung stool with a seat woven of local plants. Students will learn all the necessary techniques, from riving green logs, shaping parts by hand, understanding and crafting wet/dry joinery, and weaving seats. This workshop emphasizes working holistically, connecting woodworking technique to the natural history and ecology of the plants used. Class activities will include a field trip into the forests of the Great Smoky Mountains to visit trees in their natural habitat, alongside readings on forest ecology, dendrology, and greenwood technique.

WHAT TO BRING

- 1 Notebook or sketchbook
- 2 pencils
- Personal safety gear: work gloves, protective eyewear, protective earwear
- (optional) measuring and marking tools, as preferred

MATERIALS FEES | **\$60.00-\$85.00**

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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