

Black Ash Tutorial - Saturday all day

w/ April Stone, Black Ash basket maker

Black Ash basketry has a very rich history in the United States going back thousands and thousands of years. It's a swamp lovin' tree native to the Great Lakes and beyond. The tree, once harvested, can be processed (pounded) in such a way, providing workable "splint" material used in creating baskets of many shapes and sizes: from colanders and sieves to storage and cooking baskets. In this one day workshop, participants will be able to experience log pounding, splitting, scraping, and cutting of raw splint as they prep and lay-out material for a simple plaited basket measuring approx. 6" x 6" x 6" when completed. Optional curly-q embellishments can be added to the completed basket, time permitting. For further enhancement, a traveling display complete with resource materials and a plethora of baskets will be set up on site.

This class offers a GREAT introduction for the birch strip weaving class offered on Sunday.

Material fee: \$25



Due to shrinkage of freshly harvested material, the instructor will provide choice, pre-harvested and dried splint material for this class.