

MENU

2019 Summer Retreat



Sunday, August 4, 2019

Sunrise Park 2075 Mountain Road Suffield, CT

Our 29th Summer Retreat will be a day packed with basket weaving and fun in a wonderful wooded lakeside setting. We look forward to seeing you and hope you will bring some friends to enjoy nature, catch up with old friends, make some new friends, and weave a fabulous basket.

Please register by June 30, 2019. Confirming emails for classes will be sent out in early July.

There is a nonmember special to introduce basket weavers to the NBG and our events. Children 16 and under who attend with an NBG member will not pay a registration fee. Registration fees are non-refundable. Basket fees will be returned if notice is given more than 2 weeks in advance. If a cancellation is received within 2 weeks of the retreat, the weaver can arrange for someone to collect the basket kit. See registration form for details. **We encourage everyone to use the [online registration and payment](#).**

[If you cannot use the online registration form, you can download a paper registration form here](#) [Download](#)

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Schedule

8:30-9:00am	Registration
9:00am-3pm	Basket Workshops
Noon-1:00pm	Brown Bag Lunch (no refrigeration available)

There will be an NBG update and Door Prizes (they have already been donated). We will once again have a Traveling basket.

What to bring to the Summer Retreat

- Basket Making Tools
- Spray bottle and water container (NBG will have larger containers on site)
- Brown Bag Lunch

Coffee, Tea, and water will be provided by NBG, and we would encourage a few of you to bring some snack items for the day. Please contact Lisa (email address below) if you would like to volunteer to help set up either

of these drink/food items.

We would also love to hear from those that would like to help set up and/or clean up. Contact either of the coordinators below. THANKS

Any Questions, please contact the co-coordinators:

[Lisa Johnson](#) [Tina Pearsall](#)

Basket Workshop Selections

Make and Take



Liz Carnes

5" x 5" x 5"

6 hours

Level: Intermediate

Materials Fee : \$25

Students will learn about the materials and the fundamental techniques to make a cat head paper basket. Pre-painted water color paper will be provided for students to make a basket in class and material will be supplied for students to take home to make a second basket. Students are asked to select a color and notify teacher in advance, for the pre-painted paper.

Tools: Apron, scissors, small "alligator" clips

Garden Obelisk





Jesica Clark

5' x 14"

6 hours

Level: Beginner to Intermediate

Materials Fee: \$60

Spend a summer day weaving a functional piece for your summer garden. These willow obelisks can serve as plant supports or as a decorative focal point. Sturdy willow stakes are woven with the Irish mouth wale and pairing at the base. Then sturdy pairing with multiple weavers spiral up the sides. The top is finished with a Japanese eye knot. Please make room in your vehicle for this one! For those uninitiated with the beauty and challenge of willow, we will have a small info session and practice before we weave the obelisks.

Tools: Strong pair of hands, good quality sharp hand pruners (e.g. Felcos)

Tranquil Tray



Dona Nazarenko

12 1/2"x 7 1/2"x 3/4"

6 hours

Level: Intermediate

Materials Fee: \$32

Following a picture or a graph, you will use natural and dyed reed, sea grass, and wax linen to create this beauty. You will learn to watch your spacing and how to make a sharp upright rim.

Tools: Small clips, wire ties.

You Put a Hex on Me!!





Joyce Flower

10"x11"x9"

6 hours

Level: Intermediate

Materials Fee: \$45

Starting on a wooden hexagon base, we will insert natural and dyed reed for spokes and weave the basket in the same colors for a color block effect. You will learn to pay careful attention to shaping and we will finish the basket off with a braided lashing. This basket would be a great size for a waste basket.

Tools: Standard basket making tools.

Spanish Rhythms



Bonnie Gale

4"x9"

4-5 hours

Level: All

Materials Fee: \$55

Come and weave this attractive willow basket. Students will start by weaving a 5" round base; then sets of 4 thin staves are added to the base. The Madiera weave is made and then the basket is finished with using the stake ends woven into a lovely foot wale.

Tools: Old bath towel, 12" ruler, knife, pruning shears, bodkin or awl.
