



Spring Fling

April 7-8, 2018

The 2018 Spring Fling event will be held on Saturday, April 7 through Sunday, April 8, 2018. We will once again convene at The Center located at 12700 Southwest Hwy, Palos Park, IL 60464. We will be holding classes in the log cabins nestled at the edge of the woods. According to The Center's rules, no alcohol is permitted.

The registration fee of \$50.00 also includes meals—Saturday lunch as well as Sunday breakfast and lunch. The menu will be included with your class confirmation letter.

We welcome the following teachers to Spring Fling 2018

Jeanne Dudley
Sharon Klusmann
Karen Kotecki
Debbie Mroczenski

Please read each of the class descriptions carefully noting the days, times and weaving levels when making your selections. All weavers are expected to bring their own basic supplies. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Burns at (708) 301-5530 or ourpetzoo2@comcast.net.

Your registration form must be received by January 15, 2018 so class assignments can be made quickly. Classes fill quickly, so don't delay. All registrations received after January 15 will be placed in classes where space is available.

Class assignments will be sent and teachers notified as soon as possible after the forms have been received and classes assigned. Class fees will be due upon receipt of class confirmation letter. No refunds will be made after March 1, 2018.

Raffle Prize Donations

If you have any donations for us or information on where to get basket-related prizes, please contact Jane Dwyer (708) 732-0143 or jdwyer7752@gmail.com. Bring your donations with you on the day of the event.



Spring Fling Schedule

Saturday		Sunday	
8:00 am	Set-up		
9:00 am	Registration	8:00 am	Registration / Breakfast
1:00 pm	Lunch	12:00 pm	Lunch & Member Meeting
10:00 am - 6:30 pm	Classes	9:00 am - 3:30 pm	Classes

Hotel Information

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

We have not reserved a block of rooms, so please check out on-line specials for hotels closest to the The Center.

Country Inn and Suites

(708) 560-9300

18315 S. LaGrange Rd, Tinley Park, IL

The hotel is just north of I 80 on LaGrange Rd.

Hilton Garden Inn

18335 South La Grange Rd, Tinley Park, IL

(708) 429-2266

Directions to The Center



From the North:

Take I—294 South to I—55 North to Chicago. Exit La Grange Rd South to 131st Street. Turn left (east) to Southwest Hwy. Turn left and The Center will be on the left. Parking on the lower level. Please use the upper level for handicapped parking and drop offs only.

From the South:

Take I—55 North to I—80 East or I—57 North to I—80 West. Exit La Grange Rd. Turn North to 131st Street. Turn right (east) to Southwest Hwy. Turn left and The Center will be on the left. Parking on the lower level. Please use the upper level for handicapped parking and drop offs only.

Vendors

There is still space available for vendors. The fee is \$40 and also includes meals with us but only one meal when The Center serves. Please contact Michelle Burns at (ourpetzoo2@comcast.net) if you have any questions or are interested in being a vendor at this event.

Teachers' Biographies

Jeanne Dudley

Jeanne taught 33 years at North Linn Comm. Schools. She has an MA in Fiber Arts and Art Education and has been making brooms for the past 9 years in the traditional Ozark Shaker-style. She has been a basket weaver for 29 years and teaching for the past 24 years. Many of her weaving skills are incorporated into the making and teaching of brooms.

Jeanne offers basket weaving classes in her home studio and has taught broom making in IA, AR, MO and WI.

Sharon Klusmann

Sharon Klusmann has been weaving, designing and teaching basketry for 30 years. Her website: www.SharonKlusmann.com has seven pages of her original designs. She not only teaches basketry from her home studio in Tallmadge, OH, but at national conventions and guilds throughout the country. She has had three of her designs featured in Create and Decorate Magazine and is the author of "Business in a Basket" to help others who love basket weaving turn their passion into a successful teaching business.

Karen Kotecki

My license plate holder says it all: "I'd Rather Be Basket Weaving". I create my designs incorporating reed, woods, barks, and cane, even rocks. Weaving with my hand-painted paper is my current passion, expanding my exploration of design and color. Complex twills and diagonal weaves are my favorites. The opportunity to share my knowledge and be inspired by the work of others drives my desire to teach. Thank you all for your encouragement.

Debbie Mroczenski

Debbie started weaving in 1992 at a PTO meeting. She has shared her skills with, family, friends, and taught 4-H. She has taught at East Troy Basketry in Wisconsin, Canada, Jabez, Michigan, Minnesota, and Missouri. In 2014, she won first place in the professional/teacher category at the Michigan convention. Debbie enjoys all types of weaving. She finds it a wonderful way to unwind and relax. She is looking forward to meeting you at Spring Fling and sharing her designs with all of you.

Saturday Classes

Class: Spirit of the Woods

Instructor: Jeanne Dudley

Class Length: 8 hours

Weaving Level: Intermediate - Advanced

Class Fee: \$85.00----with carved "Spirit of the Woods" handle
\$65.00----with plain stick handle

Description:

I designed this basket to showcase the "Spirit of the Woods" hand-carved wooden handle. It is started with a 10" slotted base and smoked spokes. You will learn the triple arrow weave and French Randing with space dyed flat reed. The highlight of this creation is the unique swirled decreasing top to which the handle is attached. You will create a beautiful basket that truly is one of a kind!



Shown with "Spirit of the Woods" Handle

The student will learn the triple arrow weave and French Randing with space dyed flat reed.

Note: Shaping is key to the successful outcome of this basket!

Dimensions: 14" diameter x 16" tall

Class: Oxley

Instructor: Karen Kotecki

Class Length: 8 Hours

Weaving Level: Intermediate

Class Fee: \$80

Description:

OXLEY starts as a square-to-round basket that is really all about the lid. The basic basket weaves up simply. Spokes are glued to the rim that is lashed with waxed polyester cord. Learn to add a woven inside lip for the lid to sit on. Techniques for the lid include setting up and twining with round reed to begin a spiral base. Split spokes and switch to flat oval reed to create a gently domed lid. Learn to adjust the shape and finish the lid to fit nicely on the lip. You're not done yet! Use a Dremel to drill the holes for the wood ball feet and lid pull. Learn to wrap the wires of the tall jelly-jar handle around the basket rim.



Dimensions: 14" tall with lid, Basket 12 x 12

Saturday Classes

Class: Thunder & Lightning

Instructor: Sharon Klusmann

Class Length: 8 Hours

Weaving Level: Intermediate

Class Fee: \$66



Description:

This striking double walled basket begins with a black, gray and natural twilled base with swirled triple twining. Build up both walls and end with a traditional rim laced with a V design. Learn this rolling overlay pattern on the outside wall with round reed.

Dimensions: Height: 5-1/2" Length: 13-1/2" Width: 10"

Class: Double Diamonds

Instructor: Deb Mroczenski

Class Length: 8 Hours

Weaving Level: Intermediate

Class Fee: \$90

Description:

This large oval basket starts on a wood base with narrowed slot, no need to twine in the spokes. The placement of dyed and natural spokes, weavers, and overlays creates the lovely stacked weaving and dynamic diamond pattern. Keeping the sides straight up this tall basket is the weaving challenge. Bushel handles.



Special Tools: Tools tapestry needle, insta-set purple label

Dimensions: 19" x 14" at rim 23" Tall

Sunday Classes

Class: Chains**Instructor: Deb Mroczenski****Class Length: 4 – 5 Hours****Weaving Level: Intermediate****Class Fee: \$40****Description:**

This basket is all about the rim. Round-reed spokes are inserted into a slotted wood base. Weaving is on a class mold for a perfect shape and a quick weave to the top. With plenty of time to spend on the rim you will be able to concentrate on the technique that gives you the wonderful interlocking chain weave. Intriguing.

Dimensions: 6" diameter x 4-1/2" tall**Class: Infinity Swing****Instructor: Sharon Klusmann****Class Length: 6 Hours****Weaving Level: Intermediate****Class Fee: \$64****Description:**

Insert dyed and natural spokes into this rectangular wooden based basket. The majority of the weaving is traditional start/stop and learning to descend rows to build up the front and back height. Insert a pair of flat topped swing handles and learn this unique chair caned overlay "Infinity" design of triple X's in the center. A variety of colors will be available.

Dimensions: Height: 12" Length: 13-1/2" Width: 7-1/2"

Sunday Classes

Class: Rinko

Instructor: Karen Kotecki

Class Length: 6 Hours

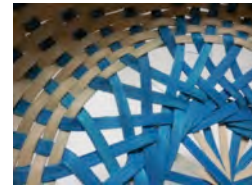
Weaving Level: Advanced

Class Fee: \$55

Description:

Rinko Ami is a traditional Japanese twill technique that is woven in the round. This Rinko is woven with the help of a jig, a very non-traditional weaving aid. The jig keeps your spokes where they belong, makes the joining of circle obvious and insures a perfectly round center. With the jig, changing the weave from diagonal twill to an over/under weave for the bottom and sides is easily accomplished. Rinko sits on a braided foot woven with spiraled center spokes, added separately. The spokes are glued to the rim row. Half-round rims are lashed with waxed polyester cord.

Dimensions: 11" Diameter, 3 " High



Class: Maud's Twill

Instructor: Jeanne Dudley

Class Length: 6 Hours

Weaving Level: Intermediate

Class Fee: \$48

Description:

This is a beautiful basket with a twill base of natural and dyed reed. The basket is woven with the natural spokes from the twill base. The dyed spokes from the twill base then become the overlay pattern on the outside of the basket. All are then rimmed together to finish the basket.

The student will learn to weave a twill base and how to weave the overlay on this beautiful basket.

Dimensions: 6 ½" x 6 ½" base 7" tall 8 ½" diameter



Registration Form

Spring Fling April 7—8, 2017
The Center..... Palos Park, IL

Please Type or Print Clearly

Name.....

Address.....

City, State, Zip.....

Phone ().....Email.....

LLBWA Member.....Yes.....No

Forms received after the January 1st deadline will be assigned classes subject to available space. Please mail your registration as soon as possible. The registration fee does not include class material fees, which will be due by February 15th. Indicate your first, second and third choices with a "1", "2" and "3" respectively. Please do not list any classes you are not willing to take.

Teacher	Saturday	Preference	Sunday	Preference
Jeanne Dudley	Spirit of the Woods		Maud's Twill	
Sharon Klusmann	Thunder & Lightning		Infinity Swing	
Karen Kotecki	Oxley		Rinko	
Debbie Mroczenski	Double Diamonds		Chains	

Spring Fling Registration Checklist

_____ I have enclosed the registration fee made payable to LLBWA

Registration **\$50.00** \$ _____

If not a member,

LLBWA Dues **\$20.00** \$ _____

(Registration form on back of brochure)

_____ I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope.

TOTAL \$ _____

Send this form, a check for your fees made payable to LLBWA and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Michelle Burns
16819 Brentwood Ct
Homer Glen, IL 60491

Please do not send any class fees at this time. Cancellations must be submitted in writing by mail or e-mail to Michelle Burns (ourpetzoo2@comcast.net) **by February 15, 2018.**

This brochure is also available at www.llbwa.com under Events.