Mary and Jimmie Earl McKinzie of Washington, IL created this year’s Starved Rock basket, Rocky Path. This bright and lively basket features lacing over dyed reed to represent the “Rocky Path”. It has dyed and natural spokes and weavers, D handle, and triple twining with color coordinated space-dyed reed. The filled base uses an external eagle claw design to end the fillers.

A choice of three color combinations for the spokes and weavers are available to accentuate the Trilogy space-dyed round reed: Navy Blue and Royal Blue (as shown in the photo), Hunter Green and Kelly Green, or Burgundy and Butternut. Please indicate your color choice on the Registration Form.

**Dimensions:** 8” W x 20” L x 7” H (without Handle)

**Tools:** Students will need to bring standard weaving tools. This is not a beginner class and students need to have some prior weaving experience.

**Full Kits are $39; Partial kits are $22.** Partial kits include pattern, dyed reed, and handle.

If you have any questions about the basket, contact Mary and Jimmy Earl McKinzie at (309) 453-4955 or email them at mje2weave@gmail.com.

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<td>3/16” Flat: 2 @ 120” (lacing)</td>
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Show and Share Table

As always, there will be a show and share table so weavers can bring their latest creations to the weave for all to admire.

Shopping

Mary and Jimmie Earl McKinzie will have a vending area at this event. They will have kits and some supplies and tools. If there is something specific you would like them to bring, please let them know by June 10, 2016. You can call them at (309) 453-4955 or email them at mje2weave@gmail.com. They will be happy to accommodate you.

About Our Vendor

Mary’s love of baskets led to her first basket class, an activity offered by their local park district. She soon began weaving at home and getting Jimmie Earl involved. They have been weaving baskets together for over 20 years. Mary is a past President of the LLBWA, of which both are still active members. Mary coordinated Camp Tuck for a couple of years, with lots of behind the scenes help from Jimmie Earl. They were thrilled to be teachers at Camp Tuck in 2014. They are also members of several other guilds and have participated in countless weaving conventions throughout the country, learning a large spectrum of weaving techniques and disciplines.

They have sold finished baskets for many years. Mary and Jimmie Earl are both juried members of the Illinois Artisans Association, and had baskets on display and sold at the Illinois Museum shops until they were closed last year. They are artisan vendors at Walnut Grove Farm in Knoxville, IL, for Scenic Drive each year, and sell at other select juried shows. They also maintain a gallery of baskets for sale at their home in Washington, IL.

After several years of teaching occasional basket classes to family members, in March 2012 the couple started to teach their own designs at monthly weaving classes in the Peoria area. Many of the students are new to basketry, so having two teachers is really helpful. Weaving basics are emphasized and new techniques are introduced during each subsequent class. They now offer basket classes for both beginners and more advanced weavers. Classes are held once or twice a month, and by appointment. Class information is sent by email. You can be added to the mailing list by emailing mje2weave@gmail.com or calling 309-453-4955.

They have expanded their business, MJE2WEAVE, teaching at statewide conventions and local guilds. They have taught at conventions in IL, MO, IN, OK, KY, TN, and NC. They are also teaching on the 2016 Basket Weaving Cruise. Some of their students are surprised at first to discover that Mary and Jimmie Earl both teach, but they quickly appreciate the extra help and attention that this unique teaching duo provide.

They also sell supplies, kits, patterns and tools, including the exclusive tools they design and make: LashEnders, Half Weights, and Seagrass Spools with stands.

This teaching duo retired from their “day jobs” in 2012. They are living their dream of spending more time together, designing and weaving baskets, traveling, and teaching basketry.

Questions?

If you have questions about the Starved Rock weave, please contact Patricia Duffy at (815) 343-1045 or email her at patduffy0508@gmail.com.
The Day

The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with check-in and weaving will begin about 9:00 a.m. Weaving will continue until 5:00 pm. Based on feedback, people wanted something different for lunch so we did our best to accommodate you. Unfortunately, the cost for the room and food has gone up this year so we will not be providing a continental breakfast this year.

A lunch buffet will be provided around noon in the Great Hall just outside our weaving room. The Deli Buffet includes a spread of: turkey, roast beef, ham and Genoa salami, marinated pasta salad, cider salad, mixed garden greens with choice of 2 dressings, potato chips, an assortment of domestic cheeses, mustard, mayonnaise, leaf lettuce, sliced tomatoes, onions, pickles and assorted breads. Fresh brewed iced tea, coffee and iced water is also included. Other drinks are available for purchase at the Gift Shop or in the cafeteria, if you prefer something different.

There will be a short membership meeting during lunch.

Registration for this event is $35 and is due by April 1, 2016. A registration form is included on page 5 in this newsletter. The registration fee covers the cost of renting the facility at Starved Rock State Park Lodge and your lunch.

Directions to Starved Rock Lodge

**I-39 southbound:** South to I-80 east (exit #59). Go 2 miles to exit #81 (Rt. 178, Utica). Go south (right) 3 miles on Rt. 178 and follow the signs into the Park.

**I-39 northbound:** North to Exit #48 (Tonica exit). Go east (right) approximately 5 miles to the T-intersection, which is Rt. 178. Go north (left) for approximately 5 miles and follow the signs into the Park.

**I-80 Eastbound and Westbound:** Get off at exit #81 (Rt.178, Utica). Go south 3 miles on Rt. 178 and follow the signs into the Park.

Free to a Good Home

"Crescent" by Andrew Wyeth (1917 – 2009)
Unframed poster. 20" x 14"

I'll deliver to Spring Fling or Starved Rock, or will mail if you pay postage.

Contact: Dianne Mockler at 309-830-0718 or Mock08@mchsi.com
Registration for Starved Rock

June 20, 2016

Name: _____________________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ______________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ______________________________________________________________________

Email: _____________________________________________________________________________

**Starved Rock 2016 “Rocky Path” Basket**

**Registration Fee:** $35
(includes room rental and your lunch)

**Basket Kit and Color Choices:**
(Please select your color choice and cost)

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Total amount included (make check payable to LLBWA)

There is no maximum number of registrants, so all who register will be accepted. No confirmations will be sent out.

Please note—Attendees are expected to have prior basket weaving experience and bring their own tools.

**Deli Buffet:** includes a spread of: turkey, roast beef, ham and Genoa salami, marinated pasta salad, cider salad, mixed garden greens with choice of 2 dressings, potato chips, an assortment of domestic cheeses, mustard, mayonnaise, leaf lettuce, sliced tomatoes, onions, pickles and assorted breads. Fresh brewed iced tea, coffee and iced water is also included. (Other drinks are available for purchase at the Gift Shop or in the cafeteria, if you prefer something different.)

Send this form with a check payable to LLBWA by April 1st to:

PATRICIA DUFFY
1206 N. 2803rd Rd.
Ottawa, Illinois 61350

Questions? Please contact Patricia Duffy at 815.343.1045. Leave a voicemail if there is no answer or email her at patduffy0508@gmail.com.

♦ Registration deadline is April 1, 2016.
♦ Cancellation with refund prior to May 1, 2016.