



OxfordshireBasketmakers

BRETON BUTTON BASKET OR SIMPLE FRAME BASKET

with Richard & Suzanne Kerwood

Saturday, 12 May 2018

10:00 – 16:30

St Nicholas Church Hall, Elsfield Road, Old Marston OX3 0PR



Oxfordshire Basketmakers are delighted to offer members the choice to make one of two completely different baskets during this one day workshop – the Breton Button Basket or a Simple Frame Basket.

Breton Button Basket

The Breton Button Basket, also known as the sklissen basket from the Vannes region in Brittany, is made over a jig which will be provided by the tutors. It starts with a small, twisted ring or button which you will be shown how to make and how to fit it to the jig. You will then be shown how to cut, slype and insert the correct size and number of

ribs for the basket. The weaving starts with simple pairing and is used throughout the basket building up to multiple strands as the space between the ribs increases. The baskets will be finished with a simple trac border. Twisted handles can be added if desired.

Simple Frame Basket

A selection of small garland type hoops will be provided, and the technique for making them will be demonstrated. You will be shown how to fit the rim ring before beginning to weave from both ends with willow! Ribs and more weavers will be added as the weaving progresses. You will also be shown how to pack each end.

Pre-bending the willow will be demonstrated along with the art of making the ring and you will have the opportunity to make a set of rings for your next basket.



Suzanne and Richard Kerwood have been growing and weaving living willow in the UK since 1997 - a big contrast from their previous occupations (a bank officer and flying instructor respectively). Over the last 5 years they have specialised in bespoke projects including many restaurant interiors and exterior fencing and garden features. Based on the outskirts of Exeter, Windrush Willow grows 150 varieties of living willow, planting and harvesting by hand, drying and weaving gives them a real sense of pride in their work and efforts to achieve an environmentally balanced lifestyle. You can find out more about Suzanne and Richard and their work on their website: www.windrushwillow.com.

**** Suitable for beginner and intermediate levels – all tools provided ****

Workshop fee: £47.00 per student, including materials

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