



ASH SPLINT BASKETS with Michelle Mateo

Saturday, 11 June 2022

10:00 – 16:30

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



In this one-day course you will weave an ash splint basket with a square bottom and round top or learn how to make a wall basket. The techniques used today have their roots in traditional basket making of North America.

Each ash splint used to weave the basket starts as a section of the tree's growth ring. Michelle pounds them by hand, splits and trims them, before finishing them ready for weaving. Michelle will bring these finished splints with her, for you to weave. You will also get a chance to view the process and have a go yourself.

You will learn:

- The properties of Ash; it's durability, flexibility, strengths and weaknesses.
- Knife techniques to prepare Ash for weaving
- How to do a basic weave
- How to understand the importance of tension

Learning these skills will give you the foundation to adapt future baskets to your own design and it will give you a new appreciation of the mighty ash!



Michelle Mateo is a Welsh based traditional bowl turner, leather worker and basket maker who specialises in ash splint basketry. She approaches her work with sustainable practices and locally sourced materials, working off-grid with hand tools.

More information about Michelle and her work can be found via the following links:

<https://michellemateocrafts.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/chelle.mateo/>

**** This workshop is suitable for all levels ****

Workshop fee: £121 per student, including materials