OxfordshireBasketmakers

HEXAGONAL PLAITED BASKETS

with Polly Pollock

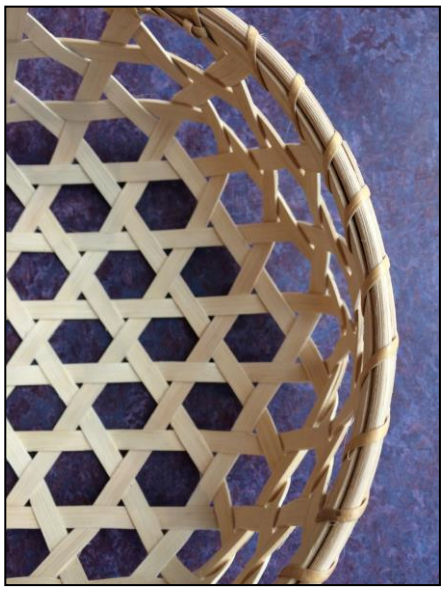
Saturday, 1 October 2022
10:00 – 16:30
St Nicholas Church Hall, Elsfield Road, Old Marston OX3 0PR

Hexagonal plaiting is used in many parts of the world to make strong yet light and open basketry structures - this technique was used by the Shakers to make their famous cheese baskets from finely split wood. It is a three directional weave which uses flat, ribbon-like materials such as bamboo, bark, and cane; contemporary basketmakers sometimes work with manufactured materials such as Somband (a paper tape), plastic packing tape and other materials which come in or can be made into long ribbon-like strips.

Beginners and Refreshers: Will work with 'flat band cane' to learn the basic principles of hexagonal weave, how to turn corners to create a basket form, and a simple method of finishing off the border.

Intermediate: For students with previous experience of hexagonal plaiting there will be a couple of alternative basket/border options and the option to work with Flat Band Cane or Somband. Alternatively, students can choose to make a hexagonally plaited basket worked on the bias.

NOTE: Intermediate options students should be able to weave a hexagonally plaited base and work pentagonal corners independently.



Students will learn:

- Selecting and preparing suitable materials
- Useful equipment
- How to get started
- Hexagonal Plaiting
- Turning corners and look at corner variations
- How to finish: Sandwich and Sew borders, and interwoven borders

Polly has been making and teaching basketry for over 35 years and many OB members will have worked with her before at OB courses, Oxford Summer School, City Lit and Ardington School of Crafts among other places. Polly's own work combines basketry and stitched textile techniques. Examples of Polly's work can be found at: https://pollypollock.co.uk/ and https://www.instagram.com/pollypollockbaskets/

**** This workshop is suitable for beginners and those with some experience of hexagonal plaiting ****

Workshop fee: £52 per student, plus £15-£20 approx materials