



# 2024 4-H Basket Weaving Classes

Summer is here and it is time to plan for your basket weaving project.

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Weavers:** Sharon will supply the materials with a cost of \$5.00 to you. Please start your basket on the June dates. You will need to call Sharon as soon as possible to schedule dates. Ages 8 to 11 will need a parent or older sibling to stay.

**Experienced Basket Weavers (3 years or more):** You will need to shop for all your own supplies. I will have several stores listed who have catalogs and websites, a few are close enough to visit. Call me if you have any questions. Come to any of the classes listed to go through my patterns and books or if you have any questions. When ordering supplies - If you just need a piece or two of something like a rim filler, rims, lacer, or a couple of pieces of reed to weave in. Ask me to see if I have it. There is no need to buy a whole hank of reed for a piece or two. I will carry reed to class for that purpose. You can just pay me for what you use. You will need to sign up for your weaving class times to keep the class size manageable. As always, I can use your help with other members if you have the time.

**Everyone needs to sign up for class times:** I do want to keep the class size small enough so everyone can get the help they need. Hopefully, the project can be done in 2 to 3 nights. I will need you to call and sign up for your class times. You can call me during the week after 6 pm and anytime on the weekends. I also have a voicemail for you to leave a message. My phone number is **(517)388-4938** (you can text me at this number).

*I am looking forward to seeing you! Sharon McElroy.*

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**Class Dates and Times:** Class is 6:30pm to 9:00ish. All classes in will be held in Peck Hall. You must enter on the EAST side of Peck Hall (please stay on the road and only walk on sidewalks). You will need to bring your own warm water to soak reed in for the classes at Peck Hall.

› **Weaving dates are scheduled for:**

**June 13<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>. July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**Items to bring with you to class:** Experienced weavers need your supplies/tools and pattern. First & second-year weavers will need to bring the tools below if you have them. You can bring a drink & snacks to keep you going.

**Tools** - 12 or more clip clothes pins, measure tape, pencil, old towel, spray bottle, pail, scissors, needle nose pliers, awl, flat head screwdriver, or a Weave Rite Tool. Bring warm water to soak reed if in Peck Hall.

## **Basket Weaving Stores:**

There are many stores on the internet. I have listed a couple of places to check out. Atkinson's Country House is a neat store to go visit and shop at. They are under an hour away for most of us. It is fun to check out all their samples. Make sure to call to make sure when they are open.

Royal wood Ltd - Mansfield, OH 800-526-1630 [www.royalwoodltd.com](http://www.royalwoodltd.com)

Atkinson's Country House - Lennon, MI 810-621-4947 [www.sandyatatkinson.com](http://www.sandyatatkinson.com)

XYZ Basket Works - Riga, MI 877-560-6608 [www.jackpine.com/xyzbaskets](http://www.jackpine.com/xyzbaskets)

Suzanne Moore's N.C. Basket Works – Voss, N.C. 1-800-338-4972 [www.ncbasketworks.com](http://www.ncbasketworks.com)