

Sixth Annual Coiling Convergence April 6, 2024

Northwest Basket Weavers, Vi Phillips Guild is pleased to host the Sixth Annual Coiling Convergence. The event will take place on Saturday, April 6th, 2024 at the Meridian Grange near Kent, Washington. **NOTE: Registration and payment for classes will be online.** It's easier for you, and it's easier for us.

We have 4 coiling classes to choose from, including 3 classes open to beginners. Class information is on page 2. Your cost for taking a class is \$35, which includes \$20 for materials and \$15 to help offset the Guild's costs such as rental and teaching fees.

Basket Raffle Special Event: This year we are raffling off a special basket made by our Guild's namesake, Vi Phillips. You don't have to attend the Coiling Convergence to buy raffle tickets. See page 3 for more information.

If you want to join us but not take a class, you can browse the Guild merchandise and basket materials for sale, or join the group enjoying Free Weave.

If you are intending to attend, please read the information below and then register for the event. Please register even if you are not intending to take a class so we have an idea of how many people are coming.

Registration and payment for classes is online at
<https://www.nwbasketweavers.org/coilingconvergence-2024>

You will be refunded if you don't get into a class because it's already full.

If you have questions, or need help with registration, contact coilingconv@nwbasketweavers.org

You will receive class confirmation from coilingconv@nwbasketweavers.org beginning March 9th.

No refunds for cancellations after March 29th. If you are confirmed for a class but need to cancel, contact coilingconv@nwbasketweavers.org no later than March 29th to receive a refund.

Rules for Safety: For safety reasons we are asking everyone to please follow these precautions:

- Masks are not required, but you are welcome to wear one if you want.
- Do not come to the event if you feel sick or have been in contact with somebody who has COVID. Please contact coilingconv@nwbasketweavers.org if you have to cancel.
- Also, anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

General Overview of Event:

- **Place: Meridian Grange, 15422 SE 272nd Street, Kent, WA 98042**
- **Date: April 6, 2024**
- **Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm**
- **Bring: your enthusiasm, projects to work on, projects for Show and Share, money to buy materials. No food will be served, but you may bring food for yourself.** There is a large kitchen area with tables and chairs for socializing, eating, and working on projects. Unfortunately, the area where the classes happen is a dance floor, so NO food and beverages are allowed there.

Besides classes, the activities will include:

- **Basket Raffle**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Show and Share:** tables for everyone to bring samples of their work so we all can get new ideas.
- **Free Weaving:** an area for you to craft and socialize, share stitches, techniques, stories.
- **Coiling supplies for purchase**

Your Coiling Convergence Organizers: Vicky Nickelson, David Chambers, Jim Shanower, Karen Magnuson, Barbara Osborne, Teri (Thompson) Frank, Richard Vogt, Mary Miller and Myra Tanita.

See Class Descriptions Below

Please be aware that photography will be allowed and may be used by the NWBW Guild for publicity.

Lighting is a challenge, a battery operated light, such as a headlamp or USB chargeable Ott light, would be helpful.

Please NO electrical cords!

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Registration is Online
and opens at Noon on
February 10th

All Classes are \$35

Class A. Black Walnut Shell Center (10 Students)

Instructor: Teri (Thompson) Frank (20 years coiling)

Skill Level: All Levels

Class and Wait List are FULL

Class Description: Introduction to attaching the pine needle coil to a sliced black walnut shell center piece. Throughout the coiling process you will use 3 stitches; Chain, Wheat and Wrapped. Artificial waxed sinew will be the binding thread accompanied by utilizing a curved sewing needle, and embellishing with mini pine cones to finalize your creation. Various colors of sinew, sliced black walnut, curved sewing needle, gage, mini pine cones, and pine needles will be provided.

Required Tools: small sharp scissors

Class B. Beginning Gourd Class (10 Students)

Instructor: Karen (Sherwood) Magnuson (35 years making baskets)

Skill Level: All Levels

Class Description: In this class students will be instructed in how to cut and prepare gourds, then work with a gourd that has been prepared by Karen to combine with a pine needle rim. The coiling instruction will focus on smooth starts and stops. The bowl pictured in the front is similar to what students will be making; the other containers are decorated with pyrography (wood burning) and are examples of what you can do next.

Required Tools: small sharp scissors

Class C. No Center, No Problem! (8 Students)

Instructor: Vicky Nickelson (50+ years coiling)

Skill Level: All Levels

Class and Wait List are FULL

Class Description: We will explore 2 different methods of beginning a basket (coaster) with pine needles only. We will make two sampler coasters in class to explore each method. You will also learn how to wrap a coil, do the "Swirling Wheat Stitch" and the "Fern Stitch". Our binding thread used will be artificial sinew. These coasters are very functional, and they make great gifts.

Required Tools: small sharp scissors, needle nose pliers

Class D. Pine Needle Caps Embellishments (8 Students)

Instructor: Barbara Osborne (12 years coiling)

Skill Level: Previous Coiling Experience

Class and Wait List are FULL

Class Description: You will learn how to use pine needle caps to create a design and texture woven into the coils of a small basket which has a drilled wood base. The instructor will show examples of more complex ways to use this skill to embellish coiled baskets. Please do not sign up for this class unless you already have learned basic coiling skills.

Required Tools: small sharp scissors and your favorite coiling tools

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Basket Raffle at the Coiling Convergence!



This year we have a special event– a Basket Raffle! Our Honorary Guild member, Willie Ziegler has graciously donated this beautiful pine needle sewing basket made by our Guild’s namesake and founding member, Vi Phillips, to be raffled off at the Coiling Convergence. This is a coiled, sewing basket made from pine needles and raffia about 5 inches tall and 7.5 inches in diameter. The details on the basket are beautiful, with a Tenerife bottom, various wheat stitches, and more Tenerife embellishments. The lid has even more Tenerife decorations and is finished with the Fern stitch. The entire sewing basket is lined with a satin type of fabric. Willie has loved and cared for this basket over the years, and has included a signed card stating its authenticity. This would be a great addition to any basket collection. May the legacy of the Guild live on!

How to Purchase Raffle Tickets:

You can buy raffle tickets via the online registration form if you are, or are not, coming to the event. You can also buy tickets at the event.

If you are not coming to the event and want to buy raffle tickets, choose the option on the registration form that says “Raffle Ticket(s) Only - Not Coming” and then pay. The Coiling Convergence team will take care of your raffle tickets for you and make arrangements if you win.

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