

**Saturday 25th March  
2023**

**10.30am—4pm**

**Fee : £110**

**Tutor : Karen Bek**



This workshop will teach you how to weave a simple willow platter that can be used as a serving platter or bowl for bread or fruit or simply used as a table centrepiece. You can choose to make an oval or circular platter and will have a range of willow colours to choose from. You will learn how to attach ribs to a preformed frame and how to weave and shape the basket. The platter can be shallow or deep, with the ribs being adjusted to form the shape to your liking. You will also learn a little about growing, harvesting and preparing willow for weaving so that you can continue weaving at home.

## What you need to bring to the session

All materials and tools will be provided, you may like to bring a notepad and pen to take notes.

## About Your Tutor

Karen weaves contemporary willow by adapting traditional techniques and incorporating other foraged, found and coppiced materials to create items that showcase the properties of natural materials. She seeks to visually represent the importance of protecting living materials and demonstrate their usefulness beyond their living state in the outdoors. Karen wants to show how craft work can contribute to a more sustainable and environmentally protective future. Her work as a Social and Therapeutic Horticulture practitioner has influenced how she now teaches willow weaving and basketry, using the craft to promote wellbeing and therapeutic practices.

## How to book

You may enrol by:

- Phone: 01954 288751
- Email: [community@astreacottenham.org](mailto:community@astreacottenham.org)

Course fees are payable in full at the time of booking. Bookings and course fees must be made at least 5 working days before the start of the course.

## Ways to pay

- Payment can be taken by cheque, payable to Astrea Academy Trust or by credit/debit card in person at Cottenham Village College.
- Credit/debit card payments can be taken over the telephone on 01954 288751

Please note refunds can only be made if a class is cancelled or closed.

## Terms and Conditions

Full terms and conditions can be found on our website:  
<http://community.cvcweb.net/home/learner-information>

## Equalities Statement

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