

**Saturday 28th
January 2023**

10am—4pm

Fee : **£110**

Includes all materials

Tutor : Karen Bek



This one day workshop will teach you how to weave a decorative willow obelisk. You will learn a few different basketry and basic weaving techniques to make an obelisk that can be used to support sweet peas, beans or peas or simply used as a structural focal point in the garden. You will learn how to weave around strong willow uprights using a range of different willows to create attractive basket weave patterns or a spiral effect that will support and showcase your plants.

The obelisks can be made to heights between 4 and 8 feet high. The techniques you will learn will give you the knowledge to create more plant supports at home. 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 first session

All materials and tools will be provided. You may wish to bring a notepad and pen to take notes and a kneeler or cushion.

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

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>

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