

## RUSH HATS & BASKETS

**5 DAY COURSE: Monday 22nd—Friday 26th July 2019**

**10am – 4pm**

**FEE: £275**

**including lunch and refreshments**



**TUTOR: Nadine Anderson**

During the first half of this workshop, you will learn how to make a basic mould out of newspaper if you cannot find a bowl or container to fit your head or that you like the shape of. Then using a combination of coarse and fine rushes you will be taught a variety of starts to create appropriate pattern and shaping for the crown/top of your hat; checked weave, spider weave or groups of 4 overlaid square start.

Twining techniques will explore pattern and shaping as you weave over the mould including how to join in new weavers, new stakes, pairing and waling weaves. Attention will be paid to good shaping and flow into the brim from the crown considering the type of border on the circumference of the brim.

Details such as holes for scarfs to tie under your chin will also be covered, and guidance will be given on lining the inside with cotton tape for comfort.

The remainder of the week will be focused on weaving a basket to accompany your hat such as a tote, cross body or clutch style. You will use moulds provided by the tutor or brought from home to aid shaping and volume again focusing on twined basketry techniques to create form and pattern. A variety of handles will be covered including the possibility of attaching basic leather handles.

**More information overleaf**



The tutor will have examples of her work to inspire you as well as reference books and handouts. There will be tools and moulds that can be borrowed with a signature system. The number of pieces you can make will be determined by ability and speed of weaving.

The focus will be on the following:

How to make a basic hat mould

Appropriate material selection for chosen project

Accurate and precise execution of weaving techniques, especially good joining in of new material

Good shaping using the moulds both for hats and baskets

How to use tools safely

How to prepare and store Rush

Planning for handles and which type

Planning for holes for scarf/under chin ties

**Materials cost payable to the tutor: £30-£40 includes Rush, cotton tape, linen/hemp/cotton thread for stitching, leather straps if used for handles, bees wax for coating thread.**

If you have any Rush basketry tools of your own, then please bring them NAMED.

Newspaper

Packing Tape

Dress makers tape measure

Long glass headed dress makers pins- for attaching your hat to the mould as you weave it

Spray bottle for misting your work to keep it damp and flexible

Old tea towel and cotton sheet to wipe your hands and wrap the works in progress overnight

A hat if you have one that fits you and that you could use packed out with paper and covered with plastic as a mould-it could get wet so make sure it is not too precious and that you could wash.

