

United in Friendship

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Course will be team taught by Celestine, Linda and Carol

INSTRUCTOR'S ORIGINAL COMMENTS:

The Glory Braid and its symbolism of friendship has long been a favorite of mine. For years, however, I was unable to produce one that suited me. Finally, I knew it was time to take on the challenge of discovering a completely different technique for plaiting it. Persistence eventually led to success, and a new technique emerged that, for me, is easy, fool-proof, and yields beautiful results every time. Now it is my wish to share this technique with you as part of my newly designed piece "United in Friendship." Note: This class was first taught at NAWW in 2004.



It is a special pleasure for me to share this straw piece with you. My wish is that you might enjoy your new creation, and that it will always remind you that we wheat weavers are, in fact, "united in friendship" with one another.

CLASS TIME: Sunday, February 24, 9:00-noon and 1:00-4:00

FINISHED SIZE: approx 18" x 14" (including beards). Size depends on the length of your straws.

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate (with ample wheat weaving experience)

PREREQUISITES: Know how to do a 4-straw Compass Plait, a 6-straw Fill-the-Gap Plait, and Straw Marquetry.

TECHNIQUES TAUGHT: the Glory Braid (the easy way!)

PRE-WORK BEFORE CLASS: prepare 8-10 flattened straws (wheat or rye) for marquetry*

STRAWS NEEDED: Suggested wheat is Black Bearded Durum or wheat with long, STURDY straws

- 24 medium-large straws, 18"-20" long, with nice-looking heads**
- 12 medium straws, 16"-18" long, with nice-looking heads
- 8 medium-large straws, 14"-16" long, with heads
- 16 medium straws, 12" or longer, without heads
- 8 straws splints, ironed for marquetry

OTHER SUPPLIES:

- Pin board (18" x 14")
- Needle
- Tacky glue
- Index fingernails grown out slightly on both hands
- Manila Card Stock

KIT: none

*Flattened Chinese straw will be available in class for those needing it.

**Bring your longest Black Beard, Blackberry or other sturdy straws. If you do not have 18-20 inch straws, bring the longest ones you do have. Your piece will just be smaller than indicated above. Those needing straws can arrange to purchase Blackberry wheat directly from Carol Thompson. A bundle of 100 straws, average length 15-18 inches, for \$6.00. A limited number of bundles are available, so please request only if you do not have your own wheat. (contact Carol at strawtalk@sbcglobal.net or at (916) 295-1912).