

FEBRUARY 2011

WEAVE A WILLOW FRAME BASKET

Tutor: Ray Lister

Date: Saturday 26th February 2011

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: **£95 includes materials, equipment, refreshments and lunch**

Limited number: 6

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

Ray Lister, basket maker and craftsman, will lead this workshop in which you will make a frame basket from locally grown willow. Ray is a local woodsman who and been involved in woodland management for 20 years, teaching traditional and rural crafts. He has travelled worldwide practicing his craft, teaching and learning. He now manages local woodland growing hazel, willow and ash for coppicing and charcoal making as well as utilizing in basketry, furniture, hurdle making and other crafts.

Frame basketry is an ancient form of basket making and is a country craft found in Celtic regions. This style lends itself to simple, organic shapes and the use of wild and hedgerow material. A simple technique to master you will make a small, round egg or berry basket using colourful, organically grown local willow. No experience necessary.