

## Gallery of Plaits

**Class 14, Session E: Saturday 8:00-11:30 AM**

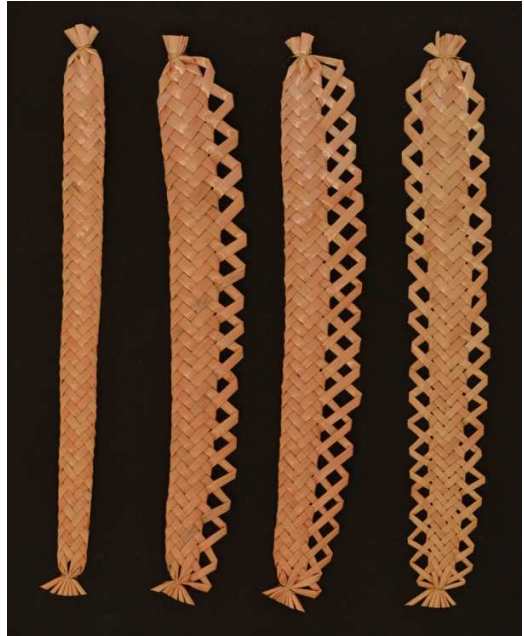
**Instructor/Designer:** Marian Vavra

**Instructor's Comments:** Plaits, both basic and their variations, provide a wheat weaver with numerous structures and textures to work with. These become the building blocks for more complex designs. Marian has put together the basic seven-straw flat plait with the lace edges to make delicate variations. For a lovely presentation, the finished plaits are wired to a black gallery canvas.

**Size of Project:** 8" x 10" X ¾"

**Skill level** Beginner, Intermediate

**Pre-requisites:** This class is designed to expand the plaiting knowledge of beginner and intermediate students. Marian would like students to have done some plaiting if even just a three-straw braid or a four-straw compass plait. Skills will be refined and new variations will be learned.



**What will be taught in class:** Seven straw flat plait (Dunstable) with Marian's variation; seven-straw flat plait (Dunstable) with one floater; seven-straw flat plait (Dunstable) with two floaters on one side#1; seven-straw flat plait (Dunstable) with one floater on each (either) side (note: all of these are in the NAWW PD. Marian will describe the variations to the flat plait in her instructions)

**What needs to be done before coming to class:** Practice tying the clove hitch knot followed by the surgeon's knot if the student is familiar with them. Contact Marian if you need the knot diagrams.

**Suggested Wheat:** Good plaiting wheat such as Larned and Turkey Red.

**Straws needed:** 33 straws roughly matched by straw diameter 14" – 16" long with heads to be cut off after plaiting. Double the number of straws (66) for a practice set if you wish. Soak the straws before class. Note: students bring their own straws.

**Other supplies by instructor:** Kit: \* 1, 8" x 10" black canvas back –stapled and gallery wrapped, \*1, 8.5" x 11" black cardstock, \*4, 26 gauge gold wire, \*Printed label for the back of the canvas.

**Supplies to bring:** Wheat, basic tools. Marian teaches this plait on the table and will have wet paper towels to provide a surface to manipulate the straw.

**Materials Kit: Cost:** \$6 Phone No. (316) 776-0661 email: mbvavra@powwwer.net

**Kits are required if offered. Includes \* items above.**