

Gallery of Plaits

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

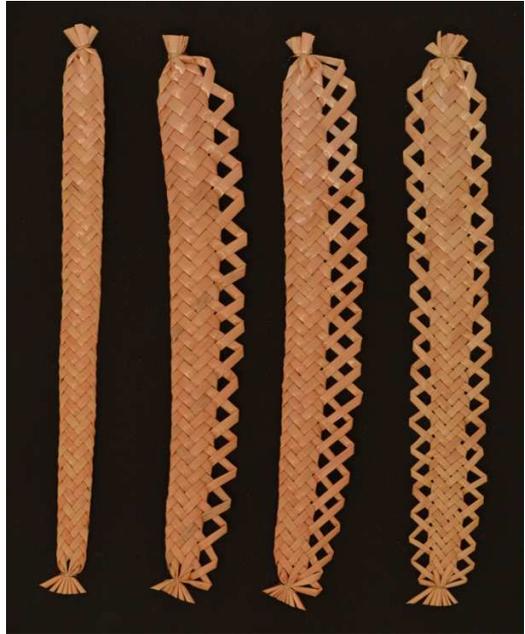
Instructor/Designer: Marian Vavra

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.