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*Participants of the workshop will make this 25" Harvest Market Basket.*

### **Basket Weaving Workshop with Wendy G. Jensen**

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Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon invites the public to join a Basket Weaving Workshop with professional basket maker Wendy G. Jensen, held at Drop Forge & Tool, located at 442 Warren Street in Hudson, NY, on Saturday, February 8, 2020, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. In this one-day workshop, each participant will make a 25" long Harvest Market Basket. The event includes a lunch catered by [Thyme & Co.](#) Tickets are available for purchase [online](#); discounts are available for Shaker Museum members.

Basket making was an important craft in Shaker communities. The Shakers manufactured both utility baskets and "fancy-work" baskets; the latter were sold in their shops alongside other everyday items such as brooms, bonnets, and chairs. In 2018, Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon co-hosted an exhibition at the Columbia County Historical Society entitled "Durable Beauty: Baskets from Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon," which is available to view on [the museum's website](#).

[Wendy G. Jensen](#) is an award-winning professional basket maker living in the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts. Jensen has over 25 years of experience in basket making; she has studied with several willow basket makers from England, Latvia, Denmark, and the USA. In 2006, she traveled to Ireland to study with an Irish Willow basket maker and author, Joe Hogan. In addition to leading workshops on basket weaving at her own studio, Jensen teaches this craft at schools, museums, and conventions. In her work, she uses primarily rattan, a commercially available tropical vine. Jensen's designs incorporate hand-dyed accents with a variety of shapes and weaving techniques. Her mainly utilitarian baskets range in size from small, berry-collecting baskets to larger, more involved lidded urns.

[Drop Forge & Tool's](#) mission is to encourage and facilitate the making and sharing of new works and art of all kinds. The shop offers access to the creative process by providing time and space to create; opportunities to learn, practice and hone a craft; and unique events to engage, entertain, and inspire our community.

Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon is dedicated to preserving the history of the Shakers, including their furniture and architecture as well as their values of inclusion, innovation, integrity, and conviction. It stewards the historic site in New Lebanon, New York, which is open year-round for self-guided tours and

hiking. The museum also has a campus in Old Chatham, New York, open year-round by appointment, where the administrative offices, collections, library, and archives are housed. The museum's collection of over 16,000 Shaker items is the most comprehensive collection of its kind in the world and may be viewed online at [www.shakermuseum.org](http://www.shakermuseum.org).