

Southwestern Ontario Basketry Conference

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Catch the Spirit: Contemporary and Traditional Basketry

Pre Conference: Wed. & Thurs. May 17 & 18, 2006

Conference: Friday, Saturday & Sunday am, May 19 -21, 2006
Alumnae Centre, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario



Sheila Ziman



Wendy Durfey



Gail Hutchinson



Jule Koch

Pre Conference features Master Weavers, Jule Koch, Wendy Durfey & Gail Hutchinson, teaching wild willow, silk fusion & unique design techniques.

Conference – includes master teachers from the US, Panama & Canada: Crispula Machuca, Wendy Durfey, Gail Hutchinson, Jule Koch, Dolores von Rosen, Carey Nichols, Eileen Laporte, Louise Warner MacDougall, & Shiela Ziman.

There will be basket making classes for every level, from the beginner student to the most experienced basket weaver.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE:

Artist in residence and guest teacher is Crispula Machuca from Panama, a master teacher of the world renowned Wounaan and Embera weavers, who make baskets, masks and other containers out of palm. Each thread of palm fibre is as thin as a human hair and is dyed with natural products from the rain forest. Crispula will share her knowledge of the ancient art form of weaving palm fibre into baskets tight enough to hold water. The Wounaan and Embera baskets are featured in Museums and Art Galleries in New York, Santa Fe and the Smithsonian in Washington D.C. and now in Windsor, Ontario. You will also have an opportunity to hear Crispula sing and talk about the Wounaan and Embera art, their body painting, spirituality, music and culture.



Contact: Alice Lingard: 1-519-245-2627; lingardo@sympatico.ca or visit our website mid-January 2006 for complete details and registration forms:

<http://arts-council.ca/southwestonbasket/>

Rain Forest Art: Wounaan and Embera Basketry
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