

Stockton Center on Successful Aging Presents Basket Workshops at Swan Bay Folk Art Center

Register Now for Workshops Beginning July 9 in Port Republic

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Galloway, NJ - The Stockton Center on Successful Aging is sponsoring a year-long series of basket workshops for older adults led by Niki Giberson, of Swan Bay Folk Art Center.

Participants will learn basketry, experience local history and enjoy culinary delights. The classes will take place at Swan Bay Folk Art Center, located at 300 Sooys Landing Road, in Port Republic, N.J.

Saturday, July 9, 2016 10 a.m.—noon

Blueberry Baskets Weave two 6" round baskets with wooden center handles. One can be kept and the other given away. It makes a perfect gift when filled with baked goods, soaps or candles. Blueberry Buckle will be sampled and you will receive the recipe. There is a \$30 materials fee payable to instructor.

Saturday, August 6, 2016 10 a.m.—noon

Zucchini Bread Baskets Zucchini bread is a perfect way to use this abundant crop from your garden. Each participant will create a 6"x12" rectangular basket with handles on either side for easy serving. Share in a sample of this wonderful summertime treat along with gift giving and serving ideas. There is a \$32 materials fee payable to instructor.

Saturday, September 10, 2016 10 a.m.—noon

Apple Pie Basket Perfect for serving your best apple pie. This round basket with red accents will surely please your family. Samples of apple pie along with the recipe will be given to each participant. There is a \$30 materials fee payable to instructor.

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Saturday, October 22, 2016 10 a.m.—noon

Apple Cider Doughnut Basket This oval basket with a center wooden handle will carry 12 doughnuts. Homemade apple cider doughnuts will be served along with the recipe. There is a \$30 materials fee payable to instructor.

The classes will be taught by Niki Giberson at her folk art school and sheep farm in Port Republic where she will be sharing her love of baking and cooking along with her desire to instruct participants in creating their own heirloom pieces. Swan Bay Folk Art Center was established in 1988, located on Gary and Niki Giberson's property in Port Republic, which they share with their flock of sheep and laying hens. The folk art school was started primarily to teach children and adults to create their own pieces of history. Giberson has a degree in early American crafts and culture from Stockton University and specializes in basketry and wool crafts using fiber from her own sheep.

Register online at <u>HandsOnHistory.com</u> or call Niki at 609-652-0366 for more information, directions or to register.

Visit the SCOSA website at <u>Stockton.edu/scosa</u> for more information, updates and cancellation procedures.

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