

Weaving Magic

CALL FOR PROPOSALS / 2021 AMB Convention

The Association of Michigan Basketmakers will hold its 2020 Convention in Grand Rapids, MI at the Plaza Hotel on October 20 - 24, 2021.

The AMB is accepting proposals from teachers for 4, 6, 8, and 12 hr classes, which will be taught Oct. 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24. Classes are limited to twelve students. 12-hour classes will be scheduled in two six hour sessions on Wed/Thurs and Fri/Sat. 8-hour classes will be a single session. Sunday classes are 4 hours only.

The AMB does not pay teaching fees nor mileage. Please remember this when determining your class fees. Every effort will be made to have teachers traveling long distances accepted for a minimum of 10 hours.

Teachers who have taught at AMB previously may submit baskets to be juried by photo only. Those who have not previously taught at the AMB may be requested to send baskets to be juried. The AMB reserves the right to request any instructor to submit the actual basket/s for jurying. (See below for instructions on basket and/or photo submission.)

To complete the schedule, we will need several one-hour lectures, demonstrations, and/or programs to be presented in the evenings. A flat fee of \$100 is paid for each one-hour presentation.

Consideration for class selection will be based on:

- a. The skills and techniques that will be taught in the class.
- b. The quality of workmanship of the basket submitted.
- c. A variety of skill levels, materials and techniques to accommodate the various abilities of convention students. Effort will be made to select 25% beginner, 50% intermediate, and 25% advanced baskets. Attention will be paid to previous years' tallies when considering the number of each kind of class selected (e.g. willow, Nantucket, oak, etc.)
- d. Requests for the teacher or basket – based on previous convention statistics.
- e. Fair and equitable material/preparation cost.

The submitting instructor must have woven the baskets being proposed.

Proposed baskets must be original designs of the submitter or have **written** permission of the originator sent with the proposal.

No fume causing agents will be allowed in the classroom area. Water-soluble products only are to be used.

Please send one copy of the general information form plus one copy of class or program proposal form per proposal.

Submitting by photo: An electronic photo must be sent to the AMB for the Selection Book. These photos should be of high quality, high resolution of 600 dpi or more and in .jpg format. The basket image should show the complete basket with blank space between the image and edges. The background should be a plain solid color, preferable white or light gray. No other objects should be in the photo (apples, coins, rulers, etc). Images should be void of shadows around or on the basket. (Take photo with professional lighting or on an overcast day to avoid shadows.) Photos may be submitted on a CD with your proposals or emailed to Juanita Elkins (email below). More than one photo may be submitted for each basket proposed to assist in the jury process. Please label each image file as follows: **Your name_Basket name_picture number (if more than 1) _SB (only for picture for Selection book).** Example: Jane Doe_Big Basket_3_SB. For pictures only for the jury process: your name_basket name_picture number. Actual photos may be sent or attached to the Proposal Form in addition to the digital photos.

Submitting by sending baskets: A photo (3X5 or 4X6) must be attached to each proposal form. Please take time to tag EACH basket with your name and the name of the basket. These labels greatly simplify the check-in process but are removed or covered prior to being juried.

Pack your baskets carefully. Do not pack baskets in loose plastic peanuts! We will make every effort to return your baskets in good condition. The AMB cannot accept responsibility for submitted baskets.

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Forms to be used in the proposal process are available on the AMB website: (www.michiganbasketmakers.com).

These include: **General Information, Class Proposal and Program Proposal.** They are available in Publisher and Word and may be submitted electronically to amblaptop1@gmail.com.

If a basket is chosen you will be asked to submit a digital photo to be used in the Selection Book if you have not done so when initially proposing (see instructions under "Submitting by photo").

Additional note: Teachers wishing to submit a basket to be juried in the Exhibit Room or take classes at convention must be members of the AMB.

For any questions:

Juanita Elkins 517.388.0041

Email: elkins@ameritech.net

PROPOSAL FORMS, PROPOSAL FEES, DIGITAL PHOTOS AND THE SHIPPING/HANDLING FEES must be received by:

JANUARY 18, 2021

Mail to: Juanita Elkins

1309 Goodrich St

Lansing, MI 48910-1240

Email to: amblaptop1@gmail.com

BASKETS must be received by:

JANUARY 26, 2021

Mail to: Leslie Spurrier

3208 Giddings Ave SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49508

jlspurrier@comcast.net

REMEMBER

- An electronic photo must be submitted for all proposed baskets.
- Label your photo(s) with: **Your Name_Basket Name_Picture Number** (if more than 1) **_SB** (if for Selection Book). Example: Jane Doe_Big Basket_3_SB.
- If you have not taught at AMB before, contact Juanita Elkins for approval to propose by "photo only".
- If submitting by electronic photo only, additional photos and/or descriptions may help in the jury process.
- Keep in mind that we **are not** paying teacher fees nor mileage when you are setting your class fees.
- Deadlines are: January 18 Proposals and photos
January 26 Baskets
- Contact Juanita with any questions.