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Alberta Basketry Guild Monthly Newsletter



News

It is hard to believe it has been almost a month since Weaving Connections!

We would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out and wove baskets (and built brooms and chairs!) with us at Weaving Connections Alberta this weekend. With over 90 weavers passing through, this was our biggest year yet!

Thank you, [Aspen Ridge Greenhouses](#), for lending us your space!

Thank you, Elvira from [Under the Linden Bake House](#), for filling our tummies with delicious food and for taking so many lovely photos!

Thank you to our teachers, Cathie, Mia, Tania, Freyja, Sarah, Candice, Elizabeth, Kelsey, Marie, Lou, and Karla.

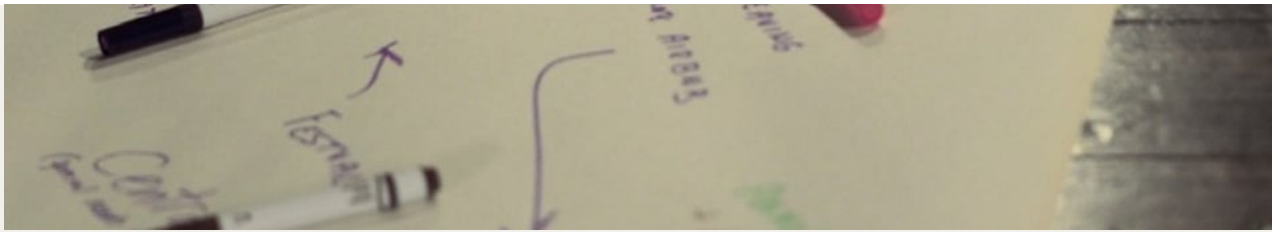
Thank you to Tiffany, our planning committee, and all our lovely volunteers who set up and maintained the greenhouse over the weekend!

Thank you, Kate, for stepping up last minute to take photos for us this year!

And thank you to the Borch Family for allowing us to carry on. We missed Maryann very much!

On Friday night at Weaving Connections, we held our very first AGM as a guild. We brainstormed ideas about the future of our guild and elected our new board of directors: Mia Coco, Cathie Harper, Tania Kristensen, Kate Mullin, Lauren Rosinski, Tiffany Watson, and Freyja Ulveland.





Events

Edmonton

- April 12 – Open Weave – Spiral Baskets @ Bonnie Doon Hall
[More Info](#)
- May 30 – Open Weave – Bark Harvesting @ Bonnie Doon Community Hall
[More Info](#)
- September 27 – Open Weave – @ Bonnie Doon Community Hall
Save the Date





Community Events

Edmonton

- April 11 – Willow Garden Flowers @ Bonnie Doon Community Hall
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- April 11 – Willow Garden Trug @ Bonnie Doon Community Hall
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- May 10 – Miniature Baskets
Contact Kelsey for more details at connect@kelseykatrinaa.ca
- June 28 – Miniature Baskets
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Ardrossan

- May 16 – Fitched Basket
[More Info](#)
- May 25 – Small Basket
[More Info](#)
- June 14 – Miniature Baskets
[More Info](#)

Tofield

- Sept 12–14 Baskets in the Garden

Save the Date!

Buck Lake

- Aug 8 – 10 Weaving in the Wilderness 2025
[More Info](#)

Drumheller

- May 17 – Cobwebber Broom Workshop
[More Info](#)

Festivals

Evansburg

- July 4–6th Wild Roses Festival
 - Weaving Stars and Moons
[More Info](#)
 - Hand Broom Workshop
[More Info](#)

Exhibits

Edmonton

- March 22–June 7
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Calgary

- June 28–August 3

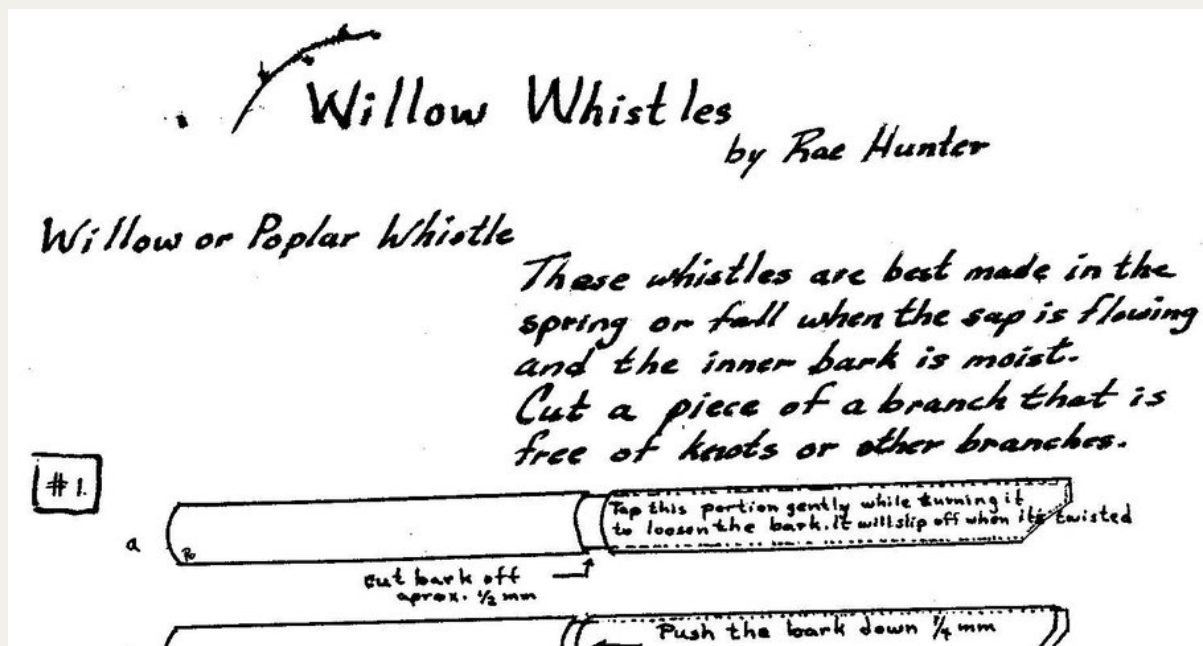
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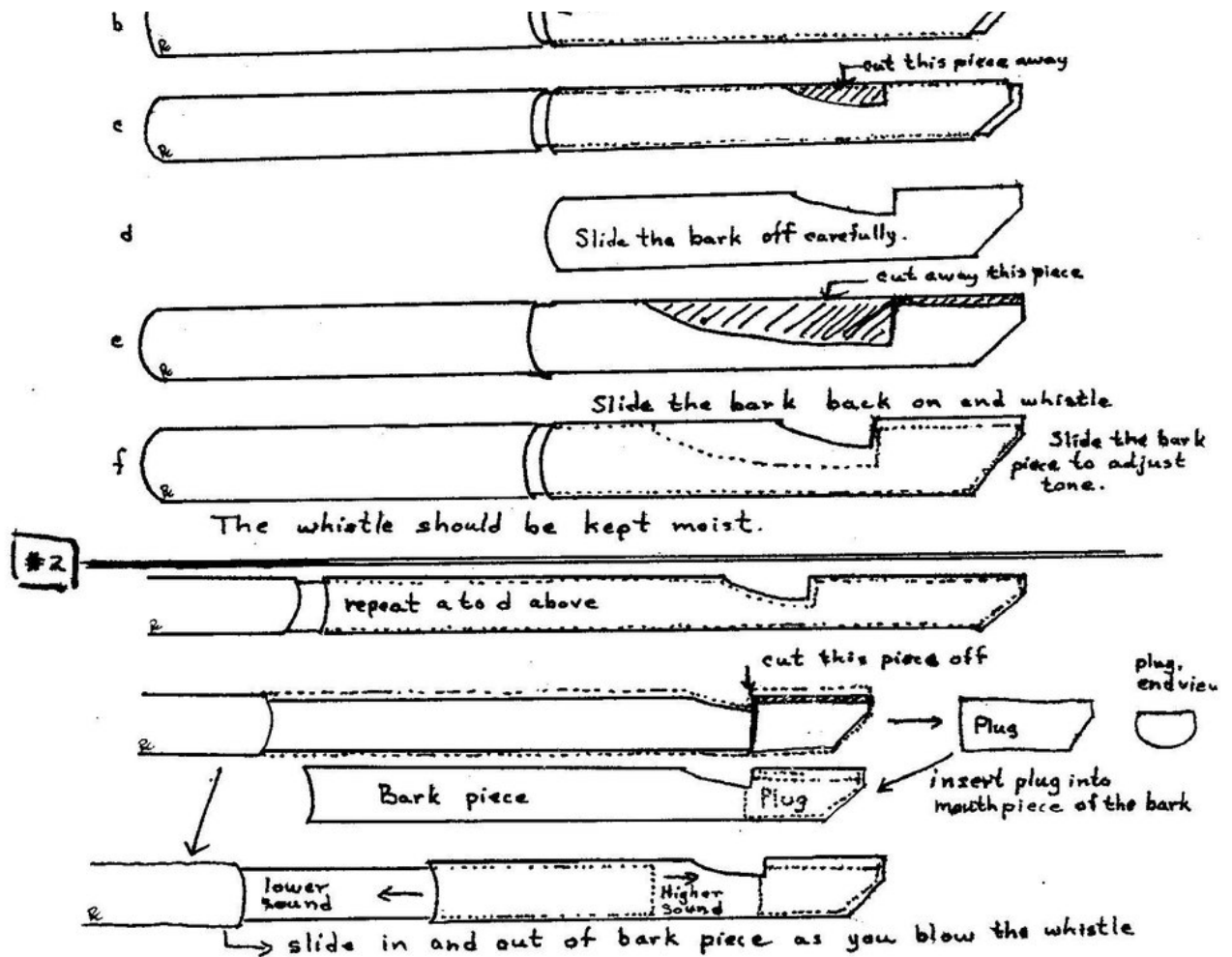
Location: Alberta Craft Council

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A Note from Freyja: Prime willow harvesting season is coming to an end, which means bark harvesting season is almost here! I don't have any experience harvesting birch bark, but last year I harvested willow bark and made buff willow for the first time. Maryann recommended that we wait until the leaves are about an inch long, and this seemed to work well. I was able to harvest bark until just after the summer solstice last year. If you are curious about harvesting bark, I hope you will join us for the Edmonton Open Weave!

Every year, Rae Hunter shares a wonderful guide on making a willow whistle in our Facebook Group. I hope she doesn't mind me carrying on the tradition and including it here ;)





Weaving Connections Alberta 2025, photos from [Elvira](#):







