

# Black Ash BASKET Workshops



## September 24 - 28, 2022

**Time:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Sept 24:** at Farmers Market Pavilion

**Sept 25-28:** at Broadway Park Pavilion

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan community members will have the opportunity to learn the cultural art of Black Ash Basketry. Participants will have hands on opportunities to learn the process of pounding the log, making the splints for weaving, identifying the quality of material, splitting the ash splint, dyeing the splints, and using the material to weave. Participants will also learn about identifying the tree, different weaving techniques, different basket types and their use, and participants will hear stories from the Contractor Adam Avery.

- Participants will be limited to fifteen (15) /baskets per day (or seventy five (75) for the duration of the five day period).
- Demonstration of Black Ash pounding, splitting, shaving, and the dyeing process will take place twice per day.
- Instruction and support of Black Ash weaving will be provided, as needed, based student/learner needs.
- Weaving techniques to include basic weaving and the making of floral accent.
- Reference material will be made available for participants to learn identifying the tree(i.e. Black Ash log)weaving techniques, basket types, and their use (i.e., a variety of Black Ash examples, for participants reference, including baskets of varying sizes, shapes, with or without curls, points and handles).



- **Limited space:** up to 15 participants each day

**Registration is required,  
to register please contact:**

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**With well-known, longtime  
community member Adam Avery.**

Naawikwegiizhig (Ojibwe), also known as Adam L. Avery (born 1973), is a traditional and contemporary Anishinaabe Meznibiiget (Original People Artist) from Michigan, a direct lineal descendant of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. Growing up, Naawikwegiizhig spent a great deal of time learning from his grandparents, successful black ash basket makers, Donald Stevens (Ojibwe), also known as Red Arrow, and Ida Mae (A.K.A., Two Hearts).



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