

BASKET, ENGLISH, WILLOW: Fishing Creel

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Repository:	Crandall Public Library. Folklife Center Glens Falls, NY.
Creator:	Bonnie Gale
Title:	Basket, English, Willow: Fishing Creel
Dates:	2013
Abstract:	English traditional willow fishing creel made by Bonnie Gale in 2013.
Quantity:	One Basket
Identification:	Folk Art & Artists

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Bonnie Gale, an immigrant from England living in upstate New York, is a master willow basketmaker, learning the trade from willow basketmakers in Europe more than 30 years ago. She is the proprietor of *English Basketry Willows*, the founder of the *American Willow Growers Network* and teaches traditional willow basketry across the United States. She writes extensively on traditional Willow basketry and willow growing. Her work has been shown in major basketry exhibitions and she is the recipient of numerous awards.

Artist Statement: Although there was a profusion of traditional willow basketry in 19th century eastern and mid-western United States, the immigrant basketmakers and their descendants have almost passed away. Through my traditional willow basketmaking I hope to keep the traditions alive... I can make all styles of willow **baskets**, from simple round laundry **baskets** to baby bassinets... In recent years I have started to explore the field of living willow structures, which is another exciting way to use willows.

INDEX TERMS

Places:	Norwich – Chenango County – New York
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Important People: Bonnie Gale (basketmaker)

Form/Genre: Basket (willow)

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