

# BASKET, MOHAWK – “Button Basket,” “Thimble Basket”

## OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

<b>Repository:</b>	Crandall Public Library. Folklife Center Glens Falls, NY.
<b>Creator:</b>	Florence Katsitsienhaw Benedict 1931 -
<b>Title:</b>	Basket, Mohawk – “Button Basket,” “Thimble Basket”
<b>Dates:</b>	2013
<b>Abstract:</b>	Two fancy baskets made by Florence Benedict.
<b>Quantity:</b>	Two baskets
<b>Identification:</b>	Folk Art & Artists

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Florence Katsitsienhaw Benedict has been a basketmaker for “most of her life.” She is part of a long line of gifted Akwesasne Mohawk basketmakers that includes her grandmother, Kaiatehente; her mother, Kahentineshen; and her aunt, Kiohantesen. A dedicated teacher, she has also passed on the tradition to her children and grandchildren. Benedict uses an abundance of sweetgrass in her work, giving her baskets an aromatic quality. Her work has been shown nationally in touring exhibits. In 1988, Florence Benedict was counted among the Basketmakers of Akwesasne who were awarded the New York State Governor’s Arts Award.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

## INDEX TERMS

<b>Places:</b>	Akwesasne Mohawk Reservation, New York State
<b>Subjects:</b>	Baskets Basketmaking Folk Art Folk Artists

Mohawk basketmakers

**Important People:** Florence Katsitsienhaw Benedict 1931 -

**Form/Genre:** basket

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECTS**

1. Button basket: 4 ½ inch sweetgrass basket for the tourist trade.
2. Thimble basket: 2 inch sweetgrass basket for the tourist trade.