

BASKET, MOHAWK – Strawberry, Thistle

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Repository: Crandall Public Library.
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Glens Falls, NY.

Creator: Denise Jock

Title: Basket, Mohawk – Strawberry, Thistle, X basket

Dates: 2012

Abstract: Three fancy baskets made by Denise Jock

Quantity: Three baskets

Identification: Folk Art & Artists

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Denise Jock grew up around baskets. Her mother, Sarah Thompson, was a talented fancy basketmaker from Akwesasne. Jock specializes in miniature baskets of 2 inches in diameter. Using a very tiny basket mold, she weaves her delicately prepared ash splints into small strawberries and pineapples. Jock prefers to use ash that is very white because it “takes the dye” better which gives her baskets beautiful color. Growing up at Akwasasne, her mother also taught her how to pick, prepare, and braid sweetgrass.

INDEX TERMS

Places: Akwesasne Mohawk Reservation, New York State

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Form/Genre: baskets

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

1. Strawberry basket – This basket uses the “shell” or “popcorn” weave throughout. Splints are dyed red before weaving.
2. Thistle basket – This weave relates to gratitude for the thistle, which is an important fiber for cordage and as a medicine plant.
3. X basket – This basket is unusual for its use of mixed sweetgrass and black ash.