

The NH-VT Abenaki Basketmakers Alliance. Membership Application

GOAL and PURPOSE of the Alliance:

To preserve and promote this Traditional Skill.

This is NOT .. a "Non-Profit" Organization. This is an Organization for the Profit of our MEMBERS.

Membership applicants to be approved by Bill Gould and Jesse Larocque, (CO-Founders)
This organization will NOT be run by committee, or by consensus.

If the members want something **as a whole group** .. fine. They say so **at a general meeting. We will not placate individual peoples desires or agendas.**

During General Meetings: Bill and I listen to all the aspects of whatever it is and decide if it is in the best interest of the "NH-VT Abenaki Basketmakers Alliance" .. and whether or not it is in line with the actual functioning **GOAL and PURPOSE of the Alliance** .. If it is, we will immediately approve it ...and implement the decision.

The Yearly Membership Fee will be One Thin Dollar.

Members have a choice of dealing with either the NH or VT Branch if they so choose.

Rules of Conduct:

(1) No Talking Shit about other people. It is bad for business.

(a) **From this day forward**, If you can't say something nice about other people do not say anything at all.

(b) If word gets back to us that you are an offender of this clause, you will be given a limited time frame to correct this behavior.

(c) If your behavior was not corrected within the limited time frame allowed, you will be removed from the membership list.

(2) Conduct Unbecoming, to bring dishonor or disgrace to the Alliance by your words, deeds or actions, You will get booted out. It does not get any simpler than that. Period.

If you can't deal with these two simple rules of conduct, do not bother to apply for membership.

All pages of this application for membership must stapled, filled out and signed to be considered.

DO NOT SEND YOUR Membership Fee with the application. You are not a member yet.

Applicants put a check in EACH circle that applies to YOU personally.

The Membership will be comprised of separate and distinct levels of skill sets and abilities and sub categories.

- Master Basketmaker
 - Utility Baskets
 - Fancy Baskets
 - Contemporary
 - Apprentice (Are you Apprenticing for this currently?)

- Basketmaker
 - Utility Baskets
 - Fancy Baskets
 - Contemporary
 - Apprentice (Are you Apprenticing for this currently?)

- Basketmaking Family (Multiple People in your Family are members of the Alliance)

- Ash Splint Preparer (I can cut, shave, split ash splints correctly.)
 - Apprentice (Are you Apprenticing for this currently?)

- Ash Pounder (I Pound Ash for myself or others correctly)
 - Apprentice (Are you Apprenticing for this currently?)

- Ash Harvester (I identify and oversee the harvesting of Basket Ash Trees correctly)
 - Apprentice (Are you Apprenticing for this currently?)

I have read and understand the Rules of Conduct and Agree to them

Applicant _____ **DATE** _____

All Apprentices shall be recommended by their Teachers upon applying for Alliance membership , should they so choose to become a member.

(If Applicable) Teacher Signature for Apprentice Applicant below:

Teacher Signature _____ **DATE** _____

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