



Presents

Linda Vanella – Pine Needle Baskets and Beading

At some point, someone must have told me to take basket weaving....well, I took them seriously, and I've been doing just that, with pine needles, for the past five years.

After a two year stint at Chico State, I became an interior designer, and for about 20 years, I designed interiors for model homes, condominiums, and private residents. My family had property in Plumas County, which was first created as a stage coach stop called White Sulphur Springs. We turned it into a Bed and Breakfast, which I also designed. During those times, I refinished and reupholstered furniture and did caning.

I have always been entranced by pine needle baskets, and my teacher, Lynn Kelleher, is an amazing woman, as she is blind. I love creating my pine needle baskets with mixed materials. The pine needles are gathered locally in Plumas County, and the embellishments are gathered from locations my husband and I have traveled. I have also done beading for about ten years, and I like to incorporate materials that I have gathered for the jewelry in the baskets. Nothing is off limits, and as you'll see, various materials are also used for the bases of the baskets.

When you don't find me weaving baskets or helping at the gallery, you may need to call for me "out at the South 40" of our 30 acre almond orchard down in Durham. My husband and I live and work there with the nuts!

