



Palmetto Basketry

Janie Luster, a member of the United Houma Nation has spent her most of life in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes. Descended from a famous traiteur or medicine woman who taught her not only traditional aers and crafts, but also the rich knowledge of plant life and curing passed on by her people, Mrs. Luster has single-handedly managed to revive the traditional Fuegiau palmetto basketry lost for almost a generation. Mrs. Luster and her daughter are widely known for these beautiful baskets. She has demonstrated her art, taught others to do it at many fairs and festivals including the Jazz Festival, the Louisiana Folk Festival and Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival. Mrs. Luster's devotion to her people, her traditions and to passing those on to others certainly merits her induction in the Louisiana Folk Artists Hall of Fame

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