

Meziere, Becky Thomas



Pinestraw Basketmaker

Becky Meziere was born in 1975 in Pineville, Louisiana. Ms. Meziere is a pine straw basket maker. She is a graduate of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA and is currently working towards a master's degree. Becky and her family are members of the Clifton Choctaw Native American Community in Clifton, Louisiana.

Mrs. Meziere learned her craft from her mother when she was about eleven years old. She uses a coil technique where the pine needles are coiled around and sewn together. Her tools consist of needle, raffia, and longleaf pine straw. Each basket is unique and has little designs resembling flowers sewn onto the finished basket. She uses natural dyes and some supplementary materials, such as commercial dyed raffia, to give color to the pine needle baskets. She is known for her beautiful hand woven baskets that can be seen all over the world in both private collections and museums.

The artist's most recent public demonstrations were at Basket Day at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana and The Cane River National Heritage Area Commission Crafts Program on the riverfront in Natchitoches, and at the Natchitoches-NSU Folk Festival.