



## STRAW BEEHIVE (SKEP) MAKING WORKSHOP by Charles Kennard

**Sponsored by the Garden Education Program of the Marin Art and Garden Center and Friends of Corte Madera Creek**

**Saturday, September 24, 2005**

**9:30 am – 3:00pm**

**Marin Art and Garden Center, Ross**

The classic dome-shaped beehives made of straw bound together with split blackberry stems have been used in northern Europe for centuries, and make attractive—though not very practical—homes for bees. Charlie will demonstrate the use of various materials and tools used in skep-making, and then each participant will prepare a bundle of straw, and begin weaving a bowl or skep to take home.

We will also have the opportunity to see completed skeps nearby. This is a class for adults, and is limited to 14 students. Registrants will receive further details in advance of the class.

**Class fee:** \$60, including materials and loan of specialized tools. Reservations must be made in advance by payment of the fee. If you later find that you cannot attend, the whole fee is refundable if there is a waiting list and someone takes your place; otherwise \$50 is refundable. A portion of the fee supports the Garden Education Program.

Charlie has practiced basket-weaving as an avocation for 16 years, using local materials and a wide variety of techniques. He is also frequently called upon by local schools to be a guest presenter.

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