



Tradition & Innovation in Basketry 10

NBO 2019 Conference

University of Western Kentucky, Bowling Green, Kentucky

July 16 – 20, 2019

January 22, 2019

Hello!

It is time to start planning for the NBO Biennial Tradition and Innovation 10 Conference! This letter is an overview of what to expect in July. More information will be available when you check in at the event. Don't be shy; if you have a question, ask it so that you can relax and better enjoy the conference!

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The conference is being held at Western Kentucky University, a public university, located at 1906 College Heights Boulevard, in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The university website provides directions and travel information to the campus. [Here is a link to a campus map.](#)

CLIMATE & PACKING

Bowling Green experiences warm to hot, humid weather including thunderstorms during July. This is the warmest month of the year with an average of 88 degrees as the high and 70 degrees in the evenings. Check the local weather forecast for the conference before you leave. Bring a sweater suitable for air-conditioned classrooms, comfortable walking shoes, rain gear, and a sun hat if you like. Attire is less dressy than at most other professional conferences. You also want to be sure to bring protective clothing that is appropriate for your chosen workshop and the materials that will be used during the week.

WANT TO LEARN MORE BEFORE YOU ARRIVE?

Information about the area can be found at [Visit Bowling Green Kentucky](#)

Information about our host university: [Western Kentucky University](#)

CHECK-IN UPON ARRIVAL

Please plan to arrive after lunch on Tuesday, July 16. The registration table should be your first stop upon arrival. Registration will be in the Kentucky Museum on the WKU campus, and will be open from 1 pm to 5 pm; look for the NBO directional signage. The NBO registrar will give you your name badge (please wear it!), your meal ticket, final conference schedule and information. If you are anticipating a later arrival, do let the registrar know ahead of time. Contact phone numbers will be given to you prior to the event.

HOUSING OPTIONS AT THE CONFERENCE

The 2019 conference will have no on-campus housing. NBO recommends the Hyatt Place in Bowling Green next to Western Kentucky University. For reservations, call 270-467-0001 or go online to Hyatt Bowling Green. Be sure to book early to ensure your room space.

If you are looking for a roommate, and did not indicate this on your registration form, you may contact the NBO office at (617)-863-0366 or registrar@nationalbasketry.org

Other Bowling Green housing options include a variety of hotels, B&B's, VRBO (Vacation Rentals by Owner), Airbnb, and area campgrounds. Visit [Kentucky Tourism - Places to Stay](#) for more details.

TRANSPORTATION

Nashville Airport is only a little over an hour from Bowling Green, and there are two shuttle services available to the Bowling Green area.

*Bowling Green Shuttle Service – 270-781-4321 or email: reservations@bgshuttle.com (\$85 for up to two passengers; more than two, call for pricing. Reservations only.

*The TaxiGuy – 270-681-7729 or email: thetaxiguybg@gmail.com (\$115 up to six people. Call for reservations)

MEALS

All conference participants will receive a meal card for meal access at the Fresh Food Company, located in The Downing Student Union on campus and is open from 7:00am -8:00pm daily. This eatery features authentic, upscale food from “mini” restaurants such as “American Diner”, “Café Roma”, “American Bistro”, “The Produce Market”, “Mongolian Grill” and includes daily vegetarian offerings and a special food needs area. You may purchase breakfast at The Fresh Food Company in the Downing Student Union if you so choose.

Lunch and dinner are included in the conference fee for each day of the workshops, except dinner on Friday evening, which will be on your own. Bowling Green has a variety of excellent restaurants and microbreweries that can be experienced this evening!

The conference will feature three dinner banquets. They will be on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings and will be held in the Kentucky Room in the Kentucky Museum on campus.

The university can accommodate special dietary needs provided they have been requested no later than May 1, 2019. If you have not already indicated special dietary requirements on your registration form, please contact Joan in the NBO office at (617)-863-0366 or email her at registrar@nationalbasketry.org

WORKSHOP HOURS

Wednesday thru Friday	9:00am – 12 noon	Lunch break	2:00pm – 5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am – 12 noon	Lunch break	2:00pm – 4:00pm

DAILY SPECIAL EVENTS

- Tuesday – Opening of *Basketry Now: 10th Anniversary Exhibition*, opening dinner, presentation of Lifetime Achievement Awards, and “Know Your Instructors” presentation.
- Wednesday - We welcome back Royalwood, Ltd to our conference as a vendor, opening of *More Basketry: Celebrating our Community* exhibition at Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center

- Thursday -Gala Dinner Banquet, with NBO's exciting Live Auction and the ending of the always anticipated NBO Silent Auction.
- Friday -Gallery Hop Night – Bowling Green's galleries, independent studios and museums open their doors this evening to showcase the vibrant arts community. This evening will be time for exploring many of these and to plan dinner with friends in any one of the great restaurant choices within walking distance from the campus.
- Saturday- *A Weeks Work*, a "pop up" exhibition at the Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center. This exhibit will feature student work created during the conference.
- Daily – View and bid on our silent auction items; shop the vendor, Royalwood, LTD, view *Basketry Now*, *More Basketry*, and *Handmade Heritage: Kentucky's White Oak Tradition* exhibitions.

TUITION

The balance of all fees is due now. If you have questions, please contact Joan in the NBO office at registrar@nationalbasketry.org or call (617) 863-0366.

WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

Please note that only students enrolled in a workshop will be permitted in the corresponding classroom. If you have not enrolled in a workshop, you will not be allowed to visit workshops during the conference. We appreciate your cooperation.

Please Note: In accordance with WKU smoking policy, smoking is prohibited inside any campus building. Please check the following link for the designated smoking area for each building.

<https://www.wku.edu/policies/docs/153.pdf>

EXHIBITIONS

We hope that you will consider entering *Basketry Now: 10th Anniversary Exhibition*.

More information regarding this exhibition, deadlines and entry calendar can be found here: [Basketry Now](#)

NBO is pleased to announce our third biennial open, non-juried exhibition, *More Basketry: Celebrating our Community*. As a conference attendee, you are invited to participate. This exhibition is intended to encourage, inspire and connect. There is no judge, no jury, and no awards. We hope you will choose to take part in what is sure to be an exciting and fun look at the diverse work of our members from across the country. The exhibition will run for the duration of the conference, July 17 -20. All levels, techniques and materials are welcome. Participants should bring their work (only one piece per person) to the conference, register and submit them on July 16. Pre-registration is not required. There is no fee for participation, and items entered may be for sale, but this is not required. Details at [More Basketry](#)

Please do not hesitate to be in touch should you have questions!

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