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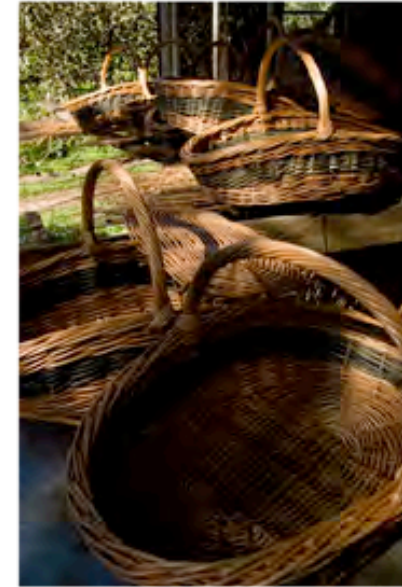
My baskets come in many shapes, sizes and colour combinations.

Each basket is unique and handcrafted using traditional and original designs.

All are woven from English Osier or basket willow grown and processed in Onekaka Golden Bay, the same basket willow that has been grown in Europe and the UK for centuries.

Strong and durable my baskets often become the workhorses of the household. Attractive and distinctive, they are crafted to last and to love.

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uses

Limited only by your imagination, baskets can be used for everything. They were the earliest containers of mankind and have been adapted and used for a multitude of purposes. Boats and balloon carriages, bicycle crates and fish traps, cradles and coffins, you name it.

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the harvest

The willows are cut by hand in the winter when the plants have lost their leaves. It is an occasion when friends and neighbours gather for a day of harvesting, feasting and fun.

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processing

After harvest the rods are roughly sorted. Some are stored and used with the bark on and the rest of the crop is processed in one of the following ways:

- *boiled for 12 hours before the bark is removed, the tannins stain the willow to produce BUFFS*
- *boiled for just 2 hours and the bark left on, to produce a red/black rod or STEAMED WILLOW.*
- *stood in water until leaves appear, then stripped to produce WHITES.*

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weaving

Willow, which is mostly used for basketry is well suited to weaving a variety of other items eg; shade umbrellas, screens and bean frames for the garden, wreaths, Christmas decorations and a mind numbing variety of sculptural pieces. It is fun to just play with the willow and test the boundaries.

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courses

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courses

From time to time I teach BASKETRY skills at workshops for both beginners and for those with some experience. I also run the occasional SCULPTURE fun day, which gives us a chance to get creative and explore the medium of willow.

Participants will get to grips with basic basketry techniques, take a peek into the willow industry and learn something about the growing and processing. They get to take home something beautiful, strong and environmentally friendly which they have had fun making.

Venue: Onekaka , Golden Bay

For information on upcoming courses please [email](#) me.

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about

Peter Greer

I have been making willow baskets in Onekaka, Golden Bay for more than 30 years. The ancient craft of basketry has long intrigued me. With natural materials and few tools I can produce beautiful, functional items. In an increasingly complex world it is very grounding to get back to basics and make by hand a product that is both eco friendly and useful.

Producing something non-toxic, which has a very small carbon footprint is extremely satisfying. Indeed, my willow plantation is a genuine carbon sink and the baskets themselves are made from plants that have been busy sequestering carbon all year, an extra feel good bonus when you purchase a basket.



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