6:15 PM – Plants Overview, Best Books & Online Videos – Arrive early to learn which books and videos to avoid, how to use the most important plant guides including *Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast, People of Cascadia, and Botany in a Day*.  We’ll overview the classification of plants so that you can recognize them easily in the field, and we’ll show links to the best youtube videos on basketry and other natural fiber crafts.

**6:30 PM –** **Harvesting Materials** – Let’s take what we learned about plant identification into the field. Depending on your location, we will harvest a variety of plant materials that are excellent for fiber crafts, including grasses, rushes, cattails, nettles, fireweed, ivy, cedar bark, vine maple, hazelnut, rose, dogwood, willow and more. However, harvesting restrictions abound, so we will bring many of these materials with us that you can use for projects today.

**7:00 PM –** **Processing Materials** – Next we’ll natural flow into processing the materials we harvest. There are some materials you can use right away, especially if you are going to “lash” things together. But for most materials, you need to dry them first, then usually re-soak them before using. Why? If you use “green, unseasoned” materials they will shrink, and your baskets, mats, rope and other crafts will loosen and fall apart. Drying the materials first allows them to shrink, and wetting them again makes them pliable.

**7:15 PM – Making Rope & Jewelry** – We will use cedar bark, stinging nettles, fireweed, or another natural plant fiber and teach you to make rope. Then we will take the beautiful rope you made and craft necklaces, bracelets and other jewelry that you can keep or give as gifts in the future.

**7:45 PM – Making Hot Pads, Window Shades, Sitting Mats & Sleeping Pads** – Cattails are great insulators, and we will show you how to cut, arrange, and weave cattail leaves to make a small hot pad that works great for mugs, hot plates, and other uses. The same design, on a larger scale, can be used to make insulative, roll-up window shades! Grasses are also great for insulation, and they are easy to bundle into sitting mats that will keep you warm wherever you sit, guaranteed! The same design can be used to make insulative camping pads so you don’t have to buy therm-a-rests at sporting goods stores any more!

**8:15 PM – Bark Baskets** – It takes a good amount of time to make traditional woven baskets, so you’ll have to come to our Saturday workshop in for that. Instead, you can make a quick basket by folding certain bark materials correctly, and lashing them with green bark from willow and other trees!

8:30 PM – Feel free to stay after class to continue working on the start of your basket.