



Basket #4
"Large Pot with Wraparound"
18 x 14 x 14 inches
Basketry

## **Leon Niehues**

## Bio

Leon Niehues lives and works in Northwest Arkansas where he has been making baskets and sculpture for more than 43 years. He has always sourced his materials from his 40 acre woodlot. Today, Niehues uses simple traditional tools and techniques with new ideas and a sculptural imagination. His work is in major collections including the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

## **Artist Statement**

I use traditional materials and techniques and combine them with new ideas and methods of construction. I feel that my work is interesting to the viewer because it is both old and new at the same time. I harvest white oak from my woods in south Madison county, where I enjoy being part of the natural world.