

Leon Berry Baskets with Barbara Taylor

Leon Berry lived in Mecklenburg County and was a renowned African American basket maker working with oak. He learned his remarkable skills from his grandfather who had once been an enslaved worker on a cotton plantation. His baskets and fish traps are highly prized today and an excellent example of African American craftsmanship. Barbara Taylor has been the Director at a variety of Charlotte area museums and curated the Leon Berry basket collection at Historic Rosedale. She knew Leon Berry personally.

