



## Hair of Mother Earth

### Date

c. 1997

### Primary Maker

Florence Katsitsienhawi Benedict

### Medium

Sweetgrass, black ash

### Description

Encircled by long strands of braided sweetgrass, this globe basket represents Mother Earth and signifies the important relationship between the earth and all that she sustains. Benedict's technical control is remarkable with the nearly perfect circular form made of sweetgrass and black ash splint. Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) women have

excelled in basketry arts for centuries and contemporary artists such as Benedict continue to explore the bounds of this tradition.

### Dimensions

Overall: 16 × 12 in. (40.6 × 30.5 cm)