

OBJECT AND MATERIALS CONSERVATION CONSERVATION OF WAX OBJECTS

OMI606 7-10 NOVEMBER 2016 (3 day course)

This course will look at the issues involved in the care of wax collections and provide an understanding of wax objects from a technological, structural and historical perspective. It will look at examples to show the typical degradation and conservation issues concerned with waxes and case studies showing the conservation and repair of a variety of pieces. This largely practical course will demonstrate a number of methods used to conserve and restore wax objects. Delegates will be involved in cleaning of objects and simple repair of broken objects and infills. The course is aimed at object conservators who wish to develop a greater understanding of the examination and treatment issued involved in the preservation of waxes. Practitioners involved in production, examination and conservation and restoration of this specialized field will provide the teaching. Research in this area is still in its infancy. It is hoped that those who attend the course will share their own experiences in an informal group who will all be eager to hear of any restoration and conservation attempts.

The course aims -

- To provide an introduction to wax items, their history, current context and conservation
- To provide practising conservators with knowledge and understanding about the care of wax items, their vulnerability and conservation problems and what preservation advice they should give to owners and custodians
- To equip conservators with the necessary skills to carry out first aid to damaged wax items and to package items appropriately for storage and use.

Course Leader

Chris Woods is an Accredited Conservator with 29 years of experience working in the heritage sector. His former roles have included Head of Conservation and Collection Care at the Bodleian Library, Oxford University, and Director of Collection and Programme Services at the Tate Gallery.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Day 1	Monday
16.00-18.30	Register at Reception Desk
18.45	Welcome Talk
19.00	Dinner followed by
Evening	Introduction

Day 2	Tuesday
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The course details are currently being updated and will appear here soon.

Afternoon	Discussion.
15.30	Course ends

Non-residential course fee: £430

Fully inclusive residential course fee:

Shared bathroom facilities £586

Standard room with private bathroom facilities £646

Superior room with private bathroom facilities £706

HOW TO BOOK

Please complete one booking form, or copy of form, per person per course and enclose a deposit for each course booked. On receipt of your booking, we will send all the further details you will need for your visit, including the course details and your final payment slip. Travel instructions will be sent to all students.

For further information about the course, please contact the Course Organiser: cpd@westdean.org.uk or +44 (0) 1243 818219.

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