

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

WE6823 SUSSEX TRUG MAKING

Tutor: DOMINIC PARRETTE

Dates: WEEKEND FRIDAY 24 MARCH – SUNDAY 26 MARCH

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Using traditional hand tools you learn to make a traditional Sussex trug. You will become familiar with the process of cleaving (splitting) green wood using a froe and cleaving break, and shaving using a drawknife and shaving horse. Other skills include learning to steam bend sweet chestnut around specially made jigs to make the handle and rim of this unique frame basket.

Once the boards of white willow are shaped, shaved and nailed into place, the feet – also made of willow – are finally fitted and you will take home a completed Sussex trug.

LEVEL: BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE

For those with little or no experience and for those who have taken a related course. Suited to those who would like a structured introduction to a subject, with further building of skills to work towards independent practise.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Dominic Parrette is a coppice craftsman, basketmaker and tutor specialising in willow garden structures and frame basketry. He also works with The Truggery, Herstmonceux. He trained in Countryside Recreation and teaches many rural crafts. Much of the willow used in his work and on courses is grown on his willow beds in Sussex.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Friday 24 March

From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students
6.45pm	Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner
7.00pm	Dinner
8.00pm – 9.00pm	First teaching session – attendance is an essential part of the course.

Other days: Saturday 25 March

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
4.00pm	Afternoon classes continue
5.00pm	Classes finish
From 6.30pm	Dinner
8.00pm	Evening working: workshops are available until 10pm for those wishing to work on providing this has been discussed with the tutor. These sessions are untutored.

Departure day: Sunday 26 March

(Residential students to vacate rooms by 10am)

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee

Departure day continued: Sunday 26 March

11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.00pm	Classes finish
3.30pm	Tea then departure

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

For any materials you need to purchase from the shop, we suggest you do so during the first morning of your course, after having discussed with your tutor.

Materials included in the course fee:

The course fee includes the cost of providing the materials for making your trug.

Please bring:

Sturdy footwear, preferably safety shoes,

An apron,

A pair of heavy duty gloves

A cushion for sitting on the shaving horse!

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. Students may work unsupervised on agreed projects once they have satisfied the tutor as to their competence. There may be restrictions on the equipment available to students in the tutor's absence. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.