WEST DEAN COLLEGE

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SWE07731 METAL BIRDS AND BUGS – MAKING OUTDOOR SCULPTURES

Tutor: MIKE SAVAGE

Dates: WEEKEND FRIDAY 23 MARCH – SUNDAY 25 MARCH

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Design and make a sculptural metal bird, fish, reptile or insect for your garden or pond from sheet metals and collected materials.

Materials provided for use will be sheet metals such as copper, steel, aluminium, tin plate, rod, wire and tube. You may also wish to bring in other materials such as plastics, glass marbles, olive oil cans, colourful washing up bowls or any other reclaimed treasure.

Techniques explored will be; cutting, annealing, forming and shaping using hammers, spot welding, soldering and riveting.

LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL
A subject focused course that is delivered to suit any level of experience from beginner to advanced practitioner. A structured start is followed by guided independent practise.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Mike Savage trained at Camberwell College of Arts and the Royal College of Art. His large-scale metal sculptures are commissioned by architects and exhibited internationally.

TIMETABLE:

This course is held in the Forge which is situated through the walled garden. We have morning coffee and afternoon tea at the Gardens' Restaurant but return to the main house for lunch. The walk takes about 8 minutes or can be accessed by car

Arrival day: Friday 23 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**. Introduction to the project, group discussion to find out the students' aspirations for the course, and to look at samples and discuss possibilities of techniques and materials. Health & Safety Induction.

Other days: Saturday 24 March

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue until 12.30pm
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 – the forge is not open in the evening

Departure day: Sunday 25 March

(Residential students to vacate rooms by 10am)

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue until 12.30pm
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.00pm	Classes finish
3.30pm	Tea then departure

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

Bring images, insects for inspiration.

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.

Included in the course fee for this course: metal that is stocked by the College.

Metal stocked by the College:

Copper
Aluminium
Rivets
Steel sheet
Steel wire

Available from the Shop:

Sketchbook
Drawing materials

Please bring any of the above, if you have them, and in addition:

You will need clothing suitable for workshop use (please note that the Workshop can sometimes feel cool/cold so please bring warm clothing).

Please note that cotton or wool clothing is preferable to nylon or other synthetics. A pair of cotton jeans is far more protective than a pair of nylon trousers.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING SUPPLIED:

Leather aprons, work gloves, safety spectacles and ear defenders are provided in the Forge, and suitable protective clothing **must** be worn.

You may wish to bring any of the above, if you have them. If for example you have particularly large or small hands, your own work gloves are likely to be a better fit.

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.

For your safety it is mandatory to wear steel toe capped safety boots when undertaking a course in the Forge. Students must provide their own footwear and bring them with them to wear on the course. If you fail to bring suitable footwear, you will not be able to take part in the course.

Safety boots can be purchased from most tool hire shops and builders merchants as well as online.
www.cromwell.co.uk www.bhinone.com