

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SWE07823 GENERAL SILVERSMITHING, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON BOX MAKING

Tutor: JOHN NORGATE

Dates: WEEKEND FRIDAY 27 APRIL – SUNDAY 29 APRIL

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This course aims to introduce you to metal forming by raising, forging and scoring hollow work, flatware or boxes. Those with more experience have the opportunity to develop these skills further.

You will learn a range of techniques through demonstration and individual tuition.

This course is primarily focused on box making techniques, forming over a pre-shaped former, scored and formed, assembly of pre-formed sides and press forming. Estimating of materials, the properties of metals, use of necessary tools, use of gas torch for annealing and soldering and procedures for metal finishing will be covered.

Beginners should be able to accomplish a simple hinged box. Advance students develop their skills further.

Materials available to work with – silver, gilding metal and copper.

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:

John Norgate trained at Aspreys and Sir John Cass where he also taught for many years. In 2010 he was a gold and silver award winner at Goldsmiths for craftsmanship and design.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Friday 27 April

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.

Hand out of notes and discussion of what can be made and estimating of metal

required.

Other days: Saturday 28 April

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 is available until I 0pm – students are encouraged to make use

of the workshop in the evening.

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Departure day: Sunday 29 April

(Residential students to vacate rooms by 10am)

9.15am Morning classes start

10.30am Coffee

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.

Available from the Shop:

0.9mm (G12) Sterling Silver sheet (anyone requiring more than 156.25 sq cms (25 sq ins) should obtain it from a bullion supplier – see below)

3mm Square wire Sterling Silver

4.75mm Joint tube 1.25mm inside diameter

3.15mm Joint tube 1.5mm inside diameter

Tools (some tools are available for hire from the College)

Pencils and drawing materials

Piercing saw blades

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

Sketch book with a range of possible ideas

8" 2nd cut pillar file \(\) may be borrowed from the College

8" 2nd cut ½ round .

Recommended bullion suppliers:

Argex Ltd 130 Hockley Hill, Hockley, Birmingham B18 5AN

Tel: 0121 248 4344 E: silver@argex.co.uk

Metalor Ltd 74 Warstone Lane, Hockley, Birmingham B18 6NG

Tel: 0121 236 3241 Fax: 0121 236 3568

Exchange Findings Ltd 49 Hatton Gardens, London ECIN 8YS

Tel: 0207 400 6500

Bloomsteins 30 Gloucester Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN I 4AQ

Tel: 01273 608374 Fax: 01273 690788

Note: Some bullion suppliers have minimum order levels (e.g. £25). Ask for your requirements to be

checked against this before placing an order.

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.