

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SWE07791 TURNING GREENWOOD

Tutor: COLIN SIMPSON

Dates: WEEKEND FRIDAY 13 APRIL – SUNDAY 15 APRIL

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Explore the exciting field of turning wet or greenwood. The course aims to give you an insight into how wood behaves when it dries, how to prepare wood for turning and how to make both end grain and side grain projects in wet wood.

You will gain an understanding of how to convert wood to usable timber and make several projects including a thin walled side grain and an end grain vessel. Each day includes demonstrations of techniques and tutorials on topics such as sharpening, understanding the wood, and timber conversion.

This is a hands-on course – you will work at your own pace. The tutor will demonstrate and explain techniques both formally and informally to the group and on an individual basis.

If you have a particular project in mind, the tutor will be happy to accommodate it, providing it is appropriate for the skill level of the course and time allows.

Suitable timber is supplied for the course by the tutor. Each student has exclusive use of a lathe, tools and accessories throughout.

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

For those who have taken a related course or have some existing skills, and for more experienced practitioners who want to expand skills. The focus is on working towards independent practise.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Colin Simpson is a professional woodturner and regularly writes articles on the subject for various woodworking magazines. His turned bowls have often been sold in The National Trust's shops and at our own Garden shop.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Friday 13 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. On the first evening the tutor discusses the course content, with an opportunity for you to raise any aspect or special project you would like to be included. The tutor covers several methods of converting a tree to usable timber.

Other days: Saturday 14 April

9.15am	Morning classes start
10.30am	Coffee
11.00am	Morning classes continue
12.45pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea

Other days continued: Saturday 14 April

4.00pm	Afternoon classes continue
5.00pm	Classes finish
From 6.30pm	Dinner
8.00pm	Evening working: Workshop is open until 10pm – students may work on with agreed aspects of their projects at the tutor's discretion.

Departure day: Sunday 15 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

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

Whilst the College provides a comprehensive set of tools, you are encouraged to bring your own, if you have any, so that the tutor can assist in correcting any problems there might be in sharpening or using them.

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:

Finishing materials provided for the course.

Additional Charge:

On this course there will be a basic charge for suitable greenwood supplied by the tutor. This will be around £7 per student and is in addition to any items you may purchase individually. This charge should be paid to the **tutor** before the end of the course, by cash or cheque.

Available from the Shop:

Pencil
Abrasives in 80, 100, 150, 240 grits

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

Your own tools (labelled with your name) especially bowl gouges
Overall or smock
Sturdy covered footwear – ESSENTIAL

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.