

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SLW07917 WOODTURNING – INTRODUCTION TO BOWL TURNING

Tutor: MARK HANCOCK

Dates: LONG WEEKEND THURSDAY 7 JUNE – SUNDAY 10 JUNE

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Learn all the skills necessary for turning bowls from conversion of a log to finished piece. This course will benefit those new to turning, as well as those that need help refining their skills.

Over the course the tutor covers the safe use of tools and working practices; tool selection and sharpening; an understanding of the material you are working with (timber); grain orientation on the lathe; what leads to good and bad design; finishing; in this open-minded approach to woodturning.

Hand-outs and reference sources are provided during the course.

The tutor's approach to teaching is to be as flexible as possible, and he requests you to email him in advance with details of any woodturning experience you have to date, so that he can understand each student's needs and expectations, and tailor the course accordingly.

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 practice.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Mark Hancock is a professional woodturner, known for his fluted hollow forms with cut away and carved rims. He teaches in the UK, USA and Norway.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Thursday 7 June

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: Friday 8 and Saturday 9 June

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
7.00pm	Dinner
8.15pm	Evening working – workshops are available up to 10pm for those wishing to work on providing this has been discussed with the tutor. These sessions are untutored.

Departure day: Sunday 10 June

(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:

Please email the tutor in advance with details of your woodturning experience to date, or to let him know if you are a complete beginner @ mark@markhancock.co.uk.

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.

Additional Charge:

On this course the tutor will have available timber, abrasives and finishes including oils, lacquers and waxes. Timber costs will £15. This charge should be paid to the **tutor** before the end of the course, by cash or cheque.

Available from the Shop:

A selection of timber blanks (cost around £8.50 each)

Finishing Oil

80, 100, 150, 180, 240 grit, cloth backed abrasive

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

Overall, boiler suit or smock to protect your clothes against wood dust and shavings. They should be close fitting around the neck.

Comfortable sturdy covered footwear is essential (not sandals)

OPTIONAL:

Seasoned or unseasoned English hardwoods (e.g. sycamore, beech, ash) around 150-250mm in diameter and 250-300mm long or bowl blanks: at least 100mm thick, 150-250mm in diameter – if you wish to bring your own. Please email the tutor if you need any advice.

Your favourite finish e.g. oil, wax etc

Woodturning tools are provided at the College for students to use, however you may wish to bring any you own – especially any bowl gouges, hollowing tools, shear scrapers. The use of a selection of hollowing tools will be made available by the tutor. Please email the tutor if you need any advice about the suitability of your tools – Email mark@markhancock.co.uk

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.