

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

S2D08484 SPOON CARVING WITH TRADITIONAL TOOLS

Tutor: BARN THE SPOON

Dates: 2 DAYS WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY – FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Learn the ancient skills of spoon carving and make some beautiful spoons of your own to take home. This short workshop acts as a perfect introduction to knife and axe carving, with no previous woodworking experience necessary.

Using fresh wood and authentic techniques, in this two day workshop you will learn all you need to turn a bit of branch or log into a beautiful functional spoon using axes and knives. Learning more complex techniques on the second day.

This two day course enables us to explore spoon carving in more detail, giving us a chance to perfect techniques and to make a more complicated and more three-dimensional spoons on the second day. We'll focus on carving techniques that will allow you to carve safely and with confidence, so you can create at home too. Spoon carving is great because the tools required are small and transportable, so you don't need a workshop or a workbench – you can even do it in your own front room. This workshop is designed to provide you with a strong foundation to create all sorts of carved objects. By the end of this workshop you'll know how to safely cleave a piece of wood from a log, rough shape spoon blanks with an axe, and carve a complete spoon using straight and bent knives, featuring a more complex profile, providing even greater complexity and functionality.

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 practice.

Is there anything a potential student needs to be able to do to succeed on this course?

Essential – you need to be able to comfortably grip the handle of an axe or knife in your hand. The average person will have plenty of strength and dexterity to participate in the class. Use of both hands and arms will be necessary. If you have any concerns regarding this please get in contact.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Making and selling carved wooden spoons from his little shop on Hackney Road, Barn has embraced traditional wood culture with each spoon being a joyous celebration of functional sculpture.

A respected leader in the craft, Barn teaches both in the UK and internationally. The resurgence of spoon carving over the last decade has been widely attributed to his work popularising the craft.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Wednesday 30 January

From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students
5.30pm	Workshops available for dropping off equipment and materials
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: Thursday 31 January

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 up to 10pm for those wishing to work on providing this has been discussed with the tutor as these sessions are untutored. Please note that on this course certain activities including using cutting tools need tutor supervision at all times.

Departure day: Friday 1 February

(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, please vacate workshop by 3.30pm
3.30pm	Tea then departure

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

None necessary

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

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

Materials included in the course fee:

Included in the course fee is the cost of suitable greenwood and loan of the tools for use during the course.

Please bring:

Suitable work clothes, apron and stout covered footwear is essential
Reading glasses if worn

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor will instruct students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. **Please note that tutor supervision is required at all times when students work in this workshop.** All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

This course involves the use of sharp hand tools in close proximity to the body. Full demonstration and tuition will be given for their use but a calm, patient and focused attitude is essential for the safe practice and well being of the group.