

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID08403 SPOON CARVING – A TASTER DAY

Tutor: BARN THE SPOON

Date: 1 DAY TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER

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, you will learn all you need to turn a bit of branch or log into a beautiful functional spoon using axes and knives.

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.

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:

9.00–9.15am	Registration and coffee
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch (included)
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
5.00pm	Classes finishes

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 on the day.

Please bring:

Suitable work clothes, apron and stout covered footwear, are 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 wellbeing of the group.