

COURSE DETAILS – LONG WEEKEND 3D0209

TITLE: FINE-TURNED BOXES IN WOOD

TUTOR: JOHN BERKELEY

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

AIMS OF COURSE:

This course aims to teach students with existing woodturning skills to turn fine boxes on a lathe*. This includes how to hand chase thread to enable the making of small and exquisite boxes. Hand carving of objects, mainly flowers, to adorn pieces will also be taught.

The tutor will also talk about the background and history to these skills.

** Please note this course is not suitable for beginners.*

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE:

Depending on each student's ability and wood turning experience, it should be possible to make at least two boxes during the course.

MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES COVERED:

Box making and hand thread chasing.

Carving, on the lathe, of flowers and stalks for adornment.

Please note that while you will have access to a lathe throughout, time on the two chasing lathes will be shared by the group.

TEACHING METHOD:

Initially the tutor will demonstrate the techniques discussed. As students begin their projects, the tutor will give one-to-one assessment, advice and how to correct errors, as necessary. Each student will work at their own pace.

EVENING SESSIONS:

First evening session – attendance is an essential part of the course:

The tutor will demonstrate techniques.

Other optional evening activities:

Students may continue to practice skills taught, if they wish and providing this is agreed with the tutor.

GENERAL TIMETABLE:

This will depend on students' abilities and may vary accordingly:

Day 1: Thread chasing and simple box making.

Day 2: Carving flowers and simple puzzle making.

Day 3: More complex box making and finishing.

STUDENT PREPARATION FOR COURSE:

Please bring any turning tools you usually use (marked with your name) and any samples of previous work.

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.

MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ON PRACTICAL COURSES YOU MAY WELL NEED TO PURCHASE MATERIALS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE TO COMPLETE PROJECTS

These items will be available for purchase in the College Shop:

Pencil

*180 up to 1200 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. It should be close fitting round the neck, no loose ties etc)

Comfortable, sturdy footwear (not sandals)

*Woodturning tools (marked with your name) if you have any

*Wood for turning, if you wish (seasoned hardwoods such as Box, African Blackwood, Mopane or alternatives.

Assorted old nails and burrs – dental burrs – if you have any

*Melamine lacquer – preferably Chestnut brand – if you have any

***The tutor will bring the following for purchase if required:**

Tools, these are provided for use at the College. The tutor will also bring some specialist tools for purchase, if students wish.

Wood, the tutor will bring a selection for purchase

The tutor will bring a range of suitable abrasives and Melamine lacquer for use during the course, for which he will make a small charge to cover costs, if used.

Some tools and equipment including Racal Dust master full-face respirators are provided by the College.

COURSE TIMETABLE

Course timetable for 2–9 day courses – each course starts with a welcome session on the first evening of the start date of the course and is followed by 2–9 days depending on the length of the course.

Arrival Day	From 4.00pm	Arrival for residential students. Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner.
	7.00	Dinner.
	8.15–9.15	First teaching session.
Daily Timetable	9.15am	Morning classes.
	10.30	Coffee.
	12.45pm	Lunch.
	2.00pm	Afternoon classes.
	3.30	Tea.
	5.00	Classes finish.
	7.00	Dinner.
	8.15	Evening working – students may have evening access to certain workshops in the absence of their tutor, but only with their tutor's permission and provided it is safe to do so.
Departure – last day	10.00am	Residential students are asked to vacate rooms.
	3.00pm	Classes finish.
	3.30	Tea then departure.