

## COURSE DETAILS – WEEKEND WE0339

TITLE: WOODTURNING BOWLS – IMPROVING TECHNIQUE

TUTOR: COLIN SIMPSON

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

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### AIMS OF COURSE:

This course is aimed at turners with some experience who want to take their bowl turning to the next level. It will cover design, tool technique, and enhancement by texture and colour and finishing techniques.

### WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE:

The course will enable students to develop their woodturning skills and give them hands-on practical experience of various texturing and colouring techniques. With the emphasis on techniques, the students will also go home with completed projects. If a student has a particular project in mind, the tutor will be happy to accommodate it, providing time allows.

### MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES COVERED:

The versatility of the bowl gouge will be covered, together with sharpening techniques, the way wood likes to be cut, and the application of various texturing and colouring techniques. There will also be a discussion on good bowl design.

### TEACHING METHOD:

This is a hands-on course and each student will have exclusive use of a lathe and its accessories for the duration of the course. Students will work at their own pace. However, the tutor will demonstrate and explain techniques both formally and informally to the group and to individuals.

### EVENING SESSIONS:

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

On the first evening students and the tutor will discuss the course content and give the students an opportunity to raise any aspect or special project they want to cover. The tutor will demonstrate the versatility of the bowl gouge.

#### **Other optional evening activities:**

Workshop is open until 10pm – students may work on untutored if they wish, providing they have discussed this with the tutor.

### GENERAL TIMETABLE:

Each full day of the course starts promptly at 9.15am. Tuition usually ends at 5pm on Saturday although some evening working will be offered. On Sunday the course ends and tools will be packed away by 3.30pm.

### STUDENT PREPARATION FOR COURSE IF ANY:

Whilst the college will provide a comprehensive set of tools, the students are encouraged to bring their own, if they have them, so that the tutor can assist in correcting any problems there might be in sharpening or using them.

Students are also encouraged to bring in examples of their work. This will not only help the tutor to ascertain the skill level of the group, but will also help with discussion on design.

### 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

Included in the course fee is the cost of timber provided and use of paints and stains if required for the course.

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

Pencil, throw-away dust masks, abrasives in 80, 100, 150, 240 grits and polish

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

Your own tools, especially bowl gouges and some examples of your own work

Roll of kitchen paper

Sanding sealer, if you have any

Suitable clothing: overall or smock, plus sturdy covered shoes

## COURSE TIMETABLE (unless otherwise stated above or agreed with the tutor during the course)

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.

<b>Arrival Day</b>	From 4.00pm 7.00 8.15–9.15	Arrival for residential students. Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner. Dinner. First teaching session.
<b>Daily Timetable</b>	<b>9.15am</b> 10.30 12.45pm <b>2.00pm</b> 3.30 5.00 7.00 8.15	<b>Morning classes.</b> Coffee. Lunch. <b>Afternoon classes.</b> Tea. Classes finish. Dinner. 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.
<b>Departure – last day</b>	10.00am 3.00pm 3.30	Residential students are asked to vacate rooms. Classes finish. Tea then departure.