

COURSE DETAILS – WEEKEND WE 381

COURSE TITLE: TURNING GREEN WOOD

NAME OF TUTOR: COLIN SIMPSON

LEVEL/S OF ABILITY: B/C/D

AIMS OF COURSE:

This course is aimed at students who wish to explore the exciting field of turning wet or green wood. The course aims to give students an understanding of how wood behaves when it dries, how to prepare wood for turning and how to make both end grain and side grain projects in wet wood.

WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD ACHIEVE:

Students gain an understanding of how to convert wood to usable timber and make several projects including a thin walled side grain and an end grain vessel. If you have a particular project in mind, the tutor will be happy to accommodate it, providing it is appropriate for the skill level of the course and providing time allows.

MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES COVERED:

Each day includes demonstrations of techniques and tutorials on topics such as sharpening, understanding the wood, and timber conversion.

Suitable timber is supplied for the course by the tutor. Each student has exclusive use of a lathe, tools and accessories throughout the course.

TEACHING METHOD:

This is a hands-on course and each student works at their own pace. The tutor will demonstrate and explain techniques both formally and informally to the group and on an individual basis.

EVENING SESSIONS:

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

On the first evening the students and tutor discuss the course content, with an opportunity to raise any aspect or special project they want to cover. The tutor covers several methods of converting a tree to usable timber.

Other optional evening activities:

Workshop is open until 10pm – students may work on with agreed aspects of their projects at the tutors discretion.

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:

Whilst the College provides a comprehensive set of tools, 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.

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

ADDITIONAL CHARGE:

On this course there will be a basic charge for suitable green wood supplied by the tutor. This will be around £5 per student and is in addition to any items you may purchase individually. This charge should be paid to the **tutor** before the end of the course, by cash or cheque.

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

Pencil
 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 (labelled with your name) especially bowl gouges
 Roll of kitchen paper
 Overall or smock
 Sturdy covered footwear

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.
	12.30pm	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.