

APRIL 2011

WEAVE A WILLOW FRAME BASKET

Tutor: Ray Lister

Date: Friday 1st April 2011

10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £95 includes materials, equipment, refreshments and lunch

Location: Home Farm House, Somerby

Ray Lister, basket maker and woodsman, will lead this workshop in which you will make a frame basket from locally grown willow.

Frame basketry is an ancient form of basket making and is a country craft found in Celtic regions. This style lends itself to simple, organic shapes and the use of wild and hedgerow material. A simple technique to master you will make a small, round egg or berry basket using colourful, organically grown local willow. No experience necessary.

THE POISON GARDEN – all you need to know about poison plants – lecture and practical

Tutor: John Robertson

Date: Saturday 2nd April 2011

Time: 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Cost: £25 includes refreshments

Location: Home Farm House, Somerby

John Robertson was a volunteer for the Alnwick Castle Garden when he was asked to undertake research into the stories of plants planned for the Poison Garden and was subsequently appointed the Poison Garden Warden when the new gardens opened in 2005. Last year saw the arrival of his first book – 'Is That Cat Dead? – and other questions about poison plants'. One reviewer said the book 'has to be one of the most fascinating gardening books that I have ever read.'

In this lecture and practical workshop John will talk about the potentially dangerous plants that abound in our gardens and our relationship with them, their folklore and general properties. John's knowledge of poisonous plants is enormous and his anecdotal illustration amusing as well as informative. Don't miss it. www.thepoisongarden.com

WEAVE A CYNTELL OR LARGE WILLOW FRAME BASKET – advanced weekend course

Tutor: Ray Lister

Date: Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd 2011

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £180 includes materials, equipment, refreshments and lunch

Limited number: 6

Location: Home Farm House, Somerby

Ray Lister, basket maker and woodsman, runs this weekend workshop for those with some experience in basketry. He learnt the skills to make the cyntell from D.J. Davis, the last Welsh farmer making this traditional frame basket. Ray keeps the skill alive by passing it on.

The cyntell is a traditional Welsh frame basket, an ancient form of basket. It is constructed from split and shaped wood for the ribs and woven with willow. Ray will teach you the basic skills involved in this technique, how to use the tools and select and shape your material. At the end of the two days you will have mastered the skills and made a beautiful basket with locally coppiced hazel and willow.

MAKE DO AND MEND – a supervised monthly mending workshop

Tutor: Zoe Earls

Date: Wednesday 6th April 2011

Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Cost: £20 includes materials and refreshments

Location: Home Farm House, Somerby

Zoe Earls runs a soft furnishings business locally having started her career in fashion design. She also leads our Stitch in Time workshops and will supervise this half-day mending workshop.

Bring along anything that needs mending and be guided on how to repair and renovate. Not only will you save money on mending costs or buying something new, you will hone some old or new skills and do so in good company.

BREAD FOR EASTER – a demonstration of hot cross buns and celebratory breads

Tutor: Linda Hewett

Date: Thursday 7th April 2011

Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Cost: £55 includes refreshments

Bread is the staff of life and Linda Hewitt from Fulbeck Bread www.fulbeckbread.co.uk is an expert bread maker and inspirational demonstrator. Join her for this demonstration and learn how simple it is to produce perfect homemade pastries, spicy hot cross buns and European Easter breads.

This is the opportunity to expand your bread making skills to sweet, butter enriched and fruit studded doughs in time to celebrate Easter.

LEARN TO KNIT a GUERNSEY – a weekend course

Tutor: Chrissie Day

Date: Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th April 2011

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £160 includes yarn, patterns, refreshments and lunch

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

Chrissie Day cannot remember a time when she did not knit and has produced many books and been featured in many monthly craft journals, television, shows and has taught workshops all over the world. In this weekend workshop you will knit and complete a Guernsey sweater in miniature. In doing this you will learn all its characteristics and cover all the knitting elements (welt knitting, Norwegian 'o' border, twined knitting, classic design, artificial seams, underarm gusset, circular sleeves, shaped saddle shoulder, vertical patterning, perpendicular shoulder seaming and neck gussets) needed to complete a full size garment

CHICKEN KEEPING

Date: Tuesday 12th April 2011

Time: 10am – 2pm

Cost: £45 includes refreshments

Location: Home Farm House, Somerby

10 minutes a day is all it takes to provide your household with delicious fresh eggs. During this half day workshop you will handle hens, discuss housing, feeding, breeds, a daily routine, eggs, current regulations and how to maximise production. Fenella will look at common pests, diseases and treatments, breeding and showing. This workshop is ideal for the novice as well as the experienced.

PATCHWORK

Tutor: Zoe Earls

Date: Wednesday 13th April 2011

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

Cost: £65 includes materials, equipment, refreshments and lunch

Zoe Earls runs a soft furnishings business locally having started her career in fashion design.

In this introduction to patchwork Zoe will explore the techniques employed to start you on a path of patchworking. You will cover cutting, sewing, pressing, matching, templates and patterns. At the end of the day you will have completed your sample to take home with you.