

MAY 2011

MAKE DO AND MEND – supervised monthly mending workshop

Tutor: Zoe Earls

Date: Wednesday 4th May 2011

Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm

Cost: £20 **includes materials and refreshments**

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

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

Zoe leads all our Stitch in Time workshops supervises 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.

WILLOW SCULPTURE – for the garden

Tutor: Alison Walling

Date: Friday 6th May 2011

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £85 **includes materials, equipments, refreshments and lunch**

Location: Home Farm House, Somerby

Alison Walling www.lincolnwillow.co.uk works as a freelance Environmental Artist and has been working with living and dried willow for over ten years. She mostly works to commission for local authorities, schools and on arts-based projects and recently created a willow man for an award-winning garden at Hampton Court Flower Show.

Learn the basic techniques to create a beautiful bird or a sphere to take home with you. We will be using, and learn about, different types of willow in a variety of colours which Alison grows locally. This free-form technique can be adapted to create many shapes and forms.

SWISH INTO STYLE – swopping instead of shopping

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

Date: Saturday 7th May

Time: 4pm – 8pm

Entry fee: £30 in aid of St Margaret's Somerby

Location: Home Farm House, Somerby

Swishing is swopping instead of shopping. Swap items of clothing, shoes or accessories in an eco-fabulous way and swish into style. Come along to Home Farm House, in the beautiful surroundings of Somerby, and get together with like-minded people and whilst sipping delicious wine and eating scrumptious food and swish instead of shop.

Bring along 1-5 items (clothes, shoes, bags and jewellery) all clean and in good condition. Goods are set out with time to browse and a 5minute warning before swishing begins.

There will be expert style advice on the day from Diane Miller Image Consultant and Style Coach – Diane encourages us to look and feel great regardless of our ages, size, weight or budget.

CHICKEN KEEPING

Date: Tuesday 10th May 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 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.

CREATE A SENSORY GARDEN

Tutor: Alison Walling

Date: Saturday 13th May 2011

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £85 includes materials, refreshments and lunch

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

Alison Walling www.lincolnwillow.co.uk works as a freelance Environmental Artist and studied Garden Design and Horticulture. She has designed sensory gardens for schools, community centres and private commissions.

Using the wonderful surroundings of Home Farm House, we will explore the elements that contribute to a successful sensory garden experience. We will look at the rudiments of design, planning and building. If you have a space you wish to design, please bring a simple plan along with you, include existing features.

MAKE A RUSTIC LADDERBACK CHAIR – a weekend course

Tutor: Ray Lister

Date: Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May

Time: 10am-4pm

Cost: £195 includes materials, equipment, refreshments and lunch

Limited Number: 6

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

Ray Lister is a local woodsman and craftsman who and been involved in woodland management for 20 years, teaching traditional and rural crafts. He has travelled worldwide practicing his craft, teaching and learning. He now manages local woodland growing hazel, willow and ash for coppicing and charcoal making as well as utilizing in basketry, furniture, hurdle making and other crafts.

In this two-day course Ray Lister will guide you through the making of a ladder back chair using locally, coppiced hazel and ash.

A beautifully, simple piece of furniture, the frame of the chair will be built with hazel using the young tree's natural shape and form. The seat will be made from latticed ash. Take your chair home where it will be comfortable in the garden or the house. No previous wood crafting experience necessary.

PAINTING FLOWERS - summer

Tutor: Rose Horspool

Date: Tuesday 17th May

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £65 includes materials, refreshments and lunch

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

Rose Horspool has worked as an art lecturer and teacher for the last 30 years and with her husband Robin runs Vista Arts www.vistaarts.co.uk specializing in practical and art appreciation courses, lectures, visits and tours in the UK and abroad.

In this practical workshop Rose will utilize the abundance of colour in the summer garden to inspire your work. You will experiment with colour, form and mixed media to produce a piece of work to take away with you and ideas to stimulate more.

THE HEALING GARDEN – create a natural medicine chest

Tutor: Dr Sally Moorcroft

Date: Wednesday 18th May 2011

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £75 includes materials, refreshments and lunch

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

Sally Moorcroft qualified as a doctor from Leicester Medical School in 1998 and gained a degree in Herbal Medicine from the Scottish School of Herbal Medicine in 2004. She is a member of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists and runs The Natural Health Clinic in Stallingborough.

Join Sally in this practical workshop and learn which common plants can be used to create an herbal medicine chest, how to grow them and their application. Be inspired to make the most of your herb garden and the plants growing around you and learn which weeds may actually hold hidden medicinal powers! You will gather herbs from the garden at Home Farm and the woods and hedgerows to make remedies to take home.

LEARN TO USE LIME MORTAR

Tutor: Carole Atkinson

Date: Friday 20th May 2011

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £65 includes materials, refreshments and lunch

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

Carol Atkinson lectures, trains and provides building with straw bale consultancy services throughout the UK. She researched the thermal performance of the Straw Bale Cabin for the thesis she submitted for her MSc Architecture: Advanced Energy and Environmental Studies and is a member of the Association of Environment Conscious Builders.

Lime can be used as a render, mortar, plaster and a wash and is can be used as an alternative to ordinary cement. It is one of the oldest known types of mortar. The soft, porous properties of lime provide advantages when working with softer building materials such as straw and stone.

In this workshop Carol will demonstrate the versatility and uses of lime in the context of building with straw bales.

LEARN TO USE AND MAINTAIN A SCYTHE – much better for the planet and good exercise

Tutor: Ray Lister

Date: Wednesday 21st May 2011

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £85 includes equipment, refreshments and lunch

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

Ray Lister leads this workshop with very good credentials, having been a former British scything champion. Come along to learn the skills and techniques of how to use the Austrian scythe. This lighter, versatile tool can make short work of cutting around your orchard, meadow, garden and even cutting the lawn. This is not hard work when you have the technique and good exercise as well as carbon neutral.

The workshop covers setting up your scythe, different techniques, sharpening and maintenance of the tool. Use the scythed grass for mulching and making hayracks, which will be demonstrated. All equipment provided.

WORKING WITH DRIFTWOOD AND FOUND OBJECTS – hands on workshop

Tutor: Jean Hall

Date: Wednesday 25th May 2011

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Cost: £65 includes driftwood, refreshments and lunch

Location: Home Farm, Somerby

Jean Hall was inspired by the texture and colour of driftwood and found objects washed up from Norway when she lived in the Shetlands Islands. Moving to the Northumberland coast she was inspired by more finds and today she employs this lovely treasure to make a variety of beautiful objects.

In this workshop Jean will guide you through the creative process of assembling objects from driftwood and found objects. Please bring along anything you would like to include – shells, sea glass, driftwood. By the end of the day you will have an object to take home with you.