

Weekend in Bealkelly Woods Sept 27 / 28

Bookings are rolling in for Weekend in the Woods, Sept 27 / 28 - still places available on most courses except for Basketry and Sughan Chair - also please note, Hemp / Lime Plastering and Rustic Tool-making are both cancelled.

Book on-line via the website or send email with full contact details and 2nd / 3rd choices - payment by cheque or PO please, payable to CELT, to confirm a place.

CELT's Big Woodland /Countryside Skills Training Event

CELT presents, in association with Muintir na Coille (Coppice and Allied Trades Association), choice from 17 courses in environmental and ecological trades for all levels. Trainees already having basic skills are welcome to develop their skills further with the guidance of our highly qualified tutors. Courses are open to all over 14 years and 'Woodcrafts' course open to 8 - 14 yr old children of CELT tutors and course participants only.

Canoe Building

Build your own timber & fabric 1-person canoe! Canoes are 13ft in length, and are easily transportable to and from watercourses, as their light-weight construction makes them suitable for carrying by 1 person. Suitable for inland waters (not sea-faring).

Construction project is best done as a group, in order to complete the canoe in 2 days. Basic woodworking skills are a prerequisite to the course.

Materials cost: 150euro per canoe

Course tutor: *Del Harding*

Spinning and Weaving

Introduction to the age-old craft of spinning and weaving wool to make a small bag, hat or similar.

Weaving: Make your own easy to use weaving loom. Design and weave your own handbag.

Spinning: Learn how to spin wool on a spinningwheel and with drop-spindle. Learn how to use a wool-carder.

Making natural dyes: Learn how to make natural dyes from plants and tree barks. Dye a scarf with natural dyes.

Worksheets on Spinning wool and making natural dyes plus a drop-spindle and carded wool fleece to take home included in course fee.

Course tutor: *Susanna Anker*

Natural Building

Construction using cob (earth, straw and sand) & cordwood (logs built into cob) and wattle & daub. On this course we will look at a variety of different natural building techniques. We will learn to mix cob and clay plasters, also we will look at clay straw and wattle and daub techniques. This is a hands-on workshop and welly boots are recommended.

Course tutor: *Saul Mosbacher*

Bow Making

Using traditional hand tools to produce a hunting bow. This course will include arrow making and firing techniques - materials charge 20 euro.

Course Tutor: *Sedge*

Ti-pi Making

Have a nice chilled weekend learning everything you could want to know about Tipi Construction and lifestyle from 'Tipi Dave.'

With over 20 years of tipi experience, Dave can teach you how to make the best of the most beautiful and sacred of natural shelters. On the course you will (using hand operated, singer

sewing machines.) construct a scaled down 7ft diameter tipi cover and inner liner. You will have hands on preparing a set of poles, pegs and pins.

This size tipi is a practical, manageable size to make in a workshop environment. However the technique once learned can be applied to any size tipi.

Optional materials cost applies to this course if you wish to bring your finished work home. Please don't hesitate to ring Dave for more details.

Course tutor: *Ti-pi Dave (087-237-3643)*

Stone Carving / Clay Sculpture

This stone carving workshop involves an introduction to the tools of stone carving, methods of using them, and a relief carving of a natural form on panel. Participants should have a relief sculpture in limestone / sandstone to take home with them. There is also an opportunity to do 1 day of clay sculpture work on this course.

Course tutor: *Dermot Twohigk*

Herblore - The Magic of Plants

In celebration of the wonderful diversity that nature has gifted to us, we will spend the weekend exploring the characters and uses of some of our native, wild and garden plants. Course includes making simple herbal remedies for home use (tinctures & ointments), seasonal recipes, herb walk, folklore, permaculture and growing tips, preserving herbs for winter use and more herbal tincture and ointment making.

Course tutor: *Kes Clarke*

Greenwood Furniture

Constructing interesting and unique furniture items from native green hardwoods selected for the properties of the species as well as for the natural shapes and grains of the wood. Hand tools and traditional techniques are used throughout.

Each student makes a simple object e.g. a wooden mallet as an introduction to the craft, before moving on to construct an item of furniture.

Everything you need is provided but you might like to bring your own pencil, pocket knife, and hand-saw if you have them. We are open to new ideas so if you have a specific project in mind please contact us well in advance; we will accommodate you if viable.

Materials charge 20 euro.

Course tutor: *Stuart McIntyre*

Wood Carving

This Woodcarving course caters for beginners and those with varying levels of experience, including those who may wish to bring a project they are already working on, for guidance and advice.

Beginners will have the choice of carving an oak leaf, or ogham (alphabet from the native trees) inscription, or simple celtic knotwork motif.

Those with some experience will work on a leaf tray in two dimension, or a simple rustic bowl also in two dimension.

Course Tutor: *Andrew St Ledger*, see www.acanthus.ie

Blacksmithing

This friendly, informal course will introduce the noble art of blacksmithing with the use of a small portable forge. Participants will have the opportunity to use a variety of tools on-site and be fully instructed on their safe use. The tutor is on-hand constantly throughout the course to give individual attention. Each participant will then take away the end product, generally a wrought iron semi-decorative toasting fork. 10 euro materials charge payable with course fee.

Course Tutor: *Peter Collins*

Coppersmithing / Tinsmithing

A unique opportunity to learn the skills of a master craftsman and make a jug or other container using simple hand tools and recycled materials. Materials charge 10 euro.

Course Tutor: *Andy Harris*

Basket Weaving

Traditional willow basketry skills for many uses and the varieties of willow available - Materials charge 10 euro.

Course Tutor: *Peter Sheehan*

Silversmithing

This course aims to introduce the art and delights of silver jewellery making with practical help and guidance in the design and making of your own unique piece of silver jewellery. Participants will be shown the correct use of tools and a wide range of silver jewellery making techniques including silver soldering and stone setting. A variety of quality semi-precious stones will be available to buy from the tutor. An additional charge is payable of 4 Euro pp general workshop materials charge, plus cost of silver according to amount used. Also bring protective apron and stool / chair if you can.

Course tutor: *Susi Lewisohn*

Sugan Chair making

Using green wood and sisal to make your own small traditional sugan chair or stool. Materials charge 5 euro.

Course tutor: *Sean Walshe*

Felt-making

Learn to make brightly coloured felt mats, hats and bags from sheeps' fleece. Please bring wellies, waterproof leggings, a towel and a cushion. Materials charge 15 euros.

Course tutor: *Joan Casey*

Dry Stone & Lime Mortar Walling

Traditional construction techniques for walls and buildings - also garden features (retaining walls, raised beds, seats, steps) plus an introduction to the use of lime mortar which allows a building to 'breathe' letting out water-vapour but preventing rain from getting in. Steel-toe-cap boots are recommended.

Course Tutor: *Bob Wilson*

For youngsters (8 - 14 yrs) : Woodcrafts (Children of tutors and course participants only)

This youngsters' workshop will be split into 2 elements, hosted by *Stewart Fernie* and *Femke Vandenberg*. The tutor group has come up with a new approach to develop youngsters' ideas into various interests. This has partly arisen out of the need for new ideas by many youngsters who have repeated the course many times. The tutors will supervise use of hammers and saw - other sharp tools (e.g. knife, axe) will be used by the tutor only.

Woodcraft - Stewart Fernie

Youngsters will learn simple rustic skills, including hammers and nails, rustic furniture, charcoal and many other simple rustic items.

Felting & Rustic Art - Femke Vandenberg

This course will include simple needle felting and rustic art from found objects in wood, plus lots from our very talented young artists.

COURSE FEES : 150 euro (for 2 days) IN ADVANCE PLEASE (Concessions for students / unwaged 100euro - on request) (Extra 20 euro for those paying on arrival)

Annual MEMBERSHIP of CELT Club is a requirement - 15 euro / 25 euro family

- Plus any materials charge (payable directly to tutor)

- POST your course fee payment (+ membership if applicable) to confirm booking - cheque or PO payable to CELT

Along with your name and contact details.

Also, Please give 2nd and 3rd choices if you can as some courses may be quickly booked up.

Courses run 10.30am - 5.30pm.

Please arrive early on the Saturday to Register at the gate.

Rustic Restaurant (Healthy, wholesome food available to purchase)

Also an Organic Teahouse serving home-baked cakes & snacks (Gluten-Free / Sugar - Free / Spelt / Vegan options available)

Camping (free) for participants only - in the designated area. Leave only your footprints !

Strong boots / Wellingtons, Raingear, Penknife are recommended.

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Dry-stone and Lime mortar Walling

Kerry : - CELT course at Carey's Eco Centre, Mounahowne, Caherciveen, 20 / 21 Sept

Wicklow : - CELT course at Carraig Dulra, Organic Farm & Training Centre, Glenealy, Co Wicklow, 11 / 12 Oct

Galway : - Introduction to Dry-stone Walling, Bridget's Garden, Oughterrard, Co.Galway, Sunday 19 Oct

Clare : - CELT course at Irish Seedsavers Association, Scariff, Co.Clare, 15 /16 Nov
www.dulra.org info@dulra.org

Hedgerow Ecology, History and Maintenance

CELT course at Irish Seedsavers Association, Scariff, Co.Clare, Sunday 5 Oct

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