

Greenwood Spoon Carving for Beginners and Intermediates (ART F031-F01)

Instructor: John Manthei

3 days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) 9am – 4pm

10 Students Maximum

Materials Fee: \$60

Each student will receive as part of their materials fee a 2” sloyd knife, a hook knife and some simple sharpening supplies. Green willow, alder, aspen and birch in a wide variety of shapes and sizes will be supplied.

Location: Kaufman/Manthei residence and studios

1600 Golden View Drive

Near the intersection of Ballaine and Goldstream Road

Phone: 455-4547 Cell: 808-345-8184

Minimum age: 16 without prior instructor approval. Those younger than 16 must contact the instructor for approval before registering. See phone numbers above.

Qualifications: Anyone with a small amount of hand strength, a little practice, a little time and two simple tools can make useful and beautiful spoons, ladles, cups and more from greenwood you can find in a forest near you.

Class Schedule:

Friday AM: Tools and sharpening – each student will make their own hone and strop and then sharpen their new tools.

Friday PM: Simple Spoon Demonstration – Wood selection, process and technique. Each student will make a very simple spoon from willow, alder or aspen to be completed by 9am Saturday. From this exercise the student will begin to learn the following:

- The character of greenwood and grain direction
- Tool use and technique
- Bracing for control and safety
- Life in the “Valley of Death”
- One-handed bandaging

Wrap up with Questions and Answers

Saturday:

Simple spoon critique and more Q and A

Larger or more complex spoon

- Demonstration
- Choose and prepare your material
- Carve ‘Till Ya Can’t’
- Expand on what was learned on Friday and begin to explore shape, style, proportion, weight, unique characteristics, function and possibly decoration
- Wrap up discussion and critique

Sunday: Ladles, cups, tray or more spoons

- Q and A
- Demonstration
- These projects are going to ramp up the degree of difficulty and push the limits of your tools, strength and control. You will build on what you have already learned, work through your frustrations and find great satisfaction. Everyone is encouraged to work at their own pace and not move on until it is comfortable.

- Wrap up discussion and critique

After this class, I hope you will find yourself carving spoons in your back yard or on a camping trip. Maybe thawing out green sticks and carving spoons around your kitchen table in mid-winter.