

THE OLD KENNELS

THE OLD KENNELS, STENTWOOD, DUNKESWELL, DEVON, EX14 4RW

Optional mould making day Wednesday 11th September 2024

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th September 2024 – AND – Thursday 19th & Friday 20th September 2024

BRONZE CASTING *with Shane Whitehead*

This bronze casting course is designed to take students through the ancient lost wax casting process. The course will take students through the techniques needed to create your own bronze casting. The first two days will cover; wax sculpting and creating a casting tree, the second two days will be spent casting your sculpture, finishing your castings and finally touch on patination techniques. The course is suited to all levels of ability and experience.

As an optional extra there will be a one day Silicone Mould Making Course held on Wednesday 11th of September where you will be invited to bring found objects or small items and learn to take a simple silicone box mould in order to replicate in wax and cast. This may be for simple repetition or a series may be created with minor adjustment made making each cast slightly different, such as an animal in movement. This will be of particular interest to anyone who has attended a past class and would like to replicate what they have made, as well as those new to casting who want a full introduction to the process.

£395 for four days (plus materials approx. £110 based on amount of metal used)

Or £495 for five days including the silicone moulding day (plus additional materials approx. £70)

Requirements List

Optional mould making day – old clothes, we will be working in wax, please bring any small object made or found that you might like to replicate in bronze – items can be decorative or functional and use up to half a mug full of wax as a guide. Examples we have seen cast: sea urchins, snail shells, walnuts, small wax models you have made at home, plant markers etc You will be able to make adjustment to the wax cast of your items before they are cast in bronze (eg adding an inscription to a plant marker)

First two days – old clothes, we will be working in wax, please bring any modelling tools you have and inspiration or ideas for what you might like to model – items can be decorative or functional and use up to a mug full of wax as a guide.

Second two days – YOU MUST WEAR STEEL TOE CAP BOOTS, OLD CLOTHES, BOILER SUITS OR APRONS (NO MAN MADE FIBRES), please bring dust masks, goggles & leather gloves. We will have spare gloves, masks, goggles for your use if you don't have any. You are also welcome to bring your own tools such as a dremel or metal files, although tools will also be provided.

Courses run 10am - 4pm, we will be glad to welcome you from 9.45am.

A boxed lunch may be ordered in advance (see website for details) or you are welcome to bring a packed lunch. Hot and cold drinks will be served throughout the day.

We also offer 4 B&B accommodation please enquire or see the website for full details*

Directions to The Old Kennels can be found on our website (sat nav will not bring you to the door!)