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THE NEW ENGLAND CRAFT PROGRAM

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Workshop Information and Student Supply List

Workshop: Art Furniture: Metal, Fine & Functional, with: Matt Johnson

Date: October 1-4, 2020

Studio Location: Welding Barn

Class Description:

Explore the overlap of art and function as each student conceives, designs, and fabricates a piece of functional art furniture, lighting, or other fixture. Combine steel with other materials such as wood, plastic, glass, or stone. Learn metal fabrication through arc welding, blacksmithing, torch cutting and forging, grinding and polishing, and final finishing. Leave the course with a completed piece that is both functional and aligned with your aesthetic priority.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

In order to promote a safe and healthy environment for all of our guests, students will be required to bring the following personal protective equipment:

- 2 to 3 face masks that cover mouth and nose that can be worn throughout your time on campus
- Personal travel size hand sanitizer
- Your own rags for hand drying

We also strongly encourage that students bring any of their own welding masks, however, there will be masks available for those who do not have their own.

Supply Information:

Your supply fee covers the use of basic supplies - welding wire, sheet and basic rod, angle, and tube, and other consumables associated with the welding studio.

We strongly encourage participants to bring found objects to incorporate into their sculptures. For those travelers who cannot transport their own found objects, Snow Farm has a pile to rummage through.

In addition, your instructor requests that you bring the following materials:

- Denim or cotton apron (Snow Farm cotton aprons are for sale) (optional)
- A sketchbook or notebook and drawing or writing utensil

Important Safety Guidelines for the Welding Barn:

Proper attire:

- Wear a long sleeved shirt. Wear only natural fibers – cotton is best.
- NO Polyester fabrics: they will melt and combust against your skin around a flame.
- No open-toe shoes. Leather shoes or work boots are best.

Please also bring the following safety gear:

- Pair of clear safety glasses and ear protection (Snow Farm has basic safety gear but you may be more comfortable if you bring your own)
- Water bottle to stay hydrated
- Pair of comfortable work gloves
- If you wear contact lenses, it's a good idea to have a supply of saline eye drops handy--contacts can dry quickly with the exposure to heat.
- Hair tie to tie back long hair

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Open Studio Guidelines for the Welding Studio:

Instructors in welding will outline safety guidelines for students who are staying to work during open studio.

The **use of power tools, equipment, and welders will be limited** and is at the discretion of your instructor.

Please read the following guidelines as you plan to make use of your open studio time:

- Between 4:30pm and 9pm students may work alone in the studio. We suggest *bringing a cell phone in case an emergency arises and you need to contact the on-site coordinator.*
- After 9pm, when the coordinator makes final rounds, we require that two individuals are present in the studio in order to continue working with any power tools or equipment allowed by your instructor.
- There is to be no consumption of drugs or alcohol in the studios, nor shall students work in the studio when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- The last person in any studio at night is responsible for studio shutdown procedures, turning off all lights, and closing the shop doors.