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Spring - Summer 2022 Courses & Events at Dillington House












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For over 70 years Adult Education has been a cornerstone of Dillington House. We refresh and develop our adult education courses and events annually to ensure we offer a wide range of new subjects that run alongside more traditional favourites. Set in stunning, tranquil grounds, Dillington House provides an unparalleled learning environment no matter what the subject.

Please see the key below for the genres of each course.

KEY

-  Music
-  History
-  Literature
-  Philosophy
-  Architecture
-  Health & wellbeing
-  Art, design & crafting
-  Dillington Discoveries
-  Residential and Non-residential options available for this course



Dillington Discoveries can be enjoyed on a residential or non-residential basis. In addition to the rich and varied day courses on offer there is an after-dinner event each evening. Residents attend from dinner on Sunday, with courses running from Monday and finishing at lunch on Friday.

The Dillington Book Club

3 May 2022



For this month's Book Club, we will be discussing *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini published by Bloomsbury.

Tutor Elizabeth Rapp

Price £27 includes three course lunch

Chinese Brush Painting - Flower and Bird in Freehand Style for Beginners

3 May & 4 May 2022



This practical course covers the basic skills of flower painting and bird in freehand style and will give students the chance to try out the techniques and materials used as well as looking at the culture behind the art. No experience necessary, beginners are welcome.

Tutor Kaili Fu

Price £150

Introduction to Printed Textiles Workshop

5 May 2022



A day of exploration with colour, design and textiles. Three different methods of fabric design will be introduced using a variety of fabrics. Then print onto a bag, tea towel with your own design.

Tutor Clare Walsh

Price £80 includes materials

Deeds Not Words - The Suffragette Movement & My Lancashire Grandmother

5 May 2022



Jane Crozier will talk about the Suffragettes through the experiences of her grandmother who was arrested for throwing stones through windows, twice went on hunger strike and was force fed in Holloway prison.

Tutor Jane Crozier

Price £60

The Innovative Tomb of Thutmose III in Egypt's Valley of the Kings

6 May 2022



A detailed investigation of one of the most interesting tombs in the Valley of the Kings. This was the burial place of one of Egypt's most important pharaohs, Thutmose III, known today as the Napoleon of Ancient Egypt.

Tutor Lucia Gahlin

Price £60

Victorians and their Buildings

9 May - 11 May 2022



The architecture of the Victorians was endlessly inventive and transformed England. This course explores the variety and versatility of Victorian architecture, looking at examples such as vast town halls, intricately decorated churches, and dazzling theatres.

Tutor Philip Wilkinson

Price From £240

Finishing Knitting Techniques

12 May 2022



This session is perfect for any knitter who would like to improve the finishing aspects of their work. We will learn the importance of taking time to complete your projects.

Tutor Tracy Chapman

Price £68

Two Ways to Paint a Watercolour

13 May 2022



Where does the rainbow go when we try to put it onto the paper? Why do all those lovely colours, that look so bright in our box, turn to mud the moment we set to work? And why are so many watercolours so wishy-washy? In this practical, one day course, we look briefly at the science behind the problem, gaining control of our paintbox, putting the colour back into our work.

Tutor David Chandler

Price £60

Bookbinding - The Cross Structure Binding

16 May 2022



Learn to make this contemporary book structure using handmade papers, perfect for use as a notebook, sketchbook or as the basis for an artist's book. Participants will learn how to fold and manipulate paper, measure, cut and sew using specialist bookbinding tools and materials, take away your own handmade books, plus the skills to make more at home. This course is suitable for complete beginners or for bookbinders who would like to learn new techniques, all the tools and materials will be provided.

Tutor Megan Stallworthy

Price £65 includes material

An Introduction to Interior Design - Two Day Workshop

16 May - 17 May 2022



This two-day course will guide you through the step-by-step process designers use to create practical and beautiful interiors that enhance the user's lifestyle and showcase their personal style. Learn how to write your own design brief, create a concept, draw a room plan and source what you need to furnish your space.

Tutor Jenny Quinlan

Price Non-resident fee £170 for two days (including materials)

Bookbinding - Japanese Style Books

17 May 2022



This course explores traditional Japanese bookbinding techniques using handmade papers and lines threads to make books with different stitching patterns. Participants will learn how to fold and manipulate paper, measure, cut and sew using specialist bookbinding tools and materials, take away your own handmade books, plus the skills to make more at home. This course is suitable for complete beginners or for bookbinders who would like to learn new techniques, all the tools and materials will be provided.

Tutor Megan Stallworthy

Price £65 includes material

Recorder Consort Course

17 May - 19 May 2022



This is an ensemble course for upper intermediate level recorder players. We shall play as a conducted ensemble, exploring music in many different styles and from all periods of music from the sixteenth to the twenty-first century.

Tutor Helen Hooker

Price From £240 Non-residential fee

Willow Bee Sculpture Workshop

18 May 2022



Join local Somerset artist Jo Sadler of 'Forged n Willow' to make a 3 foot wide flying willow bee. Jo will guide you through each step to create your sculpture for your home or garden using locally grown willow from the Somerset levels.

Tutor Jo Sadler

Price £105 includes materials

Industrialisation & German Unification

21 May 2022



The signing of the Treaty of Vienna in 1815 left Great Britain as the pre-eminent economic power and one with unique global stretch by virtue of early industrialisation, maritime supremacy as...

Tutor Mike Shaw

Price £60

You the Jury - Casebook 8

23 May 2022



Over the course of the day we will be considering two different real-life cases of murder which occurred in England between 1900-1975.

Tutor Diane Janes

Price £60

Your Day of Wellbeing

23 May 2022



You will learn a simple framework, along with wellbeing hacks, that will see you integrating more balanced and wellbeing back into your day-to-day life. This fusion of gentle yoga and yoga nidra will leave you feeling fully relaxed and rejuvenated, both inside and out.

Tutor Bev Alderson

Price £60

Thomas Paine: An 18th English Radical, Founding Father and Autor of the Rights of Man

26 May 2022



A morning course which looks at Thomas Paine who was, in turn, an Englishman, an American and a Frenchman. Here in the UK he is a marginal character, in America he is a hero - a Founding Father. In France he is respected as a key player in the Revolutionary Government of 1793. He died alone a broken, disillusioned, drunk.

Come and learn about this astonishing political activist, who wrote Common Sense and The Rights of Man. He deserves to be better known.

Tutor Sheila Seymour

Price £35 includes lunch



Wednesday Lunch & Lecture - Honfleur: Cradle of Impressionism

1 June 2022 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



The coastal town of Honfleur in Normandy was a popular destination for artists in the early 19th century. It was also home to Eugene Boudin who was one of the first artists who painted out of doors in front of his subject.

Tutor Dr Angie Smith

Price £27 includes lunch

Schwalm Embroidery

6 June - 8 June 2022 (R)



Schwalm Embroidery is a beautiful German whitework technique, named after the river Schwalm. A form of late eighteenth to nineteenth century embroidery, incorporating surface stiches, pulled fabric, drawn thread etc the usual traditional designs include tulips, hearts, flowers, fruits, leaves and birds.

Tutor Annette Bolton

Price from £240

The Dillington Book Club

7 June 2022



For this month's Book Club, we will be discussing Where Angels Fear to Tread by E.M. Forster published by Penguin Books.

Tutor Elizabeth Rapp

Price £27 (Includes three-course lunch)

Lino Printing Workshop

9 June 2022



On the day you will be shown how to create your design into Lino blocks and carve the lino using specialist tools. You will then be taught how to roll out the block printing ink and print onto paper, gift cards and gift wrap using a relief print method.

Tutor Zara Shepherd

Price £72 (Includes materials)

Photography - Picture Portraits and How to Take Them

10 June 2022



A relaxed fun day's practical photography experience of the Art of Portraiture Photography. Ideal for someone with an interest in photography and who wants to technically and visually improve their image creating. Suitable for all.

Tutor Nick Matthews

Price £60

Stonehenge: Landscape and People

10 June - 12 June 2022 (R)



Stonehenge is an iconic monument, familiar to millions around the globe. But the world inhabited by the people who built and used it would have been anything but familiar to...

Tutor Nick Snashall

Price From £282

Elizabeth Gaskell - Selected Works

10 June - 12 June 2022 (R)



Elizabeth Gaskell is best known as the author of a number of novels including Cranford and North and South. She is also known as friend of Charlotte Bronte and she...

Tutor Greta Depledge

Price From £240

Photography - Close Up and Sensational: A Guide to 'Close Up' Photography

11 June 2022



A relaxed fun day's practical photography experience of the Art of Portraiture Photography. Ideal for someone with an interest in photography and who wants to technically and visually improve their image creating. Suitable for all.

Tutor Nick Matthews

Price £60

Photography - Architecture: The Alchemy of Design and How to Photograph it

12 June 2022



A relaxed fun day's practical photography experience of the Architectural Photography. Ideal for someone with an interest in photography and who wants to improve their image creating technically and visually. Suitable for all.

Tutor Nick Matthews

Price £60



An Introduction to Philosophy of the Islamic World

13 June - 15 June 2022 ®



The classical philosophy of the Islamic world is largely an attempt to reconcile the Hellenistic philosophy of Aristotle and Plotinus with the doctrines of the Qur'an.

In this course, which focuses on the 'Islamic Golden Age' (750 CE to 1258 CE), we will trace the evolution of Islamic thought beginning with its founders, al Kindi and al Farabi, before exploring Ibn Sina and the Mind/Body problem, Ibn Rushd's argument that philosophy and theology are not incompatible, then briefly detouring into Sufism and Rumi, and concluding with Ibn Khaldun's philosophy of History.

Tutor Darren Harper

Price From £240



Leatherwork - Card and Coin Pouch Workshop

13 June 2022 (Morning)



Learn how to make your own card/coin pouch from stunning Italian Vegetable Tanned Leather. After an introduction to Leather and the traditional tools we will be using, you will begin by cutting out your pouch. You will then be shown how to attach the hardware and construct your pouch using traditional saddle stitching,

Tutor Christina Charles

Price £45 (Includes materials, coffee & lunch)

Leatherwork - Card & Coin Pouch Workshop

13 June 2022 (Afternoon)



Learn how to make your own card/coin pouch from stunning Italian Vegetable Tanned Leather. After an introduction to Leather and the traditional tools we will be using, you will begin by cutting out your pouch. You will then be shown how to attach the hardware and construct your pouch using traditional saddle stitching.

Tutor Christina Charles

Price £45 (Includes materials, coffee & lunch)

Paint and Stitch on Silk

15 June 2022



Learn how to apply colour to pure silk fabric and create your own beautiful design, embellished with hand embroidery. All levels of ability welcome.

Tutor Helen Roskell

Price £75

Willow Hares Sculpture Workshop

15 June 2022



Join local Somerset artist Jo Sadler of 'Forged n Willow' to make a 2-3 foot high willow hare. Jo will guide you through each step to create your sculpture for your home or garden using locally grown willow from the Somerset levels.

Tutor Jo Sadler

Price £105 (Includes materials)

Printing with Leaves Workshop

15 June 2022



Enjoy a day exploring dye sublimation using a heat press to create unique and exciting designs. You will be carefully guided through the different stages by demonstrations and will begin by collecting leaves from the gardens. No experience needed, suitable for beginners, anyone interested in trying new textile techniques.

Tutor Clare Walsh

Price £80 (Includes materials)

Botanical Intarsia Knitting Colour Workshop

16 June 2022



Master the wonderful technique of intarsia colour knitting. Design your own floral motif and convert it into a colourful piece of work. You will pick up tips to improve the overall finish of your design.

Tutor Tracy Chapman

Price £69

Bobbin Lace

19 June - 25 June 2022 ®



This course will suit all abilities of bobbin lacemakers from those just starting through to advanced. It covers English laces and many from the continent including Belgium, Spain...

Tutor Alison Thoburn

Price From £580

The Colourful Tombs of Beni Hasan in Egypt

21 June 2022



Vibrant painted scenes on the walls of the tombs of nobles at Beni Hasan provide a window into the daily lives of the ancient Egyptians C2000 BC. We will explore the manifold and varied scenes on the walls of the tombs of the provincial governors Khety, Baqet, Khnumhotep and Amenemhat in order to bring their world to life.

Tutor Lucia Gahlin

Price £60

Victorian Style Hand Embroidery

22 June - 24 June 2022 ®



Using floral designs from a selection of Antique patterns from 1880 this course combines couching of a variety of metal threads with silk shading, stem stitch, chain stitch and a variety of other hand embroidery stitches.

Tutor Clare Clensy

Price From £240

You the Jury - Casebook 9

23 June 2022



Over the course of the day we will be considering two different real-life cases of murder which occurred in England between 1900-1975. Participants will be expected to listen to the...

Tutor Diane Janes

Price £60

Country Sheep Needle Felting Workshop

27 June 2022



You will be guided step by step through the basic techniques of needle felting to create your own unique country sheep out of beautiful wool, ready for you to take home. A fun, creative and inspiring day!

Tutor Carla Taylor

Price £80 (Includes materials)

Evelyn Waugh - His Life and Literature

27 June - 29 June 2022 ®



Evelyn Waugh is one of the most widely read of 20th Century novelists. There have been numerous adaptations of his books for film, TV and radio. He also wrote travel books and biography. All of his writing is still in print. He was also something of a controversialist, as a satirist, Catholic and observer of the English class system.

It would be helpful if those attending could have read *Decline and Fall* and *Brideshead Revisited* before coming (and, if possible, *A Handful of Dust*).

Tutor Dr John Kirkaldy

Price From £240



Dot and Speck and Dash and Dab

27 June 2022



In this one-day course we will study the technique of this singular twentieth century artist, discover a little more about the importance of composition and design in our work and learn how to create texture, describe contour and evoke atmosphere like a twentieth century master.

Tutor David Chandler

Price £60

Willow Chickens & Cockerels Workshop

4 July 2022



Join local Somerset artist Jo Sadler of 'Forged n Willow' to make a 2 foot high willow chicken or cockerel. Jo will guide you through each step to create your sculpture for your home or garden using locally grown willow from the Somerset levels.

Tutor Jo Sadler

Price £105 (Includes materials)

Paris: Its History and Art

4 July 2022



This study day is designed for anyone with an interest in Paris, its history and its art and architecture. We will begin with a survey of the city's history from its beginnings until 1940. The remainder of our day will be spent looking at images of Paris (as well as paintings including manuscript illuminations) from the 1300s through to the early 1900s.

Tutor Dr Angie Smith

Price £60

English Parish Churches: Their Architecture, Design and Use

4 July - 6 July 2022 ®



English parish churches date from every period from the 6th century to today. This course looks at their architecture and how this evolved to accommodate the ways they were used. It explores who paid for the churches, changing attitudes to the non-religious uses of sacred buildings and the rich array of 'treasures' from sculptures to all paintings that they contain.

Tutor Philip Wilkinson

Price From £240

Chinese Brush Painting - Flower and Bird in Freehand Style for Intermediate & Advanced

6 July & 7 July 2022



There are two main styles in traditional Chinese brush painting techniques: freehand style and meticulous style. This course will start from the basic skills of painting in meticulous style from learning how to draw lines, how to use two brushes with colour or ink to do different tones and build up layers of colour and ink for flowers and leaves.

Tutor Kaili Fu

Price £150

Indian Block Printing Workshop - Next Steps

11 July 2022



We will start by looking at examples of hand block printed fabrics, considering design placement, colour and pattern.

Using a selection of hand carved Indian woodblocks experiment printing patterns, you will print patterns on different weight paper. We will then plan a design suitable for a longer piece of fabric which could be used as a table runner and consider choice of blocks and colours. In the afternoon you will print your table runner onto a neutral colour linen.

Suitable for beginners or those who have taken part in a block printing workshop previously.

Tutor Clare Walsh

Price £80 (Includes materials)



Making a Leaded Stained-Glass Panel: Two Day Workshop

13 July - 14 July 2022



This two-day course will enable you to create your own stained-glass panel using the traditional method of combining coloured glass with lead. The panel that you choose to make could be for a location in your house and will be suitable to either build into a window or frame as a hanging panel. Accommodation can be booked, subject to availability.

Tutor Kate Doig

Price £152 (Includes materials)

Aran Knitting - Cables & Bobbles

14 July 2022



On this sample-based session, you will practice the most common methods of travelling stitches and cable knitting.

Tutor Tracy Chapman

Price £68

Botanical Illustrations

18 July - 21 July 2022 (R)



Botanical Illustration is precise detailed work, a combination of art and science. This studio-based watercolour course is for all ability levels, no experience of art of botany is required, just commitment. This course will cover the use of basic material and methods for beginners and will offer professional advice to advanced students.

Tutor Susan Hillier

Price From £428

The Cathedral Builders

18 July 2022



This course looks at England's great medieval cathedrals such as Durham, Salisbury, Wells, Lincoln and Gloucester. As well as looking at their often breath-taking architecture, we explore how craftsmen with relatively basic tools could construct such structures.

Tutor Philip Wilkinson

Price £65

Architecture on Holiday: The Buildings of the English Seaside

19 July 2022



In the heyday of the seaside holiday, England's coastal towns were transformed to accommodate the millions of visitors and keep them entertained. Hotels, boarding houses, piers, lidos, beach huts, carousels, amusement parks, dance halls - all had their distinctive art and design.

This course describes them all, as well as covering the traditional architecture of coastal towns and fishing villages. From garish to functional, brash to traditional, seaside architecture is fascinating - and. All comers welcome.

Tutor Philip Wilkinson

Price £65



The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt's Capital

25 July 2022



A day exploring the gods, goddesses and temple remains of Memphis, Egypt's earliest capital, located close to modern Cairo. We will explore the mythology of the deities most associated with this ancient city, founded some 50000 years ago.

Tutor Lucia Gahlin

Price £60

Advanced Crochet Workshop

25 July 2022



Add dimension to your stitchwork and create more texture in your crochet. Learn the secrets of blending colour whilst working with groups of stitches, clusters and spikes! Suitable for those who know how to create a chain and simple stitches.

Tutor Tracy Chapman

Price £68

The Grand Old Man: William Gladstone and the Making of Liberal England

26 July - 28 July 2022 (R)



The course we will look at the career of the 19th century British statesman William Ewart Gladstone. We will be studying the political challenges that Britain faced in a period of unprecedented social and economic change and the role Gladstone played in navigating the country through them. His long term legacy in the British political system and social reform.

Tutor Jonathan Rodell

Price From £240

The Joy of Painting

31 July - 4 August 2022 (R)



Watercolour and other water-based mediums will be covered in this course which will look at all the crucial elements involved in producing good paintings right through from the planning stage to the finished work. This course would suit everyone who has a basic knowledge of their medium, a desire to improve basic painting skills and perhaps change existing working practices that are proving unsatisfactory.

Tutor Claire DuVergier

Price From £476

The Thutmosids of Egypt's 18th Dynasty

1 August - 3 August 2022 (R)



This course will explore the first half of Egypt's 18th Dynasty: C1150-1400 BC. We will investigate the origins and ruling of one of ancient Egypt's most important ruling families, the Thutmosids.

Tutor Lucia Gahlin

Price From £240



Heat Press Exploration Workshop

1 August 2022



A day exploring textures, colour and design using the heat press and sublimation printing. We will be preparing our own dye papers, learning how to use different textures, images, leaves and interesting materials to create amazing, imaginative designs.

Tutor Clare Walsh

Price £80 (Includes materials)

Get to Know your Sewing Machine

2 August 2022



If you have recently bought a sewing machine or have never really understood how to use all the stitches and feet that came with your sewing machine, then this course is for you. Suitable for students new to sewing, or just wanting to get the best from their machine that perhaps has not been used for a while, gain the confidence to use the machine to its full potential. You will need to bring your sewing machine to the course.

Tutor Jenny Harrison

Price £60

Lace Knitting

4 August 2022



Classic lace knitting is a very traditional method of creating delicate and intricate work. During the day we will work up small samples of this technique, starting with the simplest designs, moving on to more complex edgings.

Tutor Tracy Chapman

Price £68

Guitar Summer School

7 August - 13 August 2022 (R)



This popular event now in its 27th year offers classical guitarists a unique opportunity to participate in a varied programme of music making that also allows time to develop playing the music reading skills.

Tutor Chris Stell

Price From £593

Guitar Summer School Evening Concerts

7 August - 11 August 2022

(8pm-10pm)



Sunday 7th August - Eden Stell Guitar Duo

Monday 8th August - Amadeus Duo

Tuesday 9th August - Jessica Marie Quinones and Mark Eden

Wednesday 10th August - Duo Agostino

Thursday 11th August - Bibi Heal & Amanda Cook

Price Concert £17 /Pre-concert Suppers £29.95 /Festival Season Ticket £70

Landscapes with Churches West



Country Church Crawling

14 August - 19 August 2022 (R)



This course is part of Dillington Discovery Summer/Autumn week. The landscape of South-West England is particularly dominated by the investable presence of a church, its tower and spire. The course offers the opportunity to spend each day in wonderful landscapes visiting justifiably famous churches and a lot of the not so famous, often in incomparable settings.

Tutor Mike Hope

Price From £474 (Includes supplement)

The Mysterious



Impressionists

14 August - 19 August 2022 (R)



This course is part of Dillington Discovery Summer/Autumn week. A look at the most fascinating of the impressionists who had secret sides to their lives Camille Pissarra, Gustave Caillebottle, Frederic Bazille with Monet, Berthe Morisot, Mary Cassatt, Henri Toulouse-Lautrec. Attend all week or by the day.

Tutor Dr Jan Cox

Price From £274



Ten by Ten...



More!

14 August - 19 August 2022 (R)



Join us on a musical journey, taking in a selection of the key works in the history of music. Some are rightly popular, some perhaps not quite as familiar as they should be, but all will repay the most detailed exploration.

Once again, we shall be focussing on ten musical masterpieces by ten major composers, who represent five different nations - Germany, Hungary, Italy, Bohemia (Czechoslovakia), and Britain. The composers will include J.S. Bach, Dvořák, Elgar and Verdi, and a wide range of genres will be covered – opera, oratorio, ballet and more. We shall experience the music using cd and dvd, in performances by many of the great musicians of our time.

Each day will cover two different composers. Together we will dig deeper to discover what is so special about each one - what it is that makes listeners and performers alike want to return to them again and again. From Russia in the East to the Americas in the west, we shall experience the incredible richness and diversity of our cultural inheritance.


Course runs from Dinner on Sunday to Lunch on Friday.

Tutor Gwyn Parry-Jones

Price From £274



From St. Augustine to Elizabeth I: England's First Christian Millennium

14 August - 19 August 2022 



From the conversion of the English to Christianity by Roman and Irish missionaries in the 7th century to the creation of a church of England under Elizabeth in the 16th century, this course tracks the major staging posts in a journey through a fascinating period in this country's history. Field trip included.

Tutor Mark Cottle

Price From £274

Pencil Art Course

14 August - 15 August 2022



This course is part of Dillington Discovery Summer/Autumn week. Through drawing, however, we reconnect with the world around us, become more intimate with the things that matter to us and learn how to slow down in a fast passed world. Topics covered, expressive mark making, measurement, proportion, light and shade.

Tutor David Chandler

Price £120

Note: Course runs on Monday & Tuesday

Paint Art Course

17 August - 19 August 2022



This course is part of Dillington Discovery Summer/Autumn week. This practical two and half day course will provide you with all you need to experience the visual world with greater understanding and work some of the magic yourself! Topics covered, colour perception. Colour mixing (subtractive and additive), hue shade, tint and chroma.


Tutor David Chandler

Price £154

Note: Course runs from Wednesday to Friday AM



Stumpwork Embroidery

14 August - 19 August 2022 



This course is part of Dillington Discovery Summer/Autumn week. This course will explore the beautiful and fascinating technique of Stumpwork. The theme will be set around flora and fauna from a summer meadow, poppies, cornflowers, daisies, grasses etc. as well as bees, looking at historical examples for inspiration. This course is suitable for all abilities.

Tutor Annette Bolton

Price From £274

Willow Dragonfly Workshop

15 August 2022



Join local Somerset artist Jo Sadler of 'Forged n Willow' to make a 3 foot high flying willow dragonfly. Jo will guide you through each step to create your sculpture for your home or garden using locally grown willow from the Somerset levels.

Tutor Jo Sadler

Price £105 (Includes materials)

Willow Pig Workshop

16 August 2022



Join local Somerset artist Jo Sadler of 'Forged n Willow' to make a 2 foot high, 3 foot long willow pig. Jo will guide you through each step to create your sculpture for your home or garden using locally grown willow from the Somerset levels.

Tutor Jo Sadler

Price £105 (Includes materials)

Exploring Fabric Dyeing & Screen Printing

17th August - 19th August 2022



Discover the traditional textile processes of fabric dyeing using a resist technique called Shibori. Experiment with different ways of folding, clamping, binding and stitching fabric, dyeing the samples using a cold water dye. Using screen printing, use your paper stencil to print onto a tote bag. These will then be developed into a stencil design for screen printing. You can then create a layered stencil screen print, experimenting with colour and imagery and screen print onto a tote bag to take home.

Tutor Zara Shepherd

Price £174 (Includes materials)

Note: Course runs from Wednesday to Friday AM

Bookbinding - Optional Focus on Case Binding

21 August - 25 August 2022 ®



On this general bookbinding course participants may pursue their own rebinding or repair projects at their own pace under the guidance of our expert tutor, rather than following a particular programme. However, for those who wish it there will be a focus on 'Case Binding'.

Tutor Angela Sutton

Price From £476

Watercolour Wildlife

22 August - 24 August 2022 ®



A wonderful opportunity to focus on techniques for introducing local wildlife into your paintings. We will consider composition and scale, some careful drawing and colour mixing, along with suitable brush techniques for different animals.

Tutor Shari Hills

Price From £240

Red Woodland Squirrel Needle Felting Workshop

22 August 2022



You will be guided step by step through the basic techniques of needle felting to create your own red woodland squirrel out of beautiful wool, ready for you to take home. A fun, creative and inspiring day!

Tutor Carla Taylor

Price £80 (Includes materials)

Willow Deer Workshop

25 August 2022



Join local Somerset artist Jo Sadler of 'Forged n Willow' to make a 4 foot high willow deer with a basic metal frame. Jo will guide you through each step to create your sculpture for your home or garden using locally grown willow from the Somerset levels.

Tutor Jo Sadler

Price £108 includes materials

Foundation of Yoga

24 August 2022



Have you ever wondered what Yoga is all about but not felt confident or flexible enough to commence general classes? Or have you had a break from Yoga and would like to refresh your practice from the roots up?

Then this Foundations of Hatha Yoga Workshop is for you!

During a full day we will take a deeper dive into some of the key components, principles and poses that collectively form the basics of yoga. The focus of the day will be to enhance your understanding of the broader context of Hatha yoga and build your knowledge and confidence in your practice. Hatha Yoga is a popular form of Yoga which includes a wide variety of physical postures and breath integration to strengthen the body, enhance flexibility and focus the mind.

Tutor Bev Alderson

Price £60



Monday Lunch & Lecture - The Wilton Diptych

5 September 2022





The Wilton Diptych is one of the treasures of the National Gallery in London. The diptych commemorates King Richard II and is a rarity being one of the very few medieval panel paintings made in England still extant.

Tutor Dr Angie Smith

Price £28 (Includes lunch)


The Philosophy and Literature of Iris Murdoch

5 September - 7 September 2022  

Murdoch's philosophy has often been neglected in favour of her novels. In this course we will remedy this imbalance. Beginning with the novel "The Bell", we will look at the relationship between her philosophy and her fiction.

Tutor Darren Harper
Price From £252


Bookbinding - Decorative and Dyed Papers

5 September - 8 September 2022 

Come and explore the glorious effects produced by dyeing, crumpling, colouring, manipulating, cutting, rearranging and weaving paper to create unique decorative sheets for use in bookbinding and other crafts. We will spend time seeing how spirit and water-based dyes can be used, layering and overlaying colour and texture and experiment with paste-papers, progressing to repeating patterns successfully.

Tutor Nesta Davies
Price From £326 (Includes materials)


The Age of Discovery - The Early Navigators

7 September 2022 

The Ottoman conquest of the Levant cut Europe off from access to the Silk Route and spurred exploration of alternative routes to the Indies. This course tells the story of Portuguese and latterly Spanish exploration of the Atlantic seaboard in search of access to the Indian Ocean and how this process, coupled with enhancements in ship design and new scientific understanding of the Earth's place in the Universe heralded the beginning of our Modern Age.

Tutor Mike Shaw
Price £63


Indian Block Printing Workshop

12 September 2022 

Learn about the traditional skill of Indian Block Printing with images of block printing around Jaipur, handling hand printed fabrics and hand carved blocks. You will print tissue paper, card and coloured papers, then choose a bag, tea towel to print using your favourite block.

Tutor Clare Walsh
Price £78 (Includes materials)



Abstract Painting - Three into Two Do Go!

19 September 2022 

In this one-day workshop you will be inspired to create forms, colours and textures in your two-dimension work that you never thought possible by first working in three dimensions!

Tutor David Chandler
Price £63

Dreamland Mystery Tour - Pop-Up Book Workshop

20 September - 22 September 2022  

This year's workshop takes a magical journey through the rooms of a dreamland house. Each page spread opens on a new room and reveals its secrets - salubrious sitting room, delightful dining room, luxuriant library, cosy children's playroom and more. The artwork is playful and decorative rather than literal - the aim being to make a book comprising doorways that lead the eye into playful environments. A workshop for the experienced paper engineer and beginner alike.

Tutor Paul Johnson
Price From £282

Leatherwork - Make a Bag. Two Day Workshop

26 September - 27 September 2022 

Learn how to make your own Shoulder or Tote Bag from stunning Italian Vegetable Tanned Leather. You will learn how to attach the fittings and construct your bag using a traditional saddle-stitching technique.

Tutor Christina Charles-Bayliss
Price £172 (Includes materials)

Finishing Touches and Embellishments 29 September 2022

This is a very inspirational day where you will work on pre knitted swatches, we will practice our embroidery stitches, add applique, embellish the surface in various ways including beads, crochet, pom poms and tassels.

Tutor Tracy Chapman

Price £72

Dillington String Quartet Coaching Weekend

30 September - 2 October 2022 ®



Once again, we are thrilled that the members of the Coull Quartet have agreed to return to Dillington House to lead this extended weekend of coaching for pre-formed string quartets who play to a good standard.

Tutor Coull Quartet

Price From £373



Further Information

All details correct at time of print.

If you have any specific access or dietary needs, then please let us know at the time of booking.

Dillington House reserves the right to cancel a course for any reason. But where this happens, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. In the event of a cancelled course your course fee and deposit will be refunded.

All fees and deposits are non-refundable and non-transferrable, unless Dillington House cancels the course. We recommend you take out your own insurance should you need to cancel through illness or unforeseen circumstances.

Fees quoted are per person unless stated otherwise. VAT is included where applicable.

Unless stated otherwise, course fees include tuition, refreshments and all meals.

Residential courses include en-suite accommodation.

For courses that require it, students should provide all their own materials, unless otherwise stated.

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Poems to Live By: How to write poems that matter

6th October 2022



In a time of worldly conflict and struggle, we need what poetry offers more than ever - words to express the inexpressible, heal the heart and inspire the human spirit. This will be an uplifting workshop, where we will read some of the best contemporary poetry, and write our own, experimenting with exciting prompts, forms and examples. Poetry is not for the few but the many; it is a way of celebrating and affirming life in all its particulars, and honouring all aspects of our experience.

Tutor Rosie Jackson

Price £63



Brahms & The Piano

14th October - 16th October 2022 [®]



Brahms was not only one of the greatest composers of the Romantic era, but also a

renowned concert pianist. So, it's not surprising that the piano features centrally in his list of works. He created one of the great bodies of music in the solo keyboard repertoire and used the piano extensively in chamber music: in duos, trios, quartets and a magnificent quintet. Then there are the numerous songs, the works for piano duet, and largest of all, the two great concertos. We shall explore all of these in the lectures, with the help of video and audio recordings; and the weekend concludes with a concert given by the outstanding recital pianists Charles Owen and Dominic Degavino.

Tutor Gwyn Parry-Jones

Price From £260



Bobbin Lace

21st October - 24th October 2022 [®]



This course will suit all abilities of bobbin lacemakers from those just starting through to advanced. It covers English laces and many from the continent including Belgium, Spain and Russia. Many of the continental laces are taught with the aid of a colour-coded diagram to help students continue their work at home. Help and advice is available for the important related topics of thread choice, finishing and mounting lace.

Tutor Alison Thoburn

Price From £358



Memoir Writing: A story of your own 4th November - 6th November 2022 [®]



Writing your own story is a wonderfully healing and fulfilling process. Whether it is for your family, publication, or just for yourself, a memoir can help make sense of your experience, and provide an opportunity to reflect on the deeper meaning of your life. In this safe, supportive workshop, you will learn ways to make your memoir the best it can be, reflecting on audience, purpose and inspiration; issues of structure, voice, tense, narrative, practice dialogue (and humour!); consider spiritual and ethical issues; and look at some contemporary memoirs.

Tutor Rosie Jackson

Price From £252



Raphael, Leonardo and Michelangelo - A Fresh Look

11th November - 13th November 2022 [®]



Award-winning author and director comes to Dillington House to present a weekend of revealing talks and films exploring just who really were the great artists Leonardo, Raphael and

Michelangelo. Each has been the subject of a highly successful cinema film produced/directed/co-written by Phil and with a mix of clips and images as well as fun & fascinating facts he will, during the sessions, peel back the myths and misunderstandings to reveal a fresh and moving account of their lives, their societies and, above all of course, their art. Each day will end with a screening of an entire film.

Tutor Phil Grabsky

Price From £252



Bookbinding - Optional Focus on Library Style Binding

14th November - 18th November 2022 [®]



The light and airy studio at Dillington has all the tools and equipment needed for binding books in the traditional manner. On this general bookbinding course participants may pursue their own rebinding or repair projects at their own pace under the guidance of our expert tutor, rather than following a particular programme. However, for those who wish it, there will be a focus on binding books in the library style, with cloth-jointed endpapers and split board construction. This is suitable for large heavy books, or reference books which are heavily used, such as encyclopaedias. This focus is not suitable for complete beginners, but if you are new to bookbinding the tutor can accommodate you on the course and will take you through the early stages of case-binding so you will have a good grounding in basic techniques.

Tutor Angela Sutton

Price From £476



Willow Angels

16th November 2022



Come and make a 4-foot-high willow Angel with wings - new for Winter Season for your home or garden with local Somerset artist Jo Sadler of Forged n Willow. Jo will guide you through each step to create an angel sculpture using local grown willow from the levels. All materials provided. The wings will be detachable for transport! Wear older clothes as it can get grubby, bring your own secateurs if you like, and plenty of enthusiasm!

Tutor Jo Sadler

Price £113 (Includes materials)



Festive Copper Foil Stained Glass Workshop

6th December 2022



This course introduces students to the copper foil method of stained glass making. Often referred to as the Tiffany method, after Louis Comfort Tiffany. This method is used to make light-catchers, hanging decorations and the more familiar but detailed Tiffany lampshades. This workshop will focus on making a selection of

festive hanging light-catchers. Students will learn how to follow a design, cut glass accurately and safely, apply copper foil and solder their creation to produce a beautiful piece or pieces that they can hang inside or out in the garden.

Tutor Kate Doig

Price £82 (Includes materials)



The Age of Discovery - The Mercantile Empires

29th October 2022



This day course is the second of a series of standalone courses which considers how our modern understanding of the world took shape. Following the early voyages of discovery, the Portuguese and Spanish powers had divided the newly discovered world between themselves with papal approval at the Treaty of Saragossa. This was to be contested by the emerging Protestant powers of northern Europe led initially by the Dutch and later the English. This day course compares the development of all the European mercantile empires to see how and why some prospered and others failed.

Tutor Mike Shaw

Price £63



Egyptomania 25th November - 27th November 2022

No other ancient civilisation can lay claim to having repeatedly inspired and caused, on no less than five separate occasions, a massive infusion of ideas and styles into the contemporary styles of a particular time. Its first appearance was in the Roman civilisation, coinciding with the annexation of Egypt into the Roman Empire and the inextricable link between Cleopatra, Julius Caesar and Mark Anthony.

It next undergoes a sixteenth century revival and then in the eighteenth century the first of a series of very important revivals. The invasion by Napoleon at the beginning of the nineteenth century was to herald another upsurge in interest. Later in the nineteenth century with the digging and opening of the Suez Canal and the joint administration of Egypt by Britain and France, there was a continuous flow of visitors, excavations and a continued influence. In the twentieth century the discovery in 1922 of Tutankhamun's tomb and treasures would lead to a renewed worldwide interest and its direct influence across the whole spectrum of the Art Deco movement. The twentieth century's single greatest contribution to the Arts - namely film- also saw the birth of curse of the Mummy in films. Indeed Hollywood and Ancient Egypt have been constant companions for over one hundred years. This course will seek to follow the influence, flow and output of artistic endeavour that has been inspired by Ancient Egypt over the last five hundred years.

Tutor Mike Hope
Price From £252



Sunday Concert with The Coull Quartet 2nd October 2022

The magnificent Coull Quartet are once again returning to Dillington House where they will be performing a programme of music by Mozart, Dvorak, Villa-Lobos and Coleridge-Taylor.

Concert commences 2.30pm. Doors open 2.00pm. Tea/Coffee will be provided during the interval.

Price Adults £21 / Under 18's £10.50
Pre-booked two course carvery lunch available £19 per person.



Sunday Concert - Solo and Duo Piano Recital with Charles Owen & Dominic Degavino 16th October 2022

Charles Owen returns for his fourth visit to Dillington to give a recital of works by Brahms and Schumann. The first half of the concert is shared with award-winning pianist Dominic Degavino, who will perform works by Clara and Robert Schumann. After the interval they will appear together as a Piano Duo.

This event has been made possible by generous sponsorship from of group of Dillington friends. Concert commences 2.30pm. Doors open 2pm. Tea/Coffee will be provided during the interval.

Price Adults £21 / Under 18's £10.50
Pre-booked two course carvery lunch available £19 per person.

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