



WOODLANDERS GATHERING, Summer Camp for Adults

Thursday-Sunday, July 11-14, 2024

Registration deadline July 1 (with late registrations as space allows)

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced craftsperson, you are in for an incredibly fun and creative time with more than 35 nature-based workshops to choose from and more than 30 talented instructors to work with. Create rustic furniture, faux scrimshaw, pottery, or garden projects; try your hand at blacksmithing, woodcarving, nature printing, fabric dyeing, and more. Get in touch with your inner wood sprite with yoga nidra and inspired writing prompts. Start your days with morning coffee and treats on the Art Cafe patio, enjoy daily lunches on the Green, and browse the incredible Woodlanders Silent Auction featuring rustic arts, nature crafts, books, tools, and more donated by instructors and students and benefitting the Shake Rag Alley scholarship fund. Take time to relax, soak up the sunshine, enjoy the company of a great group of nature-loving folks, and discover the magic of Shake Rag Alley's lush gardens, tall trees, historic buildings, and natural spring-fed stream.

Come for a day, two, three or the entire four days and have the time of your life!

How the Woodlanders Gathering Works

Choose your days, then fill them with as many workshops as you can fit into your schedule (be sure your choices don't overlap times). Register online or call our office.

Fees

Day Fee (Thursday-Saturday): \$115 includes your choice of workshops, lunch, snacks, beverages, and some evening activities.

Half Day Fee (Thursday-Sunday): \$60 includes your choice of workshops, am/pm snacks, and beverages. Does NOT include lunch, which can be added on.

Material fees are additional and listed at the end of each workshop description. Friday and Saturday evening dinner picnics are also additional. Check back for our fun Friday and Saturday events as we get closer to Woodlanders—last year we had some raucous games with suds, and a twilight concert!

Thursday, July 11

7:30-8:30am Registration & Morning Treats | Silent Auction | Art Cafe

A01 Grandma's Pot Holder—Upcycled!! with Carole Spelic | 8:30-11:30am | Lind South

Here's an eco-friendly way to revisit creating the classic woven potholder! If you had a 7" loom and a handful of knit loops, you may have made a few in your childhood...or, if you're like me, you never stopped making them. But this time, we'll first create our own loops out of old t-shirts! Bring a few in interesting colors (100% cotton works best)—each shirt will provide enough loops to share. Bring your own loom if you have one (or two, or...?), or use one of ours. Materials Fee: None!

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A02 Handmade Paper with Elizabeth Johanna | 8:30-11:30am | Lind North

Learn how to make paper pulp using a kitchen blender and recycled paper. See demos of pulling sheets of paper as well as using cut metal screens and squeeze bottles to create images on the paper sheets. Materials Fee: \$10

A03 Create a Comforting Doodlebird with Ann Ristow | 8:30-11:30am | Ellery House

Ann will provide a charming, little hand-carved wooden bird and show you how to add your own unique doodled designs. Ann has lots of fun ways to help you create beautiful, intriguing structured patterns and add a wax finish. When life feels challenging, wrap your hands around your Comfort Creature, give it a rub, and remind yourself to have a wonderful day. Makes a lovely gift. The birds are hand-carved and sealed. Materials fee also includes 2 pens, practice tiles, and instruction sheet. Materials Fee: \$25

A04 Stick-y Stars with Phil Nelson | 8:30-11:30am | Cabinet Shop

Come to where the Cosmos meets the Woodlands. You'll build stars from sticks and adorn them with your custom accents. Materials Fee: \$20

12-1 pm Lunch on the Green

A05 Carve a Butternut Bird with Ann Ristow | 1-4pm | Ellery House

Learn the basic uses of the carving knife and how the grain of the wood is cut. You will carve a bird using these techniques. After carving the bird you will sand and add a finish. Ann has limited carving knives that students can use. Materials Fee: \$10

A06 Get a (Rustic) Handle On It with Lindy Wilson | 1-4pm | Cabinet Shop

Lindy has a plethora of recycled, rescued kitchen tools gathered through the years. You can give them a unique rustic personality by adding handles made of provided branches. Your new old kitchenware can hang from a leather strap. No more boring kitchenware for you! And these are always a welcomed house guest gift! Materials Fee: \$10

A07 Wondrous Wood Burning Bowl with Bob Ristow | 1-5pm | Lind North

Use a woodburning tool to make vertical lines that are pre laid out on a small wooden bowl. After wood burning, students will paint on a geometrical pattern of their choice using furnished finishes. The resulting bowl is a jewel of color, pattern, and texture. Materials Fee: \$20

A08 Fabric Eco-Printing with David & JoEllen Wollangk | 1-4pm | Lind South

Print leaves and flowers onto a silk scarf. This method does not use dyes or paints, but uses the interaction of the tannin in the leaves and the iron in the mordant to "print" the leaves and flowers onto the scarves. No experience is needed and all materials will be supplied except the leaves and flowers which will be gathered on the Shake Rag Alley grounds. Materials Fee: \$10

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A09 Full Buck Moon Journaling & Yoga Nidra with KT Kucken | 6-8pm | Green

A combination of Journaling and Yoga Nidra, this class will start with 15 minutes of silent writing followed by 45 minutes of Yoga Nidra where KT will guide you through a meditation. Class will wrap up with another 15 minute silent writing session to reflect. Yoga Nidra helps to slow down the body & mind to a state between waking and sleeping. This can be done while lying down or sitting in a chair. This is NOT an active yoga class!! ANYONE can do this! Free but donations to the scholarship fund appreciated.

Friday, July 12

7:30-8:30 am Registration & Morning Treats | Silent Auction | Art Cafe

B01 Rustic Plant Stand with Phil Nelson | 8:30-11:30am | Cabinet Shop

Here's a Woodlanders Way to display your container plants: a rustic stand of branches and weathered planks. Indulge your creative side with twiggy embellishments. Materials Fee: \$25

B02 Forging Hooks & Leaves with Hal Aavang | 8:30-11:30am | Blacksmith Barn

Learn the basics of blacksmithing from Hal, as well as how to use a portable propane gas forge. You'll learn the use of the hammer, anvil, and vise as you practice drawing, tapering, and twisting. You'll make decorative and useful hooks and leaves. Materials Fee: \$10

B03 Learn to Use a Pottery Wheel with Katie & Joelle White | 8:30-11:30am | Globe Clay Center

Sisters and potters, Katie and Joelle White will give you an introductory lesson in how to throw clay pots on a spinning potter's wheel. Once you've learned to control the lump of clay centered on the wheel, you'll have a lifetime skill. This is a class just for learning that essential skill. You will leave with the know-how to make pottery in the future. If you'd like anything fired, a firing and shipping fee will be applied. Materials Fee: \$10

B04 Faux Scrimshaw on Deer Bone with Jim Kostohrys | 8:30-11:30am | Ellery House

Jim, an excellent wildlife artist, will help you create a scrimshaw-like image on a deer shoulder bone. You don't have to be an artist to create a really beautiful work of art. You will transfer Jim's finely drawn wildlife images (or your own) in scrimshaw style using a micro pen. Materials Fee: \$5

B05 Mosaic Treasure Box with Cindy Fleming | 8:30am-4pm | Potters House

Spend a day making a colorful treasure box from broken plates and other ceramics. A cigar box will do as a base, but if you have a favorite wooden box of like size please bring it. We will create our own shards with hammers and plates, spend time on a design, then begin to lay down pieces. Tokens, charms, beads, bottle caps, and other enhancements are a fun addition. Materials fee includes all of the above, including some cigar boxes, minus the tokens and charms. Materials Fee: \$20

B06 Cigar Box Lap Ukulele with B.J. Best | 9am-4pm | Lind North

Want to make your own ukulele? After making your own rustic instrument, you'll learn how to play a few songs with friends. No experience (in either woodworking or music making) necessary. Your uke will be fretless to

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play with a slide—bring your own slide: options include a commercial slide, a 3/4" socket, or the neck of a beer bottle. When you're done making your uke, you can learn and play a little music together. Materials Fee: \$20

B07 Carving a Butterfly with Lee Ann Behling | 8:30am-4pm | Lind South

Hand carve a realistic butterfly or a fanciful flutterby! You will learn basic carving and painting techniques to create delicate-looking butterflies that are surprisingly sturdy. They can be turned into a brooch, magnet, plant stake, decoration, or Christmas ornament. Once you learn the basics, there is no end to the designs you can create! Materials Fee: \$5

12-1 pm Lunch on the Green

B08 Candle Making for Beginners with Megan Kulick | 1-4pm | Ellery House

This beginner-friendly class will introduce you to making your own candles. Supplies and materials include soy wax, wicks, essential oils, and upcycled candle holders. If you have a favorite heatproof (ceramic, tins, mason jars, candle jars) container, bring it along! This will be a basic melt-and-pour candle-making class. You will also leave with information on how to do this yourself at home, different techniques, where to buy supplies, and helpful tips. Materials Fee: \$20

B09 Nature Imprints in Clay with Diana & Claire Johnston | 1-4pm | Brewery Pottery

Create a unique hand-built bowl and imprint the clay with natural textures with expert potters Diana and Claire at the fabulous Johnstons' Brewery Pottery Studio at 276 Shake Rag Street. After your bowl dries, the Johnstons will glaze and fire it in their stoneware kilns. Materials Fee: \$15

B10 Willow Wine Basket with Jim Arendt | 1-4pm | Cabinet Shop

Bring a bit of enchantment and nature into your home with a Willow Wine Basket. Jim will bring plenty of green willow and lead you through the process of making a rustic bent Willow Wine Basket using only hand tools. At the end of the workshop you will have a beautiful, handcrafted piece to take home. You'll enjoy every minute of this class as you learn about working with willow. This class is for everyone—no experience required, although some hand and arm strength is needed. Materials Fee: \$20

B11 Forge a Calla Lily with Hal Aavang | 1-5pm | Blacksmith Barn

Hal will lead you in blacksmithing an attractive calla lily flower on a stem or stand, and you'll get some good practice in heating iron rod in a propane gas forge and hammering it into shape on an anvil. Materials Fee: \$10

5:00 pm Picnic on the Green

6:00 pm Fun Evening Event: Woodlanders Games

Saturday, July 13

7:30-8:30am Registration & Morning Treats | Silent Auction | Art Cafe

C01 Carve a Shorebird with Nick Scheuer | 8:30am-4pm | Lind South

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Stop your carving knife and with the help of Nick, an expert woodcarver, get ready to carve and lightly paint a delightful shorebird. This class works best for those with some experience with figurative carving. This freestanding carving will look great on a shelf or mantle back home. Materials Fee: \$25

C02 Get a (Rustic) Handle On It (reprise!) with Lindy Wilson | 8:30-11:30am | Potters House
Lindy has a plethora of recycled, rescued kitchen tools gathered through the years. You can give them a unique rustic personality by adding handles made of provided branches. Your new old kitchenware can hang from a leather strap. No more boring kitchenware for you! And these are always a welcomed house guest gift!
Materials Fee: \$10

C03 Silk Scarf Dyeing & Painting with Nancy Welch | 8:30-11:30am | Lind North
Come create two beautiful silk scarves with Nancy, a teacher of playful art classes. She will show you how to dye silk fabric in a microwave oven for easy yet gloriously colorful results and she'll also show you how to paint flowers or other art on your scarves. Materials Fee: \$30

C04 Rustic Garden Bench with Jim Arendt & Max Kulick | 8:30-11:30am | Cabinet Shop
Max and Jim are the perfect rustic woodworker team to assist you in making your very own rustic bench from scratch. You'll choose and trim up a slab, make rustic legs, drill holes, fit the legs, and go home with a family heirloom! Woodlanders have been making slab benches for years—definitely a favorite! Materials Fee: \$35

C05 Nature-Inspired Wall Art with Jamie Rogness & Regina Riley | 8:30am-4pm | Ellery House
In this class you will assemble a free form twig framework to place your felted and pine needle coiled medallions, along with other natural contraband, into a multimedia, nature-inspired, three-dimensional wall art. Jamie and Regina have quite a stash to choose from, but don't let that stop you from bringing your own!
Material fees include: wool roving, felting needles, pad, and holders, leather finger sleeves, coiling supplies, and full access to both Regina's and Jamie's natural treasure stash. (You will be required to make repetitive hand and wrist movements.) Materials Fee: \$25

C06 Bloom—Kinetic Yard Art with Bob Tuftee | 8:30-11:30am | Blacksmith Barn
Add personality and charm to your outdoor space! Create your own vision with these pre-welded blooms. You can shape, twist and choose a finish for your own unique piece of art. Materials Fee: \$20

12-1 pm Lunch on the Green | Silent Auction Closes

C07 Gyotaku-Fish Printing with Cathy Kitto | 1-4pm | Potters House
There's the art of fishing, and the art of fish printing. Bring your catch (or use ours) and learn this fascinating Japanese technique called Gyotaku for applying ink to an intact fish and printing onto paper or fabric. Cathy will show you how to prepare the fish, print, and paint in the expressive eyeball. You'll go home with several prints, and each time you ink the fish, you can print several across your paper, resulting in a school of fish. If you bring your own fish, it will be best to freeze it, unless very freshly caught. If you happen to encounter one of

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those much maligned Asian carp, catching and printing it is a good deed. You may also bring a t-shirt to print on. Materials Fee: \$10

C08 Mosaic Birdie with Luann Smith | 1-4pm | Lind North

Have fun creating your own unique bird mosaic with stained glass and glass beads. Learn to cut the glass to exact shapes, or simply place already-cut pieces. This project is designed for beginner to intermediate level of mosaic experience. Materials Fee: \$20

C09 Rustic Serving Tray with Carole Spelic | 1-4pm | Cabinet Shop

Who couldn't use an attractive serving tray from time to time? For this project, you'll choose from among a variety of scavenged wood pieces, then, using basic carpentry tools and skills, you'll assemble a shallow box form. The travertine tile insets can be left plain, or if you prefer, Carole can show you how to transfer an image (like her letter "S" in the sample) from a photocopy. Add matched—or unmatched—upcycled handles and you've got a functional piece for your home! (Also looks great as table décor or wall art...just add embellishment!)

Materials Fee: \$12

C10 Traditional and Rustic Toys & Games with David Eagan | 1-4pm | Green

In days of yore, amusements were all handmade. In this workshop, naturalist David will show you how to craft two or more traditional/vintage and novel toys to entertain your friends, children and grandchildren! Using sticks and other natural materials, you can make the classic Gee-Haw Stick whose propeller reverses direction on command. For Rustic Ring Toss, a multi-forked branch will catch twig rings. You might also make a slingshot, a bullroarer, Southwest Indian dice stick game, whirling buzz disc on a string—and more... Materials Fee: None!

C11 Twig Table Lamp with Todd Kingery | 1-5pm | Green

This is a reprise of one of Todd's most popular classes. You will be creating a functional table lamp using many different kinds of twigs. Lampshade not included. Materials Fee: \$40

5:00 pm Picnic on the Green

6:00 pm Fun Evening Event: Music at Alley Stage

Sunday, July 14

7:30-8:30 am Registration & Morning Treats | Art Cafe

D01 Elgin Twig Mosaic with Elizabeth Johanna | 8:30-11:30am | Cabinet Shop

Elizabeth was inspired by the art that longtime Woodlander Paul Elgin creates using twigs. Get those pruners warmed up and make a charming piece of nature art for your wall. Elizabeth will provide a hand-carved heart or moon for you to set between cut twigs you'll glue to a rustic board. Materials Fee: \$10

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D02 Foraging for Ceramic Morels with Liz Carter | 8:30-11:30am | Lind South

If you've ever foraged yourself, you know the delight of finding morels (and the disappointment of going home empty). Join Liz Carter of Mineral Point's Driftless Studio & Gallery in making small ceramic morel mushrooms, so you'll always have your very own. These small treasures are made by hand using an intuitive process and each will be utterly unique. Materials Fee: \$15

D03 Copper Wire Pine Tree with Cheryl Smeja | 8:30-11:30am | Smejas' Studio

Make a pine tree ornament using copper wire. This can be used as a pendant or ornament. You are welcome to bring your own jewelry pliers, fine wire cutters, and beads of your choice, however all tools and materials can be provided. Materials Fee: \$20

D04 Nature-Inspired Poetry & Leaf Imprints with Christina Kubasta | 8:30-11:30am | Green

In this very chill writing workshop we'll work with nature-inspired prompts, throw rules out the window, and end up with some lines we like very much. We'll then imprint those lines on leaves and other natural materials to take home tangible proof of our efforts and time together. No previous experience with poetry needed, and leave any anxiety at the door. Materials Fee: \$5

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