

Wood Carving - - “In Relief”

This is a beginner’s carving class designed for persons with no previous experience or limited experience. In this class we will learn how to carve a relief design from a photo or pencil drawing. We will spend some time discussing different carving chisels and carving knives. You will be carving a picture of Dogwood flowers and leaves on a block of precut Basswood.

YOU MAY WISH TO BUY: a few carving chisel that are listed below.

Carving chisels may be purchased from www.woodcraft.com or www.woodworkingshop.com or you may purchase them from sites on the internet, such as Prime or ebay. As a beginner, please do not buy expensive chisels. Once you try your hand at carving and enjoy doing it, then you might want to buy better chisels that hold an edge longer.

I have a supply of carving chisels, if you do not have your own.

TOOLS USED: In this class you will learn how to safely use a variety of wood carving tools:

- Number 5 sweep (curvature) with 5, 10, and 15mm - - - used to form your flower petals and leaves.
- Number 12 chisel (80degree, V-cut) - - - used to true up the edges around your flowers and leaves.
- Number 9 or number 11 sweep chisels with 10 or 15millimeter width - - - used to reduce the background thickness of the block so your flowers and leaves are elevated.
- Leather strop to hone the chisels to a razor sharp edge.
- A flat surface plate and various grits of sandpaper to sharpen chisels to a stage ready for honing.

SKILLS LEARNED:

- Safety precautions and important does and don’ts while carving.
- How to properly sharpen your carving chisel to a razor edge.
- The importance of grain direction in carving.

Course Duration: 9 hours - - - Thursday Evenings- 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm)

Dates: April 1st, 8th, 15th, 2021

Tuition: \$90.00

Material Fee: \$10.00

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