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## Workshop Information and Student Supply List

Workshop: **Wooden Spoons: Beautifully Simple & Simply Beautiful** with Alan Young

Date: June 7-9, 2019

Studio Location: Woodworking Studio

### Class Description:

Learn Alan's quick and efficient mix of hand and machine spoon making techniques that produce durable and beautiful spoons. He will also cover shop safety, design, how to "read" the wood, and food-safe finishing. Discuss tips and tricks derived from Alan's 35 years of wood carving experience. Students will create a handful of utensils, both flat and hollowed, including a final project made from exotic wood.

### Supply Information:

Your supply fee includes approximately 10 board feet (to be shared by entire class) of kiln dried cherry, plus basic studio consumables, such as glue, epoxies, stain and sandpaper. In addition, your instructor requests that you bring the following materials:

- Any favorite woodworking tools that you already own would like to work with (optional)
- Favorite pieces of wood
- A sketchbook or notebook and favorite drawing or writing utensils (optional)
- An apron or clothes you don't mind getting dusty (Snow Farm aprons are available for sale).

### Important Safety Guidelines for the Woodworking Studio:

Proper attire:

- 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)
- Pair of comfortable work gloves (cheap ones are fine)
- Hair tie to tie back long hair

### Open Studio Guidelines for the Woodworking Studio:

Instructors in woodworking will outline safety guidelines for students who are staying to work during open studio. The **use of power tools and equipment will be limited** and is at the discretion of your instructor. The table saw is not to be used without the instructor present. Please read the following guidelines as you plan:

- 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 with studio equipment when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

### Instructor Info:

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Bio: I have been making spoons for 35 years. My work has appeared in Early American Life, Yankee and Home magazines. I have done American Craft Council shows as well as many museum shows. My shop has always been open to students on an individual basis. As I approached retirement I saw myself more as a production woodworker and perfected a process that let me make beautiful, durable utensils quickly enough for anyone to afford. Having attended Snow Farm many times as a student I look forward to carrying on the tradition of excellent teaching there.