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THE NEW ENGLAND CRAFT PROGRAM

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Workshop Information and Student Supply List

Workshop: Welding: Ferris Flora with Alaina Mahoney

Date: October 12-14, 2019

Studio Location: Welding Barn

Class Description:

Learn to use all the power tools and and some elbow grease to grow new metal plant life for your garden. Bring an image or two for inspiration or be inspired by the abundant fall scenery at Snow Farm. Use the oxy-acetylene torch, plasma cutter, MIG welders, stick welders and more in both inside and outside workspaces. Go home with sculptural plants and flowers that will leave your local groundhog perplexed!

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
- Printed photographs or drawings of plants that inspire you

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 (preferably with steel or safety toe)

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 leather 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
- Bandanna or welding cap

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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.

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Bio: Alaina Mahoney is owner and lead fabricator at AM Design and Fabrication LLC in Providence, Rhode Island. She attended Massachusetts College of Art and Design (BFA, painting), and has taught at The Steel Yard in RI and the Fuller Craft Museum in MA. She currently exhibits at Gallery Z in Providence, RI.