



Willow Garden Structures

Date 22 March 2024

10am – 4 pm

Cost: £75 includes some great tuition, a stunning venue, tea and coffee throughout the day and a home made tray bake. You need to bring your own packed lunch. There is a fridge and microwave if needed.

Additional material fee: £16 All equipment is provided.

If you have any special access/food allergies or disability requirements, please contact us by email: info@cowshedcreative.co.uk

Course Description:

Learn the skills to create your own willow 'tipi' garden supports that will stand you proud in your borders! These beautiful willow structures are the perfect natural addition to the garden providing support for a wide variety of plants; roses, clematis, sweet peas and vegetables. Create your own contemporary look using traditional rural crafts skills. No previous experience is required.

You will learn some of the traditional principles and techniques of withy weaving, especially willow and hedgerow weaving. Information will be provided on ordering and storing materials and there will be advice on how to use willow in your garden for in-situ hurdles, borders and other projects. Expect to go home with your own willow garden tipi and, depending on how fast you work, a smaller object such as a perennial support or wreath. Suitable for beginners or intermediates.

Students should be able to have full use of both arms and hands. People with severely strained wrists or hands might struggle with effort it takes to weave bigger withies. Please let us know before if you need the project adapting in size.

Hannah Ehlert trained for three years in a coppice worker apprenticeship with a variety of crafts people at the Bill Hogarth Memorial Trust. She has run successful creative green wood-working courses for ten years, including; hazel wattle hurdles, Swedish spoons and greenwood carving and baskets and willow structures in the garden. She also runs family and adult Nature Connection courses and works as a qualified Forest School practitioner.

Hannah's classes are fun and sociable, whilst also providing quiet, relaxing time, allowing you to become deeply absorbed in your own project and connecting with nature's wonders. If you have any queries, email Hannah timbertales@gmail.com

What to bring

Please bring a pen and notebook

Clothes that aren't precious or an apron

If you have a favourite pair of sharp secateurs, you are welcome to bring them

Glasses if you need them

Material fee to be paid in cash to tutor