



MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDIAL 2011

Tutor: DAVID BROWN

Sundays x2, June 19th & 26th

10 am - 4.00 pm

£163.00

David Brown is a retired Physics teacher who now has a small business as a Letter-cutter and Sundial maker. As well as stone sundials, his work includes inscriptions and memorials. David has received awards from the British Sundial Society for two of his dials. One of these in particular a polyhedral dial at Christ Church, Oxford has 11 dials on its many faces and 24 gnomons. His vertical sundial at St Thomas's Square, Salisbury, commissioned as a millennium project by U3A won a Salisbury Civic Society Commendation. At Shute Farm Studio 2004, David completed a Human Sundial, to allow the user to tell the time from their own shadow, and enable them to find the time and position of sunrise and sunset throughout the year. The components of the dial; cobbles from the old dairy, also act as stools for picnics and stepping-stones for exercise and balance. The dial enables the user to be involved with the cosmos.

Course description

Students will need no previous knowledge of sundials or skill in stone working. Students will make their own 20cm square working horizontal slate sundial. The course will include: an introduction to the theory of sundials; laying out the dial for the student's own location; incising details; inserting a brass gnomon; colouring details with enamel paint; finishing the surface and aligning and using the dial.

Materials to Bring:

- Notepad and pencil
- Large Plastic Protractor
- Pair of Compasses
- A Scribe...available for use during the course ,but may be purchased from Axminster Power Tool Centre www.axminster.co.uk Tel. 0800 371822

Clothes should be comfortable and practical. Substantial shoes are essential. Please bring a pair of protective glasses or goggles and your own face mask if you are sensitive to dust.

Refreshments are provided, but please bring a picnic lunch



Art for everyone

