

UNIQUE COTTAGE STUDIOS

Jan - June
2012



What's on January to June 2012

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS IN DRAWING, PAINTING,
POTTERY, STAINED GLASS, MOSAICS,
WILLOW WEAVING AND MUCH MORE!



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Welcome to Unique Cottage Studios!

'Unique' is an Arts and Crafts studios with excellent facilities on the outskirts of the historic market town of Spalding set in converted farm buildings. We are a base for artists Carolyn Goodwin, Sue Purdy and Ernie Butler together with Gillian and David Wing of Strawberry Glass Design. As well as our year round programme of creative workshops, classes and groups we sell Potclays clay and provide a firing service. We can organise arty parties and training days too, ring us for more information.

We are now on Facebook!

Unique is such a tranquil environment to enjoy all sorts of lovely courses and events, what a wonderful place!

How to book

Please reserve a place by giving us a ring first, then complete a booking form and return it to us with a cheque made payable to Unique Cottage Studios. Full course payment will guarantee your place, we then send out full course information and confirmation. We also accept cash or bank transfers but not credit cards. You can now book online through our website too! Unless otherwise indicated our workshops are suitable for ages 16 years and over.

The office is open Tuesdays to Thursdays 9am to 4pm and selected Fridays and Saturdays.

The studios are often open outside of these times when courses are on. Please ring before you travel.

Where is Unique Cottage Farm Studios?

We are situated near the Fulney roundabout junction on the A16 Spalding Bypass. Take B1165 towards Weston Hills and Wisbech and after 50 metres on take your first turn to the left. Continue bearing left at sharp left hand bend and then continue straight on to Fulney Lane South (there is a blue sign at the entrance to this road which says 'unsuitable for HGV's') The Studios are situated in the third set of buildings on your left.



STRAWBERRY GLASS

Stained Glass Design

www.strawberryglass.co.uk

At the Strawberry Glass studio we run 4 or 5 workshops every month covering the range of traditional stained glass skills. With a choice of lead work or copper foiling, you will learn in a relaxed environment with plenty of individual support.

There is a stunning choice of glass to select from and a wide variety of patterns for inspiration.

To talk to us about support for your stained glass projects call Gillian on 07714 458813.

For workshops, individual tuition, commissions, gift vouchers, group activities and demonstrations contact Gillian Wing on 07714 458813 or gillian@strawberryglass.co.uk



REGULAR CLASSES AND GROUPS!

Tuesday Pottery - 1pm to 3pm or 7pm to 9pm

6 week block terms: 3 January to 7 February / 21 February to 27 March / 17 April to 22 May / 12 June to 17 July

New Pottery teacher Tony Orvis will lead you through a number of creative projects in clay in this relaxed and informative class. Suitable for all abilities, beginners welcome.

Book for the block £60 or pay £12 per session.

Tony Orvis also teaches private or small group Pottery lessons on Tuesday afternoons - pre-booking essential.



Evening Drawing and Painting with Ernie Butler

Wednesday 4 January to 8 February (6 week block) 7pm to 9pm - £54

Incorporating technical practice sessions and covering several themes, artists and influences, Ernie will guide you through a number of projects using a variety of media. Excellent classes for developing your work in new and exciting ways!

Further six week blocks: 22 February to 28 March / 18 April to 23 May / 13 June to 18 July



Unique Knitters - 1st Thursday of the month

Thursdays: 5 January, 2 February, 1 March, 5 April, 3 May and 7 June - 10am to 1pm

Have a natter with other knitters! Come along chat, compare patterns, drink tea and of course, knit or crochet at our new creative group. Bring a friend! All ages welcome.

£5 per session, tea, coffee and biscuits provided.



Introduction to Drawing and Painting with Ernie Butler

Thursday 12 Jan to 2 Feb 2pm to 4pm – 4 week block £36

A brilliant introduction for beginners and those who want a refresher! Ernie Butler will give you various exercises to develop your drawing and painting skills in these informative sessions.

Continuing classes in 6 week blocks 23 Feb to 29 March / 19 April to 24 May - £54



Practice Your Printing - Second Friday of the month

Fridays: 13 January, 10 February, 9 March, 13 April, 11 May & 8 June at 10am to 1pm

Come along and join us for a relaxed morning using the printing press at Unique. Experiment with different techniques with help from the group. Cost includes basic papers and inks and use of the printing press. **Additional cost for other materials. £10 per session**



Daytime Drawing and Painting with Sue Purdy

Monday 16 January to 6 February 10am to 1pm – 4 week block - £54

Exploring Abstract Work will be the theme for Sue's first four week block of the year. This is a relaxed and friendly class where Sue will encourage you to explore new ways to develop your drawing and painting.

Further 4 weeks blocks 5 to 26 March (Landscapes) and 16 April to 7 May (Flowers)



Textiles Group - 3rd Thursday of the month (Except 26 Jan)

Thursdays: 26 January, 16 February, 15 March, 19 April, 17 May and 21 June 10am to 1pm

Come along and enjoy a morning working on a variety of your own textile projects. All welcome! Group participants include embroiderers, quilters and spinners amongst other disciplines; it's a relaxed environment to share your textile ideas.

£5 per session, tea, coffee and biscuits provided



CREATIVE COURSES



Beginners Knitting and Crochet

Saturday 14 January & Saturday 11 February 10am to 12 noon - £8

Come and learn these trendy crafts and you can make your own woolly accessories instead of buying them! Join others in a friendly, fun session which will unlock the mysteries of Grandma's secret...how to cast on! Or use Carol Parker's huge French knitting reels to create quick and colourful knitted rope to stuff, knot, wrap and weave; wear as a scarf, line with fabric and use as a bag, or create huge sculptures! **Suitable for 12 years to adult.**



Love Mosaics! With Fiona Gurney

Saturday 4 February 10am to 4pm - £45

Create a beautiful mosaic for yourself or your loved one. Whether it's a heart or a plaque you will use a selection of glass tiles, Venetian smalti, millefiore and recycled china with guidance from talented artist and tutor Fiona Gurney.



Family Pottery

Tuesday 14 February 10am to 12noon

Great creative half term fun! Using air-drying clay create creatures or pots to take away and paint at home.

Suitable for ages 6 years & over, parents to stay with children under 8 years. £8 per person or £25 for a family (up to 4 participants).



Printing Fun

Wednesday 15 February 10am to 12noon

Have a lovely morning experimenting with various printing methods and create some beautiful printed creations to frame, make into cards or simply display at home! **Suitable for all ages over 6 years, parents to stay with children under 8 years. £8 per person or £25 for a family (up to 4 participants).**



Design and Plan Your Cut Flower Garden

Wednesday 22 February 10am to 2pm - £55

Cathy Mellor is an experienced, gold medal winning garden designer who will show you how easy it is to grow cut flowers. Once you have grown your own you will never want shop bought flowers again! Cathy will show you how to plan, sow and grow the flowers and foliage you choose and demonstrate how to have arrangements in your home throughout the year. Cathy will help you if you are growing for an event such as a wedding, birthday or christening. The course is suitable for beginners and for gardeners wishing to extend their knowledge in this rewarding way.



Stitching for Texture with Angela Daymond

Saturday 25 February 10am to 4pm - £45

Spend a day extending your stitching & quilting repertoire by exploring both traditional and contemporary quilting stitches to create texture and line in your work. Learn how to mix hand and machine stitching for unique effect. You will go home with all your samples made into a stitched book. Hand and machine stitching workshop.



Life Drawing

Wednesday 29 February, 25 April, 27 June 10am to 1pm - £20

An opportunity to draw from Life in these relaxed morning sessions. Model provided – no formal tuition, but experienced artists will be part of the group. Easels and boards supplied.

Living Willow Weaving

Friday 2 March 10am to 4pm - £55

Popular tutor Alison Walling will show you different techniques for using living willow - screens, arches and domes. Then you will create a chair or simple animal to take away and plant in your garden. Suitable for beginners, tools and materials supplied.



Going Off-Road with Creative Knitting and Crochet

Saturday 3 March 10am to 3pm - £45

Using knit and crochet together, create wonderfully textured pieces that can be turned into wearable art, wall hung pieces or accessories. Bring your own interesting yarns to share/swap and Carol Parker will have a stock of metallic wire, lurex and reflective threads available to buy. Only basic knitting and crochet is required for this session.



Grow your own Vegetables – Day Course

Thursday 8 March 10am to 2pm - £55

Cathy Mellor is an experienced gold medal winning garden designer who has a passion for growing vegetables, salads and fruit. Have you ever wanted to have a go at growing your own but don't know where to start? Are you a keen cook or do you simply want to make the best use of your garden to provide for the family? This course will help you plan your garden – it is surprising what you can grow in a small plot or in containers – and demonstrate the techniques you need to get growing!



Design Your Own Stained Glass!

Saturday 10 March 10am to 4pm - £65

Design and make a totally unique stained glass piece using the copper foil method with Gillian and David from Strawberry Glass Design. You will learn how to copper foil and solder with plenty of individual attention. All tools and materials provided.



Decopatch Project Day

Friday 16 March 10am to 2pm - £40

Decopatch is an amazing new paper craft which is becoming increasingly popular with artists and interior designers. This workshop offers an insight into the basic techniques of Decopatch and how it can be used. Three projects will be undertaken through the day and there will be a range of items to choose from including hearts, pencil pots, coat hangers, bowls, canvases and papier mache animals. Have a fun and relaxing day whilst learning the art of something new, colourful and useful.



Mosaics for all Occasions

Saturday 17 March 10am to 4pm - £45

Ideal for first timers and further projects, this one day workshop is a wonderful opportunity to create something completely individual with local mosaic artist Fiona Gurney. Using traditional materials (and your own broken treasures) create mirrors, house numbers and decorative pieces for the house and garden.



Screen Printing with Vicky Price of Leicester Print Workshop

Friday 23 March 10am to 4pm - £60

This course introduces the principles of photographic and stencil silkscreen printing and is ideal for beginners or those wishing to refresh their skills. You will learn how to transfer a photographic image to a silkscreen and to print onto paper, as well as exploring layering and colour. A fantastically creative day!



Family Pottery Fun

Tuesday 10 April 10am to 12noon

Easter themed creative fun! Using air-drying clay create creatures or pots to take away and paint at home. Suitable for all ages over 6 years, parents to stay with children under 10 years.

£8 per person or £25 for a family (up to 4 participants).



CREATIVE COURSES



Pen and Wash with Brian Ryder

Friday 20 April 10am to 4pm - £50

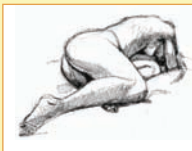
The renowned painter and associate member of the R.O.I Brian Ryder will teach pen and wash techniques in this fabulous workshop day. Incorporating demonstrations and guided tuition this will be an exciting opportunity to learn from a true professional. Book early - places are limited.



Stunning Ceramics for your Garden with Lyn Lovitt

Saturday 21 April 10am to 4pm - £50

Lyn Lovitt is a selected Fellow of the Society of Designer Craftsmen and her creative and individual sculptural work is hand-built using a blend of clays fired to stoneware temperatures allowing the pieces to be placed outside. In this stimulating day Lyn will help you to create your own piece for the garden.



Life Drawing

Wednesday 25 April, 27 June 10am to 1pm - £20

An opportunity to draw from Life in these relaxed morning sessions. Model and materials provided – no formal tuition, but experienced artists will be part of the group.



Willow Animals! Random Weave Sculpture, the Next Step

Friday 27 April 10am to 4pm - £55

Spend a lovely day at Unique Cottage Studios with Alison Walling creating your very own creature for the garden. If you have previously made a bird, sphere or basket, progress onto making a four-legged friend. This is a larger sculpture piece, and as we are at Unique Cottage Studios, a sheep is a suggested outcome. Some experience with willow will help, as will a keen eye for form. Tools and materials provided.



Using Natural Dyes

Saturday 28 April 10am to 4pm - £45

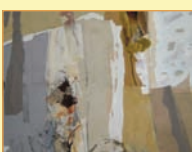
Spend a day learning how to dye fabric using natural plant dyes with Angela Daymond. Discover the fascinating results that can be achieved through nature's store cupboard. This workshop is suitable for complete beginners and those more experienced in dyeing fabrics.



OPEN STUDIOS Art on the Map 2012

Saturday 5 - Sunday 13 May 10am to 4pm

Work by Carolyn Goodwin, Ernie Butler and Strawberry Glass Design will be on show in their own studios. Come along and see working artists, browse the work in the pottery studio and maybe buy a card, print, or painting.



Explore Your Creativity Through Collage with Diane E Hall

Wednesday 16 May 10am to 4pm - £45

Collage is a fascinating and versatile means of creative expression for students with very little or more experience. For this course our source material and inspiration will be a variety of natural objects and weather permitting the beautiful environment near the studio. Following some exploratory sketches we will explore collage, using scraps of paper from magazines, torn-up old paintings or prints, wrapping paper and found debris! An inspirational day for artists from a range of disciplines including painters, ceramicists and textile artists!



SHEEP DAY!

Saturday 19 May – Open day between 10am to 4pm

A fantastic day of craft and countryside activities. Following two hugely successful events we are holding another creative open day down on the farm! There'll be sheep shearing and alpacas to see, craft taster sessions on offer in knitting, pottery, stained glass, felting and weaving. There will be demonstrations in spinning and using natural dyes. Refreshments will be available and craft items will be on sale. A great day out for all the family.

Willow Weaving – Art in the Garden

Friday 25 May 10am to 4pm - £55

Alison Walling will guide you in her supportive and imaginative way to design and create a beautiful willow plant support, sphere or bird for your garden. Suitable for beginners, tools and materials supplied.



Summer Mosaics

Saturday 26 May 10am to 4pm - £45

Ideal for first timers and further projects, this one day workshop is a wonderful opportunity to create something completely individual with local mosaic artist Fiona Gurney. Using traditional materials (and your own broken treasures) create house numbers and decorative pieces for the house and garden.



An Introduction to Beadwork

Monday 28 May 10am to 3pm - £35

In this course you will get a good grounding in the basics of beadwork and create a stunning piece of beaded jewellery to take home. Beaded jewellery is intricate, delicate and colourful and you will concentrate on brick stitch and how to design and make an amulet purse with Dorothy Short. All materials provided, beginners welcome.



Mini-Mono Printing with Claire Morris Wright of Leicester Print Workshop

Thursday 31 May 10am to 4pm - £60

Combine spontaneous colourful, painterly techniques with stencils and collage with this experienced and talented tutor. Participants will be encouraged to bring imagery that inspires them for example drawings, photographs or books, which will act as a spring board for prints. This course is ideal for people who want to develop their printing techniques and artistic concepts.



Woolly Dye Day with Angela Daymond

Wednesday 13 June 10am to 4pm - £45

This day is dedicated to dyeing wool and fleece. Throughout the day you will learn how to dye fibres on the stove and in the microwave using both natural and synthetic dyes. Everyone will create their own individual and unique fibres. A thoroughly informative and enjoyable day!



Teddy Bear Workshop

Thursday 14 & Friday 15 June 10am to 4pm - £80

A fantastic opportunity to make an exclusively designed bear with Michael and Dorothy Short of Studio 44 in this two day workshop. Traditional methods will be used to make a 5 jointed bear and materials used will be mohair/alpaca & ultrasuede and the finished bear will have glass boot button eyes and an embroidered nose. All materials are included. How can you resist?



More Willow Baskets

Friday 22 June 10am to 4pm - £55

Learn to make a stake and strand basket from a variety of willows with excellent tutor Alison Walling. This style of basket making is the starting point of many basket types. Suitable for beginners and those that have some experience, tools and materials supplied.



Life Drawing

Wednesday 27 June 10am to 1pm - £20

An opportunity to draw from Life in these relaxed morning sessions.

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Thursdays 5 January 10am to 1pm
Thursday 12 January 2-4pm (4 weeks)
Fridays 13 January 10am to 1pm
Saturday 14 January 10am to 12noon
Monday 16 January to 6 February (4 weeks) 10am to 1pm
Thursday 26 January 10am to 1pm
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Thursday 3 May 10am to 1pm
Saturday 5 - Sunday 13 May 10am to 4pm
Friday 11 May 10am to 1pm
Wednesday 16 May 10am to 4pm
Thursday 17 May 10am to 1pm
Saturday 19 May open day between 10am to 4pm
Friday 25 May 10am to 4pm
Saturday 26 May 10am to 4pm
Monday 28 May 10am to 3pm
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