Workshops with Mike Finnie

Course Information

Red Houss studio runs two types of courses: Sketching and Watercolour Silversmithing – Jewellery making

Sketching and Watercolour

Red Houss can accommodate one or two people comfortably. If there are larger numbers a suitable venue can be hired for watercolour and sketching courses. The maximum class size is six. Courses can be held for one or two days. Courses are aimed at beginners or those with some experience in watercolour painting. You will learn about the materials and equipment used, the basics of applying paint to paper, sketching, composition and painting. Two day courses will include how to introduce mixed media and the principles of perspective. I work from sketches drawn outdoors and students will also sketch outside before working on a painting in the studio. The sketching trips will be brief but may involve a short car journey and/or walk.

Classes can be held at any time of year subject to availability. Dates and times can be arranged to suit you. Please contact me to discuss your requirements. You'll need to bring a packed lunch, warm and waterproof clothing and suitable footwear for walking on wet or muddy ground and on beaches. Tea or coffee will be provided at the studio or venue. All painting and sketching materials will be provided for you to use.

Cost will depend on numbers, times and the venue. As a guide allow a maximum of ± 120 per person per day. This will reduce if there is more than one person. I can quote costs based on your own requirements. Where there are more than two people and a community hall or outdoor centre is hired as a venue the rental cost will be additional but this is usually very modest.

Silversmithing – Jewellery making

Courses are held in Red Houss which can accommodate one or two people. If there are two people attending all equipment and the workstation will be shared. The course lasts one day and you will be able to make two simple items of jewellery in sterling silver. These can be a brooch, pendant, earrings, cufflinks or a ring. You may wish to make one slightly more complex item during your day. Courses are aimed at beginners.

Classes can be held at any time of year subject to availability. Dates and times can be arranged to suit you. Please contact me to discuss your requirements. You'll need to bring a packed lunch. Tea or coffee will be provided at the studio. A day course costs £150 for one person or £120 each if there are two people. This includes the use of all equipment and enough silver to make two small or one larger item of jewellery.