



KINGSHILL  
• ARTS AND MEETING CENTRE •

# SPRING SCHOOL

26 - 30 APRIL 2021

Join us on a voyage around the world and learn how to make some global inspired crafts



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# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Join us for Spring School 2021 as we create beautiful arts and crafts inspired from around the world.

From 26 April to 30 April we will be visiting a different country every day and have workshops to suit all abilities.

A perfect day of art and craft, meeting new people and a chance to travel from the comfort of your own seat here at Kingshill House.

Kingshill House is a fantastic venue, situated in the beautiful Gloucestershire countryside; this impressive Georgian Mansion dates back to 1705 but whilst maintaining many of its formal features we pride ourselves on our relaxed 'home from home' atmosphere with ample **free parking**.

All workshop costs includes tuition and tea and coffee throughout the day. Please note some workshops are subject to an additional cost for materials.

Bookings are subject to availability and are based on a first come first served basis.

To book onto any of these workshops please go to [www.kingshillhouse.org.uk](http://www.kingshillhouse.org.uk) , alternatively call the office on 01453 549 133 or pop in to see us.

# **TIMETABLE OF EVENTS**

## **Monday 26 April 2021**

### **Italy**

Venetian Style Leather Drawstring Pouch with Ruth Pullan  
A Journey Through Italy with Watercolours with Warren Sealey  
Braid Lace Making with Bobbins with Europa Chang Dawson  
Scents of Italy Pamper Hamper with Liz Tucker

## **Tuesday 27 April 2021**

### **Morocco**

Moroccan Inspired Coiled Raffia Weaving with Sarah Edwards  
Moroccan Inspired Rag Rugs with Claire Nicol

## **Wednesday 28 April 2021**

### **Mexico**

Mexican Style Stacking Bangles with Wendy Murphy  
Cactus and Exotic Plants Printmaking with Beth Jenkins  
Frida Kahlo Inspired Wirework Jewellery with Jo Dewar

## **Thursday 29 April 2021**

### **China**

Natural Dyes on Silk with Rhyannan Hall  
Silver Clay Cherry Blossom Pendants & Earrings with Wizz Stearne  
Chinese Brush Painting with Kaili Fu

## **Friday 30 April 2021**

### **Australia**

Surfs up! Fused Glass Wave with Caroline Lambert  
Free Motion Machine Embroidered Seahorses with Ruth Parkinson Johns  
A Journey Through Australia with Oil Paints with Warren Sealey

**Day 1 - Italy**  
**Monday 26 April 2021**



Italy – the country that conjures visions of stunning architecture, beautiful countryside, delicious food and an air of romance. Italy is known for its artisans and dedication to true craftsmanship and our workshops reflect the skill and imagination that true Italians have for anything that they wish to create.

In our workshops you can recreate a stunning Italian landscape in the form of watercolours, make a delicate and intricate braid lace project with bobbins or become a true craftsman by creating a sumptuous leather pouch.

**Scents of Italy Pamper Hamper**  
**with Liz Tucker**  
**Monday 26 April 2021**  
**10am - 4pm - £74**  
**(+ £35 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



Self-care has never been so important to all of us - taking time out to treat your body and clear your mind will help you feel better both physically and mentally. Treat yourself this Spring to a workshop where you will learn how to make lots of goodies which you can keep for yourself or treat a loved one with a beautiful hamper basket. Using essential oils and rich moisturising ingredients, you will learn how to make aromatic warming fragranced soy wax candles, soothing natural lotions, shower wash, lip balms and soap. To transport yourself to the countryside of Italy, choose from Prosecco, Fig, Lemon and Vanilla scents

**Braid Lace Making with Bobbins  
with Europa Chang Dawson  
Monday 26 April 2021  
10am - 4pm - £74  
(+ £15 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



Braid Lace is originally one of the 'peasant' laces of northern Italy and the skill eventually spread across central Europe.

This workshop will introduce the two basic stitches used in all forms of bobbin lace, some of the techniques in general use for bobbin-lacemakers as well as several particular to braid lace and how to read a chart when one is given with the design. You will create a small piece measuring 3cm x 3cm and the finished piece may be mounted to use as a card or framed as a picture.

**A Journey Through Italy with Watercolours  
with Warren Sealey  
Monday 26 April 2021  
10am - 4pm - £74**



Join the talented classically trained artist Warren Sealey as he takes you on a journey through Italy.

Warren will provide a beautiful array of photos of Iconic Italy (or you can bring your own) and guide you through your Watercolour painting with plenty of tips and tricks to get the most out of your painting.

What will you choose? Mount Vesuvius, the scenic Amalfi Coastline, the famous Trevi Fountain or the Gondolas of beautiful Venice?

## **Venetian Style Leather Drawstring Pouch**

**with Ruth Pullan**

**Monday 26 April 2021**

**10am - 4pm - £74**

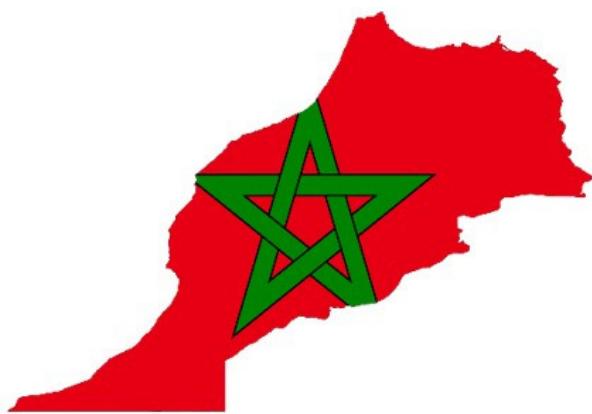
**(+ £20 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



Join leather worker Ruth Pullan for this leatherwork workshop which will give you the basic skills needed for working with leather. You will make a beautiful drawstring pouch and at the end of the day you will be able to go on to apply these techniques used to your own projects.

You will learn how to: dye and prepare leather, hand stitch using the two needle saddlery method, edge and finish the leather as well as receive lots of information on the history of leather.

**Day 2 - Morocco**  
**Tuesday 27 April 2021**



Morocco – only 8 miles from Europe but a whole world away in culture.

The Sahara Desert, spices, ancient architecture and eye-popping colours everywhere you look. Let us take you out of Gloucestershire for the day by taking part in one of our Moroccan-inspired workshops. Learn how to make your own rag rug or wonderfully colourful raffia basket.

**Moroccan Inspired Coiled Raffia Weaving  
with Sarah Edwards  
Tuesday 27 April 2021  
10am - 4pm - £74**

**(+ £10 - £15 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



A brilliant example of a mindful craft, learn this weaving technique that turns natural fibres and grasses into colourful coiled baskets.  
You will use multi coloured raffia to learn various techniques and create core samples before choosing your favourite to create your basket

**Moroccan Inspired Rag Rugs  
with Claire Nicol  
Tuesday 27 April 2021  
10am - 4pm - £74**

**(+ £2 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



A fantastic opportunity to turn your rags that are sitting abandoned at home into something beautiful. Learn how to “hook” or “prod” rag rugs and play around with the material to get ideas of what your final creation will look like.  
Your tutor for the day, Claire Nicol, will spend time with each of you to help you realise the final design and then you can start your project. A workshop that is perfect for individuals who like to work at their own speed

**Day 3 - Mexico**  
**Wednesday 28 April 2021**



Spanning four time zones and with a climate ranging from tropical to desert, Mexico is a vibrant country with a bustling art scene. Transport yourself to this wonderful country by taking part in one of our workshops – take part in a printmaking workshop and create on-trend cactus prints, be inspired by renowned Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and make beautiful wire jewellery (perfect as a gift) or work with precious metals for the day in the stacking bangles workshop..

**Cactus and Exotic Plants Printmaking  
with Beth Jenkins**

**Wednesday 28 April 2021**

**10am - 4pm - £74**

**(+£7 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



Design and make your own set of prints for your wall, presents or cards, in colour or black and white. Using lino that is easy to cut, you will have the opportunity to create several simple designs or one detailed design during the day. You will print these by hand in colour or black and white and will learn a number of inking techniques. With no drawing or design experience necessary, you will be shown how to make a stylised version of a plant. At the end of the day you should have one or more blocks that you can use again and a number of prints.

## **Mexican Style Stacking Bangles**

**with Wendy Murphy**

**Wednesday 28 April 2021**

**10am - 2pm - £95**



Join the talented silversmith Wendy Murphy and make three stacking bangles in sterling silver, copper and brass.

Form them into a wavy shape or choose from five other shapes (oval, round, hexagonal, octagonal or decagonal). The effect of the three metals together is beautiful!

## **Frida Kahlo Inspired Wirework Jewellery**

**with Jo Dewar**

**Wednesday 28 April 2021**

**10am - 4pm - £74**

**(+ £5 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



Join contemporary textile and wire artist Jo Dewar for this lovely workshop creating your very own Frida Kahlo inspired wirework jewellery.

In this class you will be able to make a necklace, brooch or hair slide out of coloured copper wire – in the style of Frida's famous roses.

**Day 4 - China**  
**Thursday 29 April 2021**



The most populated country in the world, China has an ancient and rich history. The Chinese are renowned for their learning and invention and a large part of this is their dedication to craftsmanship and creating beautiful things. Travel to the far east on day 4 of our 'Round the World' workshops and take your pick of creating beautiful cherry blossom jewellery, learning how to dye silk or how to produce a stunning piece of artwork with Chinese brushes.

**Natural Dyes on Silk  
with Rhyannan Hall**  
**Thursday 29 April 2021**

**10am - 4pm - £74**

**(+ £20 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



This is a workshop for witches and alchemists.

For millennia, people across the globe have experimented with the incredible range of natural resources available to them, in order to produce vibrant and rich colours for dyeing cloth. Madder root, cochineal, old fustic and logwood are our colours of choice for this workshop. When skilfully combined with acids, alkali and iron sulphate, they can magically create a whole rainbow of biohues.

In this workshop, students are introduced to ancient natural dyeing processes by experimenting with these four historical plant-based dyes on beautiful silk fabrics before concocting their own colour potion. Through a combination of theory, interactive games and practical experiments, they will gain an insight into the vast world of colour, chemistry and cloth.

## **Chinese Brush Painting**

**with Kaili Fu**

**Thursday 29 April 2021**

**10am - 4pm - £74**

**(+ £7 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



Flowers and birds have been popular subjects in traditional Chinese brush painting for over two thousand years. This workshop will focus on the basic skills of how to hold a brush in the Chinese way and how to mix different colours on the brush for flower petals. You will also learn how to paint a bird in just five strokes and complete a picture with plum blossom and a bird standing on a branch. The workshop will consist of a mix of demonstrations and individual supervision. Suitable for beginners, this is your opportunity to create a beautiful piece of artwork.

## **Silver Clay Cherry Blossom Pendants & Earrings**

**with Wizz Stearne**

**Thursday 29 April 2021**

**10am - 4pm - £74**

**(+ £25 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



Spend the day playing with silver clay as you create blooming marvellous cherry blossom pendants and earrings.

You'll learn about rolling, cutting, texturing with paste, drying and fusing multiple parts. After the Kiln works its magic, you will polish your pure silver creations and finish with colour or patina.

**Day 5 - Australia**  
**Friday 30 April 2021**



Somewhat fittingly, our chosen country for the last day of workshops in the 'Round the World' craft week is one of the furthest away – Australia.

Journey through one of the largest countries in the world with Oils, create some beautiful pieces with free machine embroidery or produce a stunning fused glass wave.

**Surfs up! Fused Glass Wave  
with Caroline Lambert**

**Friday 30 April 2021**

**10am - 4pm - £74**

**(+ £35 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



Join us to explore the remarkable process of glass fusion and create a fabulous free standing fused glass wave. In the workshop you will use a gorgeous selection of sea glass and decorative elements which will create a beautiful object which can be displayed on your table, mantelpiece or windowsill.

This relaxed, guided workshop will follow a simple approach to design, with step-by-step instructions throughout the whole process which will help you maximise your creativity and create a bespoke piece of Glass Art.

At the end of the workshop your project will be taken back to the tutor's studio for firing and will be returned to the House for collection approximately a week later. Please note that during this task there will be extended periods of standing, and you will need a good level of manual dexterity to complete your project.

**A Journey Through Australia with Oil Paints  
with Warren Sealey  
Friday 30 April 2021  
10am - 4pm - £74**



Join us as we go on a journey through Australia.

Our tutor for the day, classically trained artist Warren Sealey, will provide a beautiful array of photos featuring the stunning highlights that the land of Australia provides and guide you through your oil painting with plenty of tips and tricks to get the most out of your creation.

What will you choose? You are welcome to bring any of your own images of Australia that provide you with inspiration.

**Great Barrier Reef Free Motion Machine Embroidered Seahorses  
with Ruth Parkinson-Johns**

**Friday 30 April 2021**

**10am - 4pm - £74**

**(+ £15 for materials payable to the tutor on the day)**



Our tutor will introduce you to the technique of free-motion embroidery, encouraging you to have a go and become more confident in the technique. Ruth will then guide you through stitching a seahorse on Aquafilm which will then be appliqued onto a pre-dyed backing and embellished with fabric collage and metal shim. Our tutor has been inspired by the ocean and underwater creatures for many years - in this workshop she will share with you some of her most loved techniques to inspire you to create your own artwork

Following the Government's announcement regarding social gatherings of more than six individuals from separate households, Kingshill Arts & Meeting Centre would like to give the following reassurance:

As a 'COVID-19 Secure' venue – e.g. mandatory face coverings and social distancing in place; enhanced cleaning, etc. – Kingshill Arts & Meeting Centre is exempt from the new rules regarding the number '6'.

This means that you can continue to attend Kingshill Arts & Meeting Centre for classes, workshops and ticketed events, such as arts exhibitions.

Groups of six or more individuals from the same household, or 'bubble' are permitted but must not mix or form a larger group. Many groups have already resumed their activities at Kingshill Arts & Meeting Centre and shortly, we will announce even more events to look out for.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding your visit to Kingshill Arts & Meeting Centre.

Meanwhile - here's answers to other questions that have been asked.

#### **Is Kingshill House open?**

We have been open on selected dates, for small, creative workshops since 4th July.

We are now looking at opening for other activities and are planning to host two art exhibitions during September. If you are coming along for a workshop, we have set up our four extra large training spaces with six to eight workstations, one for each individual student and at a distance of two metres apart plus a 'demo' station for the tutor. We have separate, more detailed advice, regarding workshops and classes. When booking you should receive this information.

#### **Can I come along with friends?**

You should only be socialising in groups of up to 2 households (including your support bubble) indoors, therefore access to larger groups will be restricted, particularly for art exhibition viewings.

With workshops and classes, the class sizes have been reduced and students will be seated at 2m distancing, or 1m+ with mitigation, for example, some screens are in place in classrooms.

#### **Do I need to wear a mask in the House?**

If you are attending a class or workshop, you will need to wear a mask when you are in the public areas, however, when you go into your classroom or refreshment area you can remove your mask if you want.

#### **Will there be hand sanitiser available?**

Hand sanitiser will be available when you enter the building and you will be asked to use it. Within the House the toilet facilities are available so you can wash your hands regularly, but if you want to use hand sanitiser, you are advised to bring your own.

#### **During your visit to us?**

You may be asked to follow arrows, follow a one-way system, or wait until facilities like the WC is clear before you use it. It's vital that you follow these instructions – they are for everyone's safety. To avoid overcrowding in passageways and entrances, we will stagger the start/finish/break times for all workshops and issue time restricted access to art exhibitions.

#### **If I feel unwell ahead of visiting Kingshill House, should I still come along?**

You should not attend. If you are able, you should contact us to let us know that you are unwell as soon as possible. You can contact a member of the office team on 01453 549133 if you wish to discuss it further.

#### **Lastly...**

When you come along to Kingshill House, our aim is for you to enjoy your time here, to relax and to totally absorb yourself in this magnificent environment. Hopefully the measures we have taken to ensure your safety, will remove any worries or concerns you may have had about being out and about again.

Please understand that we are working to new procedures and we might not get it right straight away. As always we are open to suggestions and constructive feedback, so if you do visit us and something is not quite right, then do tell us and we will do our best to put it right.



# **SUMMER SCHOOL**

## **2021**

**12 - 16 JULY 2021**

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29 NOVEMBER -  
3 DECEMBER 2021



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