

**VERRE EGLOMISE**  
**WITH CLAIRE RUSSELL**  
**WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2021 – 10AM – 4PM**



***What will you learn?***

By employing the ancient technique of Verre Églomisé, you will learn how to gild your own miniature (8x8cm) glass panel using 23¾ct gold leaf. Once dry, it will be ready to draw on using your own photograph or drawing/design/pattern to copy from.

While you wait for your miniature glass panel to dry you can challenge yourself by creating a truly miniature design of your own to go onto a pre-gilded, 3cm round pendant.

Choose from white gold or yellow gold.

You will be able to take both items home with you.

***Who is your tutor?***

Claire Russell is an international award-winning artist and bespoke picture framer specialising in frame restoration and gilding. Claire uses her extensive knowledge of gilding to create her Verre Églomisé artwork, combining her life-long love of drawing and art education. Having grown up in rural Gloucestershire Claire finds inspiration from the natural world, in particular, insects, birds and reptiles.

Claire is Executive Secretary and full member of the Royal Society of Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers (RMS), she is also a full member of the Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington DC (MPSGS) and the Miniature Society of Florida (MASF).

Following several articles in the Artist and Illustrators magazine on gold leaf and the art of Verre Églomisé, Claire appeared on Kirstie's Handmade Christmas 2019, where she created a large Verre Églomisé piece, 'Angel of the Stars' as one of Kirstie's 'Crafters around the country'.

### ***What will I need to bring?***

Please bring with you - £6.50 cash for materials payable to the tutor on the day.

A sharp 6H pencil, HB pencil and Pencil Sharpener. A simple image to fit 8x8cm square that you would like to draw/copy from. Small sketch pad or sheet of paper.

Windows in all rooms will be opened to improve circulation so you may want to bring an extra layer of clothing such as a light jumper or cardigan.

### ***How do I find Kingshill House?***

Kingshill House can be found in Kingshill Lane in Dursley, on the road down to the new hospital. The entrance is opposite the Fire Station. The address is: Kingshill House, Kingshill Lane, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 4BZ.

### ***Is there parking?***

Kingshill House has a large free car park on site.

### ***What about refreshments?***

We will provide morning and afternoon refreshments and a light lunch. (if you have any dietary requirements please send a mail to [admin@kingshillhouse.org.uk](mailto:admin@kingshillhouse.org.uk) )

## **Answers to your Coronavirus questions?**

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

In line with the Government guidelines, we are due to re-open for our students in May 2021, offering a large range of art-based classes & workshops, in small groups, within a Covid-secure environment.

### ***I am attending a workshop, what preparations have you made ahead of my visit?***

Throughout the past year, the interior of the building has had a complete redecoration. Every room in the public area of the house has been given a fresh coat of paint.

Following every workshop, each room and its contents will be thoroughly cleaned to a high standard.

We have reduced the numbers of students per workshop, to between 6 & 8 students, plus the tutor. Our building is spacious, and we have extra-large training spaces for workshops to take place in.

### ***During workshops, how will you support social distancing?***

We have set up our extra-large training spaces with individual workstations, at a distance of two metres apart, one for each individual student plus a 'demo' station for the tutor.

All training rooms have large, fully operational windows and a main entrance door. These will be opened during the duration of workshops to ensure each room has adequate ventilation.

Wherever possible, workshop tutors will make use of alternative methods to assist with demonstration techniques for example, close-up live projections.

Where there is more than one workshop running in one day, we will stagger the break and lunch times, to minimise the number of people using the same communal areas at once.

### **Do I need to wear a mask whilst attending workshops?**

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, whilst being careful to maintain a 2-metre distance.

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

Generally, each room will have facilities so you can wash your hands regularly (or your room will be in close proximity to the restrooms). We have a hand sanitiser dispenser which we will ask you to use on your arrival at Kingshill House. You can continue to use this sanitiser regularly throughout the day or please feel free 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 is vital that you follow these instructions – they are for everyone's safety.

To avoid overcrowding in passageways and entrances, we will stagger the break and lunch times for all workshops running on the same day.

### **Will lunch still be provided and what food/drink can I expect?**

Refreshments and Lunch will be served to you at allocated break times and will be served to you by a designated server.

### **How is my safety and that of the staff being managed at break/lunchtime?**

The safety of our students and staff is our priority. To ensure that social distance is maintained we will be implementing the following:

- Designated server for drinks.
- Drink orders will be taken from you during class and bought to you once prepared.
- Hand sanitiser will be available, and students will be encouraged to use it.

### **If I feel unwell ahead of a workshop, should I attend?**

You should not attend. If you are able, you should contact us to let us know that you are unwell as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer refunds for cancellations, but we will consider issuing you a credit note equivalent to 50% of the workshop fee that you can offset against a future workshop. You can contact a member of the office team on 01453 549133 if you wish to discuss it further.

### **Lastly...**

When you attend a workshop with us, our aim is for you to enjoy your time here, to relax and to totally absorb yourself in a new, chosen creative skill. Hopefully, the measures we have taken to ensure your safety, will remove any worries or concerns you may have had about being in a workshop environment 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 attend a workshop and something is not quite right, then do tell us and we will do our best to put it right.