

HANDCRAFTS CONFERENCE



Practical Imagination *The Role of Aesthetic Experience*

Sunday June 26, 7:15pm – Friday July 1, 5:45pm

In Collaboration with Ruskin Mill Educational Trust and the Hiram Academy

With lectures by:

Aonghus Gordon Founder, Ruskin Mill Educational Trust

Dennis Klocek Director, Consciousness Studies Program
and Maureen Curran, *Movement Educator*

Hands-On Workgroups with Master Craftsmen:

NEW Biodynamic Workshop: Earth Medicine: From Corpses to Gold with Jonathan Code and Dennis Klocek

Animal Kingdom: Fleece to Felt to Slippers with Marianne van der Tas

Plant Kingdom: Tree to Stool with Richard Pirie

Mineral Kingdom: Charcoal and Iron to Hook with Arian Leljak

For Educators, Therapeutic Educators, Artists, Craftspeople,
Gardeners, and Alchemists

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THIS CONFERENCE WILL ADDRESS the future of craftwork as a path towards cultural renewal. Keynote lectures will trace this path by placing the source myth for crafts-persons, *The Golden Legend of Hiram Abiff*, as analog for the educational process leading from childhood education, through adolescent education to the future healing of the earth through new community. This conference will branch out from an exclusive focus on handcraft to include the land steward practices of Biodynamics. These practices will be presented as a parallel craft that involves the development of an aesthetic appreciation of landforms and for the resurrection of what are commonly considered to be the waste products of agricultural activity. The goal is to widen the scope of what is considered to be

craftwork into a broader question of how human will is entwined with the future destiny of the Earth.



Aonghus Gordon, an artist, educator and entrepreneur; in 1982 created the Ruskin Mill Arts and Crafts Centre; founded the Ruskin Mill Educational Trust in 1996; co-founded Hiram Trust, 1994; co-founded Waldorf College, 1999; established Glasshouse College, Stourbridge, 2000; established Freeman College, Sheffield, 2005; awarded Entrepreneur of the Year in UK,

2005; and recently established Clervaux College, Darlington, for excluded children.



Arian Leljak, graduate from Emerson College in sculpture, pedagogy and Biodynamics; 15 years at Ruskin Mill College, pioneer of the iron age forge curriculum; leader of camps for outdoor therapeutic intervention.



Dennis Klocek, director of Consciousness Studies Program at Rudolf Steiner College, international lecturer; founder of the Coros Institute; author of six books including *The Seer's Handbook* and *Climate: Soul of the Earth*; and known as Doc Weather from his website Docweather.com on climatology research.



Richard Pirie, senior green woodwork tutor; more than 18 years ago joined Ruskin Mill; leading expert in UK on therapeutic uses of green woodwork; founding member of woodlands management team and coppice tutor.



Maureen Curran, over 30 years a teacher of movement-in nature, in the classroom and in the gymnasium; founded Movement as a Path of Transformation (MAPT) to foster physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual health through movement activities and exercises.



Marianne van der Tas, trained Kindergarten teacher; textile teacher for 16 years specializing in felting, creative hand knitting and plant dyeing; member of the Stroudwater Textile Trust and the International Felt Makers Association.



Jonathan Code, teacher of Goethean Science, phenomenology and drama; at various Colleges: Ruskin Mill College, Hawkwood College, Hibernia College of Artistic Therapy and the Waldorf College; developed the alchemy of soapmaking for the practical therapeutic education at Ruskin Mill.

Classes: Sunday 7:15pm opening session; Monday-Thursday 7:30am-8:45pm; Friday 7:30am-5:45pm

Conference Fee (with workgroups): \$600. Limited number of participants.

Choose one workgroup: A) Felting B) Green Woodworking C) Iron Age Forging D) Earth Medicine

Lectures Only: Sunday 7:15pm opening session; Monday-Friday 9-11am and 2:15-3:45pm

Lectures Only Fee: \$225. Non-crafts participants. Choose this option to attend lectures only, but not workgroups.

Meals: Pre-register to guarantee meals. Breakfast (M-F) five: \$37.50; Lunch (M-F) five: \$66.25; Dinner (Su-F) six: \$79.50

Registration: Sunday, June 26, 3-7:15pm.

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