

Our Federation Visit to Denman April 29th – May 2nd 2010

The cost of the trip will be £390 which includes full board in beautiful surroundings, first class qualified tutors and a coach each way. We are setting up an easy payment plan which will be available as soon as you make your booking. Booking forms can be obtained from the Federation Office or from www.sefwi.org.uk/whatson.

The course details are as follows:

091. 712 Gerswin and Porter. Tutor: Carl Attwood.

Come and listen and sing the music of two of the greatest songsters of the twentieth century. Although both American and popular they were very different musical personalities. Enter into the magic of their musical worlds. George Gershwin combined his song writing with the desire to be a 'serious' composer of orchestral stature (Rhapsody in Blue) and opera (Porgy and Bess). His contemporary, Cole Porter socially sophisticated with witty words, wrote catchy songs and shows (famously Kiss me Kate). Both had their lives interrupted by personal tragedy.

Tutor Profile:

Having read music at University, Carl Attwood then took Holy Orders and his musical career took off! Conductor of choirs, M.D. of operatic societies, accompanist on BBC Radio 3. Jazz buff and old car enthusiast, Carl was a Parish Priest on the Malvern Hills for 25 years.

091.713 Digital Photography. Tutor: Michael Burgess

Photographs to be proud of. Gain confidence in the use of your camera. No technical jargon, just hints, tips and ideas for those 'special' shots. Different subjects, different angles, different viewpoints and lots of fun. Black and white or colour, daytime or night-time, still life portraiture or landscape, everything is possible. In a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. We shall get the films processed, discuss the results and mount and display the best. (There will be an additional cost of approx £12 - £15 for processing and mounts).

Tutor profile:

Michael Burgess is a part time lecturer in Art, Design and Photography at a Further Education College with many years' experience of teaching adults. He is also a practising artist and photographer.

091.714 Looking Good – Feeling Great. Tutor: Joan Dean

Enhance your natural look with a fun but hard working course covering style and make-up. Learn to dress well whatever your budget. Suitable for all interested in personal development. To play and work towards a basic wardrobe where clothes can be mixed and matched. Learn how to save money by sensible shopping.

Tutor Profile:

Joan Dean is an independent Consultant and Trainer in Image and Personal Development. She travels widely giving presentations, holding workshops and training both within the corporate and private sectors.

091.715 Alice in Oxford. Tutor: Lesley Dore

Behind the fantasy world of 'Alice in wonderland' lie the real life characters of Victoria Oxford – Charles Dodson, mathematics don and his child friend Alice Liddell, daughter of the Dean of Christ Church. Delve into their biographies and spend a day exploring the sites in Oxford which they frequented. This course appeals to anyone who enjoys biography and likes visiting beautiful historic buildings.

Please note: The visit to Oxford entails walking from 'drop off' points to the colleges and stairs and uneven surfaces inside the buildings and quads. Students need to have stamina and mobility to participate in the trip.

Tutor Profile:

Lesley Dore taught at Abingdon College for 20 years. She tutored the A-Level English open learning course at Denman between 1995 and 1998 and now works part time in adult education at the Oxford County Library.

091.716 Silver Clay Workshop. Tutor: Melanie Blake

Silver Clay is a magical new art medium that makes it possible to make real silver jewellery without the need for traditional tools or expertise. You will design and make two or three pieces of jewellery ready to wear by the end of the course

Please note: There will be an additional cost to students for materials.

Tutor Profile:

After a career as a traditional jewellery designer, Melanie discovered a new art/craft medium called Silver Clay, which was so wonderful she decided to run her own workshops to introduce this amazing material. Melanie is a qualified instructor who has been teaching beginners workshops since 2005.

091.718 Cruising and Rambling the Thames. Tutor: David Fielding.

Combine gentle guided rambles along it's towpath with two inexpensive cruises on Salter's Steamers. We vary the routes to give you rural peace and the river activity of Oxford and Henley. We will be out in the field from 9.15 to 4.30pm but will involve no more that 3-4 miles of walking. A moderate level of fitness is required and sensible all weather clothing, footwear and rucksack are essential. Picnic lunch will be provided by Denman, and time will be allowed for coffee stops, so you will need a flask. The evening discussions will provide opportunities for students to contribute their observations and highlights of the day.

Tutor Profile:

David Fielding (MA Oxon Dip.Ed. distinction) was head of Geography and Geology at the nearby independent school, Radley College, and is a regular tutor at Denman. His experience of the area and it's local history will ensure that his students are well versed in the background of the landscape to be explored on the walks. 2010 will be David's last year as Denman Course Tutor.