

## Course descriptions: the short version

### A) Introduction to Hand Tool Woodworking

This fundamentals class will explain the use of period hand tools, and teach participants how to identify basic joints. Attendees will leave class with the ability to look at hand-made wooden artifacts and know how they were made.

### B) Spinning – comparison of heritage wool

Experienced spinners will get to wash and card samples from nine different breeds of sheep. Bring your own spinning wheel or drop spindle.

### C) Object Assessment – interpreting intangible elements of culture

How do you figure out what a tool is FOR? Several experts will decode historic farm tools with patent searches and conservation procedures. The workshop will conclude by joining the draft animal workshops to see these tools in action.

### D) Draft Horse Basics

This fundamentals class will teach attendees how to work with horses; grooming, harnessing, and driving a pair in a variety of circumstances. The workshop will conclude combined with the oxen and tool use classes to see all of the above in action.

### E) Chicken Husbandry – Care and Butchering

Unable to have larger livestock at your site? You can probably have chickens! Besides learning the fundamentals of raising and butchering chickens, this class will also explore the historical and economic role of chickens.

### F) Grain to Bread – experimental processes

What are all the processes that go into a loaf of bread? This course will follow from harvesting grain with the farmer, milling the grain with the miller, then the actual baking of bread in an earthen oven.

### G) Collections Registration Skills

Once an item enters a museum's collection, what next? This course covers best practices for processing, including training with Past Perfect collections software. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops.

### H) Oxen Basics

This fundamentals class will teach attendees how to work with oxen; grooming, yoking, and driving in a variety of circumstances. The workshop will conclude combined with the horse and tool use classes to see all of the above in action.

I) Fundamentals of Historical Dance

We often teach how people worked in the past: but they also played. This course will teach the basic vocabulary for 100 years of set dances, which were used in country dances for the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and in quadrilles for the second half.

J) An Introduction to Blacksmithing

This fundamentals class will teach attendees how to forge iron. Attendees will complete a series of projects to hone increasingly challenging skills. Attendees will leave class with the ability to look at forged items and know how they were made.

K) Bucket Making

For more advanced woodworking skills, this class will teach the fundamentals of coopering. Attendees will come away with the knowledge of the best wood selections, hand-tool processes – and a bucket.