



Enjoy your passion under the sun

In the tiny hamlet of Durban-sur-Arize in the beautiful Ariège region of the French Pyrenees, is Le Moulin de la Materette, the centre, set in 10 acres of private grounds, run by Nick and Fran Davidson.

Our Course, "Dyeing to Stitch", runs from 6-12 September 2009. Over the 5 half-day sessions, you will learn to prepare and dye fabric, thread and fibre. Using the local countryside for colour inspiration, to design and produce a freestyle wall hanging/panel or an item of your choosing. You will have the opportunity to use free machining, hand stitch and machine embellishing to create a sumptuous textured background which you will develop further adding more scraps of sheer fabric, fibre, thread and cord.

All this, in a relaxed and jovial atmosphere, sharing experiences and making new friends.

Your tutor is Wirral based, Textile Teacher and Designer Sue Sercombe, who has been enthusiastically teaching Textile Art/Embroidery for 15 years and also City and Guilds of London Certificate, to Diploma Level. Sue has a wide interest in fabric and thread colouration and experimental techniques involving machine- and hand-stitch. As a Founder Member and Former Chair of the Wirral Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild, Sue has been providing encouragement to students of all ages and levels of experience. The course is suitable for beginners or the more experienced and can readily be adapted for those who only wish to hand-stitch.

Le Moulin de la Materette, is an established Woodturning Centre, where courses run from May to September. Nick is offering Woodturning to coincide with our Course, which may make an ideal arrangement for a couple. Alternatively, you may choose to partner a friend and you both stitch.

The site has a large heated swimming pool, and there are facilities for badminton, table tennis, croquet and boules. Walkers and cyclists can discover the spectacular surroundings, wildlife and historic sights. A number of cycles are available.

Accommodation at Le Moulin is in en-suite twin/double rooms, with breakfast, buffet lunch and a four-course dinner available, each day. There are also local restaurants, ready to be discovered.

Travel arrangements from the North West could not be easier as Ryanair have regular flights to the area, from Liverpool.

If you are interested and wish to learn more about the course, please contact Sue Sercombe, by e-mail at texart@talktalk.net
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