

Welcome



Fire It Up! Art Welding

with David Kadlec and Connie B Burkhart

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Get ready! Get set! Get fired up for your fun-filled class of creativity, sparks and the enticing smell of burning metal. We have all the tools you need and we delight in helping you safely and efficiently cut, form and work metal. The only item we ask you to bring is a pair of your own snug fitting leather 'deer skin weight' work gloves. This is important and helps with dexterity for most areas of your work. Check out gloves at a home improvement box store or online shopping option to help keep the cost down. We do provide large, heavy welding gloves for your bigger spark throwing activities as well as your eye and ear protectors, aprons, Oxy/acetylene and mig and stick welders, plasma cutters, power grinders, scrap metals, tools and personal work stations. Also helpful is a bandana to protect your hair and hold your goggles on your head when not in use. For our class, dress in layers using a cotton long sleeve cotton shirt to put over your T-shirt when needed and always wear long pants and closed toed leather shoes. Bring clothes you won't mind getting dirty or burning small holes in. People always admire our outfits at every meal! It is also helpful to have a bandana to protect your hair and help hold your goggles on your head.

Some folks like to bring their own metal treasures to incorporate in a project or share with the class, but it is not a necessity. We ALWAYS accept metal donations to our 'treasure pile' if you bring some scrap and want to leave something behind for the next 'welding bug bitten' victim that's great. Speaking of bugs, every year is different, but it's good to bring some bug repellent as swatting a mosquito while holding a lit torch does not usually turn out well for the insect, you or the welder next to you. Also remember that you will take home what you design and build, so it has to fit in the overhead bin, under the seat, in the bed of the truck or on top of your vehicle. Create responsibly.

Our studio space for our sessions will be located in Longhouse near the Kitchen Mesa/Box Canyon trail head. This amazing secluded space allows us to be as loud and obnoxious as only welders can be without distractions and it's only a few minutes walk to the dining hall. When you arrive at Ghost Ranch on Sunday afternoon check in at the Welcome Center first. Dinner is from 5:30 - 6:30 and then we will gather at 6:45pm for general ranch orientation and first class meeting. We will not weld the day you arrive, but we will briefly discuss what to expect for the coming day when we 'Fire It Up!' We work from 9 a.m. to 5p.m. Monday through Thursday with a break from noon to 1:30pm for rest and lunch. Friday we work from 9 a.m. to just after lunch to finish up our pieces and clean up the work stations. After the area is cleaned on Friday afternoon, as a group we will transport and set up our creations for your after dinner Friday Art Show. This show is an anticipated event for the culmination of the week's work. Please plan on taking your creations with you after the art show on Friday evening, that is, unless you sell your piece to an admirer!

We anxiously await your arrival at the ranch and look forward to continuing the 'wretched welder' legacy! (We will share that story during class) Travel Safely and get ready for a great experience surrounded by the incredible inspiring beauty of Ghost Ranch.

Take Care, and please feel free to contact us with any additional information you may need regarding Fire it Up! Art Welding.

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