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WOODWORKING UNPLUGGED: HANDTOOL ESSENTIALS

May 28-June 1, 2019 (Tuesday – Saturday)

Tool List:

Feel free to bring whatever handtools you may have that you would like to learn how to tune, sharpen, and use — anything from adzes to zigzag rules. Condition is absolutely not important, save your money; you will appreciate and understand premium quality tools far more once you have made an old rusty Stanley handplane perform and made that rusty panel saw cut quickly and sweetly. But at a minimum aim to bring:

- Tape
- Rule
- Trysquare
- Bevel
- Smooth plane
- Block plane
- Back saw (western style)
- Dovetail saw (western style)
- 1/4in/, 1/2in., 1in. chisel

Daily Syllabus:

We will progress through the logical sequence of a typical project starting on the first day with layout, measuring, and sawing. Then throughout the week we will cover planing, shaping, boring, joint making, and finishing. Each day we will discuss the necessary tools, how to adjust and sharpen them and make whatever jigs — such as bench hooks, shooting boards, and miter guides — we need in order to guarantee accuracy and speed. At the end of the course you will have tools that work, jigs to make their use perfect, and a better understanding of how the masterpieces of the past were made.