

Calling for participants - SSS 2019 Wood Carving Masterclass by Han Sai Por

INTRODUCTION

Sculpture Society (Singapore) is committed to the pursuit of advancing the art and practice of sculpture. Through this joint event in conjunction with the 2019 "Blue Carbon" Wood Sculpture Symposium, we hope to offer our society members and members of the public, an opportunity to advance in their wood carving techniques through a 5-lesson Masterclass with Cultural Medallion recipient – Han Sai Por.

This Masterclass is open to everyone, with no prior experience needed. Throughout the 5-day lessons, participants will learn wood carving techniques using both hand tools and power tools. Under the guidance of Ms Han, all the Masterclass participants will work together, to create a large scale sculpture artwork, carved out of tree logs.

The completed wood sculpture will be showcased at Pasir Ris Park, as a part of the exhibition series of the Blue Carbon Project.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Han Sai Por (b. 1943, Singapore) is one of Asia's leading modern sculptors and a recipient of the Cultural Medallion, Singapore's highest Arts honour. Over three decades, she has created a body of work that offers a significant commentary on the changing landscapes of Southeast Asia, where the environment has been altered rapidly, often with little thought of conservation, and has had a tremendous impact on wildlife habitats and human living environments. Han has participated in numerous international exhibitions and projects, and her works can be found in many international institutions, public spaces and private collections in Singapore, Malaysia, India, China, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, the UK and USA. In 2006, she won the Outstanding City Sculpture Award in China, and in 2015, she was accorded the Leonardo Award for Sculpture (Third Prize) at the Chianciano Biennale, Italy. She lives and works in Singapore.¹

¹ Information courtesy of http://www.singaporebiennale.org/sb2016/pdf/artist-folios-pdf/Zone4_HanSaiPor.pdf



LESSON BRIEF



Lesson 1: Briefing of artwork vision. Walk-through of the entire sculpting process.

Removing bark, first hand at sculpting with hand tools.

Lesson 2: Formation of a rough shape using chainsaws.

Lesson 3: Formation of shape & details

Lesson 4: Detailed works with chisel and mallet

Lesson 5: Sanding, finishing and lacquer works (if required by design)

Installation process

*Please take note that classes may vary lesson to lesson.

² Image courtesy of https://www.parkablogs.com/picture/wood-sculpture-symposium-2013



LOCATION

Pasir Ris Park Piai Plaza — See Annex A

MASTERCLASS DATE

The Masterclass is held in conjunction with the 2019 "Blue Carbon" Wood Sculpture Symposium, from 16 to 20 January 2019.

Daily: 9am - 5pm

COURSE FEE

The course fee of this Masterclass is \$350 for Sculpture Society (Singapore) members, and \$450 for non-members of the society.

Participants of the Masterclass is required to submit the full course fee upon confirmation of participation. The payment of course fee can be made through bank transfer, cash or cheque in favour of "Sculpture Society (Singapore)". A receipt will be issued upon payment.

The course fee includes:

- 1. Timbre supplied by NParks.
- 2. Protective gears including personal goggles, respirators, ear protectors and gloves. *Participants are responsible for their own safety boots.
- 3. Access to hand tools such as chisels and mallet, and power tools such as chainsaws.
- 4. Catered lunch on 5 working days of the Masterclass.
- 5. An exhibition of the newly created sculpture in Pasir Ris Park, at a selected venue.



CLASS SIZE

The number of participants for the Masterclass is capped at 10, so as to maintain an intimate and conducive learning environment.

REGISTRATION

Please register for the Masterclass by submitting the completed **Google Form** by **3 November 2018**.

Link to **Google Form**:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SUsGJFHqWcSjaqwFyxHn5myNQG7X0fysIfzaA5P7QKg/edit ?usp=drive_web

If you have any questions, please send us an email at sculpturesocietysingapore@gmail.com. We will try and reply to you by the next working day.