32. STEVE HUNT (guest of DENISE COUPLAND)

26-27 May, 11-5

WOOD, METAL, WOODCARVING – Hand-carved wooden bowls, spoons and other items; insect habitat shelters made from reclaimed materials.

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Nowadays thousands of tons of wood are left on the ground to rot, chipped for compost, or buried in landfill. I am exploring how I can use my own designs to create useful and sculptural items from found, rescued and donated materials. My insect hotels and bird nesting boxes are made from reclaimed timber, plastics and metal – all donated by friends and neighbours or discarded. Most of my work is made from green wood. I do not normally use any power tools or machinery, only traditional hand tools – adze, gouges, chisels and a wood carving knife. In my bowls, I adapt Scandinavian designs and try to achieve a balanced, elegant shape that is practical, traditional and well-proportioned.

Over the last ten years, I have completed over fifty commissioned pieces. I love making memento pieces from much loved trees that have to be removed or have been brought down by the wind. My workshop is a converted garage next to my house.

There is a story behind everything I make.

