Thea 3388 Advanced Stagecraft: specialized topics
Fall 2013 Tuesday & Thursday 11:30 – 1:00

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Objectives:
Familiarize student with the materials, tools and construction methods of props, lighting and scenery components for theatrical productions. This class will also provide student with a better understanding of different elements used in creating for designers. Students will gain practical knowledge and skills that will translate into the care of furniture, soft goods, and other properties. Along with gaining a deeper insight into how they are constructed. The student will experience different technological equipment used in lighting, and gain a better understanding of how they function.

Attendance Policy:
Student is expected to attend all classes prepared, with supplies and reading material covered. Because this is a class that meets twice a week only two absences are allowed. Subsequent missed classes will result in the reduction of the final grade. Also, be on time, you will need it all to complete your projects. Refer to the Theatre and Dance Attendance Policy

Lab hours:
The student is required to complete a total of 60 extra hours working on your projects. These hours will be recorded on the time sheet provided.

Text:
There is no required text. Supplemental materials will be given in class
Assignments:
Assignments are the different construction Projects. The instructions for these projects will be given in class again making attendance very important. Many of the instructions are visual and being there to see these processes will greatly result in the success or failure of your projects.

Final:
There is no written final or exam for this class, your project notebook and completed projects will be your final.

Grading:
Your grade will be based on attendance and participation and the projects that are done in the class and your completion of them.

Tools and Supplies:
- Pencils
- Tape measure
- Screwdrivers
- Hammer
- Tool bag
- Welding leathers and Mask if you choose
- Other supplies as needed

Notebook:
Keep all of your handouts and paperwork in a 3 ring binder. For each project keep a photographic journal of each project, also in the binder – write a few sentences about your process steps, this is to help build a portfolio, the photographic journal can be digital.
Class Schedule

Tuesday August 27\textsuperscript{th}
Class: Syllabus and supplies

Thursday August 29\textsuperscript{th}
Class: Safety and OSHA

Tuesday September 3\textsuperscript{rd}
Class: The Principals of Floral arranging

Thursday September 5\textsuperscript{th}
Class: Working on Arrangements

Tuesday September 10\textsuperscript{th}
Class: The Principals of Making Pillows

Thursday September 12\textsuperscript{th}
Class: Pillow arranging and Bed Making

Tuesday September 17\textsuperscript{th}
Class: Leather Working

Thursday September 19\textsuperscript{th}
Class: Leather Working

Tuesday September 24\textsuperscript{th}
Class: MIG Welding

Thursday September 26\textsuperscript{th}
Class: MIG Welding
Tuesday October 1st
Class: MIG Welding

Thursday October 3rd
Class: MIG Welding

Tuesday October 8th
Class:

Thursday October 10th
Class:

Tuesday October 15th
Class: furniture Reupholstering and refinishing

Thursday October 17th
Class: woods and finishes

Tuesday October 22nd
Class: stains and varnishes

Thursday October 24th
Class: refinishing a wood piece

Tuesday October 29th
Class: reupholstering

Thursday October 31st
Class: Reupholstering

Tuesday November 5th
Class: Reupholstering
Thursday November 7th
   Class: Reupholstering

Tuesday November 12th
   Class: Care and Use of LED Lighting

Thursday November 14th
   Class: Care and Use of LED lighting

Tuesday November 19th
   Class: LED lighting

Thursday November 21st
   Class: LED Lighting

Tuesday November 26th
   Class: Lighting

Thursday November 28th Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday December 3rd
   Class: Lighting

Thursday December 5th
   Class: final presentation of Notebooks
Projects:

Project 1
   Floral arrangement- small arrangement 100

Project 2
   2 couch pillows- for your home 100

Project 3
   Leather belt or Baldric 100

Project 4
   Furniture refinished 100

Project 5
   Furniture reupholstered 200

Project 6
   Lighting 100

Project 7
   Welding Project 100

Notebook 400

Total Points 1200

Grade Scale:
A  1200-1165
A- 1164-1130
B+ 1129- 1110
B  1109-1080
B- 1079-1050
C+ 1049-1016
C  1015-984
C- 983-950
D+ 949-933
D  932-915
D- 914-900
F  899-0
Important Dates:
September 26 Begin tech Beaux Stratagem

October 4 Beaux Stratagem opens
October 17 begin tech Blood Wedding
October 25 Blood Wedding Opens

November 12 Begin tech Brick Wall
November 15 Brick Wall opens
November 14 Begin tech Christmas Pageant
November 22 Christmas Pageant Opens

December 2 Begin Tech Dance
December 6 Dance Opens

Class notes:
There is no eating or drinking. Closeable water bottles are permitted
Do Not loose your supplies, start investing in your tools for a career in this business.
Label all of your tools with your initials; little red pin tomatoes all look alike.