

# THE MEDITERRANEAN CENTRE for Art, Gardens, Plants and Design

in association with the Mediterranean Garden Society

## OLIVE! CREATING SCULPTURES AND DECORATIVE/WEARABLE "OBJETS D'ART"

2017 DATES 26 May to 02 June

COURSE TUTORS

GIOVANNI ALBINO & KATERINA SAMARAS

*This varied course enables friends, single travellers and couples to enjoy a creative week with two highly accomplished artists from Volos, Pelion.*



*Katerina Samaras studied first in Athens and then in Milan, Geneva and Venice. Much of her work is in private hands or in museum collections. She has taught at the University of Volos and will share her love of the folk motifs of Pelion, demonstrate the ancient art of weaving, traditional embroidery and show the art of costumes for the theatre and dancing. As well as an artist with an international reputation she loves to create pieces of jewellery and murals using crochet and metal threads (Sirmium) and recycled materials. Some of her signature works are murals using a wooden base and plaster which can then be painted.*



*Giovanni Albino is a sculptor of wood and above all olive wood. He was born in Ferrazzano in Italy and studied medicine at the University of Rome. His first contact with Greece was in 1972 and seduced by its beauty, he took up permanent residence and practised as a doctor in Zagora, North Eastern Pelion, for 14 years.*

For the past twenty years he has worked on sculpture and painting. His time in Zagora (mountain and sea) helped him to develop his artistic talent in painting and sculpture, as well in the work of wood sculptures by finding suitable material. With a strong interest in the environment he organised and participated in recent exhibitions with the theme "recycling in art", held in Rome, Athens, Volos, Larissa and in Italy.

### PROGRAMME All Sessions at Lagou Raxi include 6 hrs. tuition per day.

**Friday** \* Arrival of participants - Meet & Greet - Short Introduction to the background and work of our two course tutors. Welcome Dinner at the hotel.

**Saturday** \* Morning visit to one of Pelion's beautiful beaches to collect items such as driftwood, pebbles and sea smoothed glass and to find olive wood for carving. Learning how to select suitable items. Afternoon: Getting started: Participants choose whether to work with wood, with fabric, stone and/or other materials.

**Sunday** \* Demonstration of carving techniques (Giovanni) and rustic jewellery (Katerina) Deciding on the first project and establishment of individual work plans. Participants will separate into two groups and begin their own pieces with the tutors' support and direction

**Monday** \* Participants work at different paces and need more or less assistance from the tutors. Giovanni will talk about his respect for olive wood, the tools and techniques such as when and when not to polish and how to bring out the best of the wood. Katerina will share her flair for fashion and for reference to Greek mythology in her work both with objects and her plaster work and painting.

**Tuesday** \* Morning excursion to include the Lafkos sculpture and painting museum, to some ancient olive groves in small hamlets, to an old monastery and other interesting sites. Lunch in a local taverna. Early evening continue with projects.

**Wednesday** \* Morning/Afternoon in the atelier: Students continue to develop their own work.

**Thursday** \* Finalising the project(s), preparing for and setting up the pop-up exhibition.

**Evening:** Traditional *Karagiozis* figure shadow play presented at the hotel and Farewell Dinner

**Friday** \* Departure, or a rest over the weekend\*

\*please ask if you would like to stay for extra nights



## 2017 COURSES in Pelion, Greece - PRACTICAL INFORMATION



- \* Lessons are with fully experienced teachers and practitioners, passionate about their subject
  - \* All courses are suitable for beginners and intermediate participants
  - \* All materials will be provided including a board on which to work, but you may bring your own watercolours or other #
  - \* Groups benefit from a quiet 'atelier' space with excellent light for their practical work
  - \* Excursions are planned to suit the particular course
- # in the case of the mosaics course there is a supplement of 48€ per person for marble, cutter and goggles.  
We can arrange delivery of the work home if required

### WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- \* Six days of tuition and transport for related excursions - coffee and tea throughout the day
- \* Time for rest and relaxation on the beach, by the pool or in the village square
- \* A full cooked breakfast, five three-course dinners and two lunches (half-board)
- \* Our library which includes the complete set of Mediterranean Garden Society journals
- \* Meet and greet, depending on your choice of transport. Flights are NOT included

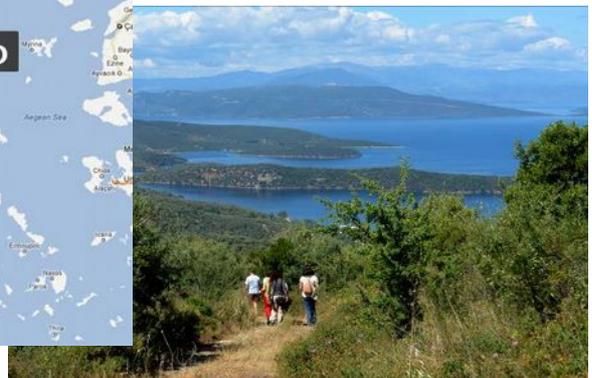
There are a few lowcost/charter (flight only) companies flying directly to Volos Airport.  
(see <http://www.volosairport.gr/en/flights-en-menu.html>) Alternatively Athens, Skiathos or Thessaloniki.

### PRICES PER PERSON INCLUDING TUITION + ACCOMMODATION (HALF-BOARD) MATERIALS AND EXCURSIONS

The 20 spacious and comfortable bedrooms are all named after local beaches. Free WiFi throughout.

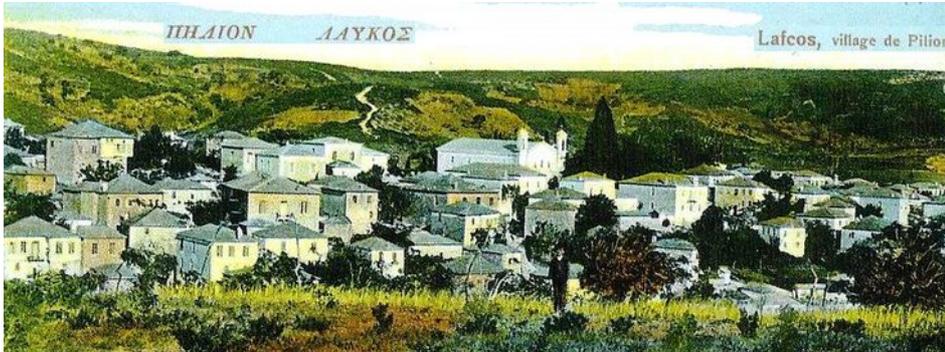
Single room	Twin double occupancy	Triple double occupancy
695 €	575 €	675 €

- \* If you would like to bring family member(s) or friend(s), NOT participating in the courses, please contact us for the prices of different combinations including Double rooms and Suites.



## THE VILLAGE OF LAFKOS - SOUTH PELION

Lafkos is one of the 24 officially 'listed' villages in the region of Pelion, about 45 km from the city of Volos. Medieval paths (Kalderimia) stretch around this car-free village and further afield to neighbouring villages and the sea. Three museums and five tavernas are open all year. The smell of freshly baked bread in a wood-fired oven draws you to the bakery shop. The village has three small 'mini-markets', a craftsman jeweller, home made soaps and a gift shop. In under 10 minutes you can walk from the hotel through the village lanes to the square with its imposing church and plane trees. View <http://www.southpelion.com/index.html>



### LAGOU RAXI COUNTRY HOTEL \*\*\*

Lagou Raxi Country Hotel (330m) opened in 2014 and was built according to the local traditional architecture. It has a breathtaking view of the Pagasitic Gulf and it's also close to the Aegean sea. There is an easy footpath from the hotel down to Milina. The British/French owners are putting their own cultural and culinary accents to add to the Greek traditions, which results in a very attractive mix. The hotel has a good-sized swimming pool and an all-weather tennis court as well as the Library, Terrace, Azure Restaurant, yoga mats and the purpose-built 'Atelier' or workroom.



2017  
courses:

- \* Mediterranean Garden and Landscape Design and Planting (English & German language editions)
- \* Plants of Pelion: Therapies/Foraging/Cuisine in the Garden of the Gods
- \* Botanical Painting from the hills and shores of South Pelion (English and Greek language editions)
- \* Olive! Creating sculptures and decorative/wearable 'Objets d'art' (English/Italian/Greek/French)
- \* Classic and Contemporary Mosaics Workshop



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A donation will be made to the Society for each course participant

**CONTACT** For more information and to reserve a place on one of the courses  
See our website [www.lagouraxi.com](http://www.lagouraxi.com) for reviews of previous participants

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