

# MUSEUM FIELD STUDIES WORKSHOP EXPERIMENTAL ETHNOARCHAEOLOGY AND TRADITIONAL CRAFTS

**SIBIU, TRANSYLVANIA , ROMANIA**

**JUNE 5 - JULY 2, 2016**

Our museum field studies/museology workshop is designed to offer our participants the opportunity to explore and experience aspects of the evolution of traditional crafts and technologies through their theoretical, traditional, ethnographic and practical dimensions. The integration of experimental archaeology and traditional crafts within a museum environment allows us to probe the anthropological

facets of the various objects, their socio-cultural and economic dimensions as well as the integration of the various elements into the public sphere, with the adjacent questions of conservation, restoration, preservation and presentation. For this purpose, we will focus on two transformational pyrotechnologies, metal and ceramics; on architectural woodwork, and on food technologies and organic resource management. We will examine questions of materials and materiality, but also the philosophy and magic of transformation in traditional communities, the transference of both materials and objects in terms of identity and use, and eventually the problems of public interface and information transfer.



Our workshop takes place in the heart of the largest open air ethnographic museum in Europe, the ASTRA National Museum in Sibiu (Transylvania, Romania). With its aim of preserving traditional medieval houses and shops, together with all the associated household and village crafts, the ASTRA Museum is a uniquely qualified location in which to experience the evolution and persistence of traditional crafts from the Late Iron Age, through the Roman conquest and occupation, all the way to the end of the Middle Ages.

**DURATION:** 4 weeks

**COST:** US\$1575 per session; it includes:

- Project registration fee, taxes, museum access, and most gear and materials
- Housing in double/triple occupancy rooms in the ASTRA Ethnographic Museum guesthouse
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner, Monday-Friday



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