

Future Welders, please read the following in order to be prepared for class:

I cannot emphasize enough: allow plenty of time! Lots of construction and rerouting for the viaduct. You may have to circle the block a time or two to reach my studio. Come early, sip coffee out of your commuter mug, meditate on steel...I am not great at giving last minute directions so please print these out in addition to any GPS or map quest. My phone is (206) 650-0235, if you need to call.

*** Personal Safety Requirements**

Leather gloves -- no fabric on back of fingers or hand. (lightweight gloves are preferred, a lightweight gardening glove is perfect. Heavy 100% cotton shirt or jacket (sweatshirt and jeans jacket ok) Long pants: jeans or heavy cotton (no cuffs, not gathered at ankle, no frayed hems. Sparks bounce off natural fabrics but can melt onto synthetic fabrics) Please wear old clothing, as welding sparks will damage your clothing. Leather boots or shoes ankle height preferable Long hair should be tied back. Bring reading glasses if you wear them, they can help immensely.

*** Personal Comfort**

The Studio is unheated and not air conditioned – please dress in layers. If you wear reading glasses, bring them along. Bring a water bottle, as I don't have running water to drink. Bring food for lunch / dinner break – there are no eateries nearby.

***Directions: 3600 E. Marginal Way South, Seattle, 98134.**

The Studio Steel is located in the old yellow colored wood building; the loading dock entrance is on Spokane Street between E. Marginal Way S. and 1st Ave S.

From I-5 South: Exit #163 Take the S. Spokane Street off-ramp and continue west to E. Marginal Way S. Turn Left at the stop light and take the first Left (u-turn) to cross over the railroad tracks and park in front of the building.

From I-5 North: Exit #163 Take the first sharp right exit onto 4th Ave S. Turn left at the light onto S Horton, continue west to E. Marginal Way S. Turn Left at the light and head south to S. Spokane Street, go straight through the light and take the first left (u-turn) to cross over the railroad tracks and park in front of the building. Studio Steel is UNDER the Alaskan Way viaduct on Spokane St viaduct. Walk to Spokane Street (north side of building) and enter through the chain fence to Studio Steel.

You will see signs on Spokane Street in front of the studio.

See you soon, please let me know if you cannot attend.

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