

## SUNDAY GARDEN LECTURE DETAILS

GL7282 LESSONS FROM THE LANDSCAPE

Lecturers: JAMES & HELEN BASSON

Date: 1 DAY SUNDAY 23 JULY

### ABOUT YOUR LECTURE COURSE:

The natural landscape is a constant source of inspiration for us when designing gardens. By looking at what works in the natural environment surrounding the garden we are commissioned to design, we can find solutions that are perfectly adapted to the space, without adding soil ameliorants, irrigation and so on. The biggest challenge is to be able to create a naturalistic planting scheme that looks uncontrived and by using formulas we are able to do this.

#### LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL

A subject focused course that is delivered to suit any level of experience from beginner to advanced practitioner. A structured start is followed by guided independent practice.

### ABOUT YOUR LECTURERS:

Working in the South of France for over 16 years James Basson and his wife Helen have established a reputation for creating beautiful, low maintenance, dry gardens that mix contemporary design with traditional skills. Their work has won numerous awards all around the world; here in the UK in only a few years they have won two RHS silver-gilt and three gold medals.

### OUTLINE TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY: (This course will be held in the Auditorium.)

9.30 – 9.45am	Arrival and registration with coffee available at the <u>Auditorium</u> (part of The Edward James Studios). (Garden entrance <b>not</b> the College entrance.)
10.00	Lecture one – Taking an in-depth look at some natural landscapes to see how these can inspire design and relate back into a domestic garden setting. Looking at seasonal variation, hard and soft elements and water.
11.00	Coffee break
11.30	Lecture two – Case study 1 a ‘real garden’ Villefranche sur Mer, Case study 2 ‘Show garden’– Chelsea 2016 L’Occitane garden, both put the lessons from the landscape concept into practice.
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00	Lecture three – An algorithmic approach to planting plans how to use formulas to generate a naturalistic planting plan on paper, then how to lay the plants out on site and how to explain to the contractor the planting process.
3.00	Lecture ends – time to visit the gardens at West Dean

Please wear/bring suitable outdoor clothing for visiting the gardens. You may find it useful to bring a notebook and pencil.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY:

There are no health and safety restrictions on access to The Auditorium in the absence of the lecturer.

### ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION:

- Please use the **West Dean Gardens entrance** and car park **not the college entrance**.
- Please arrive by 9.45am for registration at The Auditorium which is the large, flint Sussex barn on the right as you enter the site.

## HOW TO GET TO WEST DEAN

ROAD: West Dean College and Garden is situated six miles north of the historic city of Chichester (this journey normally takes 15 minutes) and 12 miles from the south coast. There is convenient road access from London (65 miles). West Dean Garden is signposted off the A286. The Auditorium is the first building on the right as you drive in.

RAIL: Trains to Chichester leave from London Victoria via Gatwick and from London Waterloo via Havant. Trains to Haslemere also leave from London Waterloo. A taxi from Chichester should cost approximately £15.

BUS: Number 60 bus runs half-hourly on Mondays to Saturdays from Chichester Bus Station (opposite the railway station) to West Dean.

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