

## SATURDAY GARDEN LECTURE DETAILS

SGL08640: SOWING AND GROWING YOUR OWN GARDEN

Lecturer: DERRY WATKINS

Date: SATURDAY 30 MARCH

### ABOUT YOUR LECTURE COURSE:

Derry is one of the country's leading plantswomen and owns the highly acclaimed nursery called Special Plants, based near Bath. Derry will begin the day discussing how seeds work and then progress to sowing, succession germination, growing on and collecting and storing your own seeds. Derry will focus on some beautiful and easy plants to grow from seed and you will have the opportunity to buy seeds from her at the end of the day (cash/cheque only please).

### LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL

A subject focused lecture course that is delivered to suit any level of experience from beginner to advanced practitioner.

### ABOUT YOUR LECTURER:

Derry runs her nursery Special Plants from the site next to her garden, located just on the outskirts of Bath. Special plants is filled with unusual plants from all around the world, both hardy and tender. Derry lectures all over the world and writes extensively – she has been featured in Gardens Illustrated magazine compiling the Plantsman's Favourites – a monthly list of plants that are looking good. Her garden has been on TV several times.

### 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 Auditorium.
10.00	Welcome and brief introduction (West Dean College speaker). Lecture with Derry Watkins – first session about how seeds work.
11.00	Coffee break.
11.30	Lecture – second session – continuation of seeds and growing.
1.00–2.00pm	Lunch (included).
2.00	Lecture – third session – beautiful and easy plants to grow.
3.00	Lecture ends – time to visit the gardens at West Dean.

Please wear/bring suitable outdoor clothing if you wish to visit the gardens. You may find it useful to bring a notebook and pencil.

### ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION:

- Please use the West Dean Gardens **entrance and car park not the college entrance**
- Please arrive by 9.45am.
- The Auditorium is the first large flint building on the right as you enter the site via the Gardens entrance.

### 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 £17.

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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