

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID08619: CHOOSING THE CORRECT PLANTS FOR YOUR GARDEN AND HOW TO CARE FOR THEM

Tutor: STEPHEN SMITH

Date: 1 DAY SUNDAY 24 MARCH

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

This course is about the practice of horticulture in a domestic garden. It will teach the basics of the planting and establishment of new plants, it will include a look at lawn care and provide demonstrations in the use of a selection of associated hand tools.

At the end of the course a simple outline maintenance plan for a domestic garden will be produced.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- Apply an understanding of different plant lifecycles to common horticultural tasks such as border maintenance, planting out and weeding.
- Select, plant and understand the aftercare of a range of annuals, herbaceous perennials and woody plants.
- Carry out basic spring maintenance to turf including simple repairs.
- Draw up a simple maintenance plan for a domestic garden.

Lesson outline:

1. Plant lifecycles – annuals, biennials, hardy & herbaceous perennials, woody perennials – theory.
2. Plant selection, soil prep and planting – container grown, bare root etc. Demo planting for annuals, shrubs. Lifting and dividing perennials – practical.
3. Demo turf work – practical.
4. Draw up a simple maintenance plan for a domestic garden – theory.

LEVEL: BEGINNERS

Starting points. For those with little or no experience who want to go back to basics and would like a structured introduction to a subject.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Stephen Smith is a Horticulturalist and Landscape Historian. He works as a freelance consultant specialising in historic landscapes and horticultural training.

TIMETABLE:

9.00–9.15am	Registration and coffee
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch (included)
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea (this will probably be at the Garden Restaurant)
5.00pm	Classes finish

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

If you would like to bring images of your garden along for discussion that would be useful. If you have any plants that you cannot identify then maybe photos or leaves could assist in the process.

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm.

Included in the course fee are materials used: plants, turf etc.

Please bring any of the following, if you have them:

Secateurs, gardening gloves, boots and wet weather gear (if necessary).

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

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