

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID08578: SPRING PREPARATION IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

Tutor: TOM BROWN with MAX CRISFIELD

Date: 1 DAY SUNDAY 10 MARCH

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

Spring is the time to be full of anticipation for the season. As well as preparing the vegetable patch we have temperatures, rainfall and the usual question of what kind of a season are we in for? This course will discuss strategies for all these imponderables and teach you some basic techniques for sowing, planting and raising a crop to harvest. We will identify the crops that do well in each situation of soil type and variable weather conditions. Strategies to defeat the onslaught of pests and diseases will be discussed and demonstrated.

The day will include the following:

- Look at site preparation, selection and crop rotation.
- Seed sowing in pots and in drills. Single and double digging. Crop protection.
- Seed sowing planning and choices of crops.
- Designing their own vegetable and cut flower garden with the students.

You will learn how to plan the vegetable garden, get crops sown and planted at the right times, and protect them until harvest.

Look forward to a bumper crop!

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 TUTORS:

Tom Brown, M.Hort. is a lecturer, RHS committee member and judge, writer, and broadcaster for BBC Radio Sussex and Surrey. He has been Head Gardener at Parham House and Gardens in West Sussex since 2010.

Max Crisfield manages the vegetable and cut flower gardens at Parham, experimenting with decorative potager style planting to produce food and flowers for the Elizabethan house.

TIMETABLE:

(This course will be held in the Estate Boardroom in the main College building and the Sculpture Courtyard which is part of the Edward James Studios, approximately 8 minutes walk through the garden.)

8.50–9.05am	Registration and coffee at the College (the main house)
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee
12.45pm	Lunch included (at the College)
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea
5.00pm	Classes finish

REQUIRED PREPARATION:

Collect a soil sample from your vegetable patch for assessment.

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

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

Included in the course fee:

Materials shared amongst the group.

Please bring:

Outdoor clothes to be prepared for some outdoor sessions and demonstrations

A notebook and pen

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.