

Course fact sheet 031 – Info Burst Autumn Season: Planting detail

Book before 4th October and get all three evenings for £59!

We learnt it at college and on the job so it's easy to stick with our tried and tested methods of soil preparation, planting and maintenance regimes. But this season we're shaking up how we approach these seemingly straightforward tasks. Our autumn info burst evenings look at the latest ideas, explode a few myths and give you the latest thinking on successful planting establishment.

The challenge of soil and planting

031A

5th October 2010

RHS Specialist Colin Crosbie will explore the challenges of developing the right soil for your planting schemes. He'll look at what's really required to provide the best establishment for your plants and discuss the way forward for sustainable soil preparation and planting.

Planting myths and methodology

031B

2nd November 2010

LCGD planting lecturer Peter Thurman highlights new thinking in planting methodology. It seems everyone knows how to plant but here Peter explodes old myths and explains current thinking on planting process for everything from bulbs to trees.

Planting timing, root treatment, storage and transportation and plant support will be explored against the backdrop of the National Plant Specification. Peter will also explain the climatic issues surrounding the maritime and continental climates that affect our planting approach in comparison to our near European neighbours.

Exploiting his 30 years of experience as a garden designer, arboricultural and horticultural consultant and lecturer Peter will provide a fascinating insight into current trends and techniques.

Maintaining the modern planted border

031C

23rd November 2010

During this evening leading maintenance specialist Gill Chamberlain looks at ways of developing a maintenance plan for two distinct types of plantings; a mixed perennial border and a more formal setting with clipped box, topiary in pots and climbers.

Gill will look at planning the work, estimating the time that a particular job will take, encompassing the individual needs and foibles of the clients and covering some of the pitfalls so that the result is a happy client, a beautiful garden and a healthy order book and bank balance.

Enrolment

You can enrol on this course online at http://www.lcgd.org.uk/enrolment_shortcourse.php

Date	See dates above. Each session runs from 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Cost	£25.00 per session or £59 for all three when booked before 04.10.10
Location	Regents College, Regents Park, Central London For directions and transport links please visit our website www.lcgd.org.uk
Refreshments	Regent's College refectory and coffee shop are open before 6pm.

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Our tutors

Peter Thurman

Kew trained, Peter has tackled thousands of design projects in over 30 years as a landscape and garden designer - from small town gardens, to country estates and commercial developments. Overseas commissions include gardens in Japan and Rome. His plant knowledge is renowned and he also holds chartered status in arboriculture, forestry and the environment.

Gill Chamberlain

Gill trained at Writtle Agricultural College and then spent two years as a student gardener at Cambridge University Botanic Gardens. Whilst still at Cambridge she started Garden Rescue with the initial aim of providing a roving head gardener role. Over the last 10 years the business has grown and has become established in looking after large country gardens. Her role encompasses almost everything from design, development, renovation and the management of existing garden staff.