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RHS COURSES 2018

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Pershore College has been an RHS Centre since 1989. The partnership was originally set up around common passion for horticulture and a desire to encourage and educate local communities in progressing their passion for gardening. We have since developed comprehensive programmes designed to provide public with useful and practical gardening skills.

Pershore College offers an extensive programme of events throughout the year, attracting people from all parts of the country. Our offer, aimed at garden enthusiasts and horticulture professionals, is extended this year and our door is open all year round on the weekdays and on some Saturdays.

All tickets must be booked in advance. Some events sell out quickly, so we cannot guarantee that places will be available if not pre-booked.

Should it be necessary for you to cancel your booking, please note that the refund of fees is at the discretion of the centre. It may be necessary to cancel an event due to insufficient ticket sales, in which case fees will be refunded. Circumstances may require that the organisers engage a tutor of equal standing without notice.

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JANUARY

Tue 9, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in January

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.

Tue 16, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Lilies and other Wild Summer Flowering Plants of Greece

Travel with Duncan Coombs and the RHS Lily Group, to see lilies and other wild summer flowers in the Pindus Mountain Range and Rhodope National Park.

Tue 23, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Planting for the Wildlife in your pond

In this talk, Linda Smith from Waterside Nursery will show wildlife visitors to the pond throughout the year and how to encourage them by choosing well balanced planting that will enhance their habitat.

Tue 30, 2-4pm | Demonstration/Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Pruning Roses with Confidence

Jonathan Bishop will cover the principles of successful rose pruning.

FEBRUARY

Tue 6, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in February

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.

Tue 13, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Preparing soils for the years ahead

Maggi Brown will show you how to care and understand your soils for the years ahead.

Tue 20, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Hellebores

These are truly inspirational plants in the winter months. Samantha Hope aims to shed light on the stunning range currently being bred at Ashwood Nurseries with tips on cultivation. She will also explore a range of other plants which complement them.

Tue 27, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

The Vegetable Garden Month by Month - 1

Chris Smith from Pennard Plants will look at the vegetable garden from February-April including use of cloches, hotbeds and the greenhouse/polytunnel for early crops, what to sow, when, how to choose varieties and planning the rest of the season.

MARCH

Tue 6, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in March

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.

Tue 13, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Designing Structure in the Border

Sometimes a border can look amazing for just one season and then, for the rest of the year, it can be very uninspiring. Garden Designer Cathryn Smith will explain how to create all round structure into a planting plan so that your garden can look at its best no matter what time of year.

MARCH (CONTINUED)

Mon 19, 10.30am-4pm | Workshop | £70 member, £75 non member
(includes all materials & refreshments. Participants need to bring their own lunch)

Creating a Willow Owl Day

Victoria Westaway, who works in both willow and wire, is an established sculptor, whose work has appeared in RHS Shows at Chelsea, Hampton Court. During this workshop you will create a willow owl of your own, to display in your home or garden. Join us for a rewarding and fun day.

Tue 20, 10.30am-12.30pm | Lecture/Demonstration/Workshop |
£12 member, £14 non member

What Now? – Spring

Whether you are a new or a keen gardener, we will help you brush up your skills for tasks such as pruning and propagation, including a walk round the College grounds to see what is of interest at this time of the year.

Sat 24, 9.30am-3.30pm | Workshop | £60 member, £65 non member
(participants need to bring their own lunch)

Fruit Pruning Day

At this workshop, to be held at Pershore College, we will focus on intensive pruning and training of both top and soft fruit including trained forms i.e. cordon and espaliers. Participants should wear working clothes.

Mon 26, 10.30am-1.30pm | Workshop | £35 member, £40 non member
(includes materials)

Floral Designs for Easter

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Tue 27, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

The Vegetable Garden Month by Month - 2

Chris Smith from Pennard Plants will look at the vegetable garden from May-January, including extending the season and planting for the 'hungry gap', successional planting, looking after the crops, storing the produce for winter and growing salads for winter.

APRIL

Tue 10, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in April

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.

Sat 14, 9am-4pm | Special Event | FREE for more information ring 01386 551177

The College Nursery Sale

The College's Nursery will be opening to the public for a Sale Day.

Sat 14, Depart 8am | Visit | Coach £25
(you will need to obtain your own show ticket)

Coach to RHS Flower Show, Cardiff

Set in Bute Park, this RHS Spring Show marks the beginning of the RHS's show season.

Tue 17, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

The Wonderful World of Hardy Perennial and Scented Violas

In this talk Jack Willgoss from Wildegoose Nursery will look at the history, how to grow them, planting ideas and an overview of some of the best varieties from their collection. He will also give an introduction to the Walled Garden project at the nursery.

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Spetchley Park Specialist Plant Fair

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Tue 24, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Primula Auricula

Nigel Hope has recently taken guardianship of the National Collection of Border Auricula. This talk takes an overview of this varied genus, popular since Victorian times, with a focus on cultivation and getting plants ready for the Show bench, including some practical demos!

MAY

Tue 1, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in May

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Duncan Coombs.

Tue 8, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Not welcome in my garden!

We gardeners have quite enough weeds, pests and diseases already without the new alien ones. From the insignificant ones to the stuff of nightmares, Roger Umpelby will help put these new threats into perspective.

Thur 10 - Sun13 | Enquiries and bookings 01684 584924

RHS Malvern Spring Festival

Tue 15, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Forgotten Classics & Fresh Faces

In this lecture Paul Green from Green's Leaves nursery will look at a mix of under-used gems and new 'on the block' plants. Why have the same as everyone else?

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Sat 19, 9am-4pm | Special Event | FREE for more information ring 01386 551177

Pershore College Plant Sale

As well as the College's Plant Centre being open as usual, the Nursery will be holding a Sale Day. Come and buy bedding plants for your Summer displays.

Tue 22, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Pelargoniums – a brief history

What are they & how they got here. In this talk Heather Godard-Key from Fibrex Nursery will be covering all groups including the new Zonartics. How to grow, maintain and make the most of your Pelargoniums.

Wed 23, Depart 7:30am | Visit | Coach £35 (you will need to obtain your own show ticket. Please check for ticket availability before booking coach)

Coach to Chelsea Flower Show

Let us arrange your travel so you can have a stress free visit to this world famous flower show.

JUNE

Tue 5, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in June

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.

Wed 6, Depart 8am | Visit | Coach £30
(you will need to obtain your own show ticket.)

Coach to Chatsworth Flower Show

Join us on Member's Day at this RHS Flower Show, in a spectacular location.

Thur 7, 10:30am-4pm | Lecture/Workshop | £60 member, £65 non member
(Lunch not included. Participants need to wear suitable clothing)

A Taste of Beekeeping

Spend a day with professional beekeeper Rhona Toft, who will introduce you to the world of bees in your garden and how you can support them. Weather permitting we will visit the College Apiary, look in an active beehive and hopefully meet the Queen! You will find out what is involved in keeping bees and taste the results of all the hard work. We advise anyone inspired to take up this fascinating hobby, that further study is required.

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JUNE (CONTINUED)

Tue 12, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Designs to suit the size of your Garden

A garden design that looks fantastic in a large and expansive garden will not necessarily work in a small one and vice versa. With a few basic rules, it is possible to create a garden no matter what size you have to play with. Garden Designer Cathy Smith will help make sense of how to choose the correct design and planting which works best for your size of garden.

Tue 19, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

The Picton Garden 21st Century (and not a daisy in sight)

Old Court Nurseries and The Picton Garden have been famous for their Michaelmas Daisies for well over a hundred years, but a good garden is always evolving. This talk by Helen Picton shows how the Garden has changed since it was first conceived in 1983.

Tue 26, 2-4pm | Lecture/Walk | £12 member, £14 non member

The Joy of Juneberries

Grower Sophie Sidaway explains the horticulture, history and health benefits surrounding the Canadian super-berry and how she came to introduce them to the UK. Includes tasting and a tour of the first commercial plantation at Pershore College.



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JULY

Tue 3, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in July

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.

Wed 4, Depart 7.30am | Visit | Coach £35
(you will need to obtain your own show ticket.)

Coach to RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show

Travel by coach to the UK's largest Flower Show, set in the grounds of Hampton Court Palace.

Tue 10, 10.30am-12.30pm | Lecture/Demonstration/Walk |
£12 member, £14 non member

What Now? – Summer

Whether you are a new or a keen gardener, we will help you brush up your skills for seasonal tasks such as pruning and propagation. Also includes a walk round the College grounds to see what is of interest at this time of the year.

Wed 11 - Sat 14, Depart Pershore College | Special Event | Price on application

Summer Garden Tour to Kent

Join Duncan Coombs on this tour, based in Maidstone.

Tue 17, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

A Summer walk around Pershore College

Josh Egan-Wyer will look at the late summer colour in the College grounds.

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JULY (CONTINUED)

Wed 18, Depart 8am | Visit | Coach £30
(you will need to obtain your own show ticket.)

Coach to RHS Flower Show Tatton Park

Join us on Members' Day, to the RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park, which is set in the beautiful Cheshire countryside.

Tue 24, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

The White Perennial Garden

Julia Mitchell of local nursery Green Jjam, will have a further look at plants for the white perennial garden from propagation to design.

AUGUST

Sat 4, 9.30am-3.30pm | Special Event | £10 (Bring your own lunch)

Penstemon Day with Plant Heritage (Worcestershire Group)

A day looking at the Plant Heritage National Collection of Penstemon at Pershore with plant sales, talks and tour.

Tue 7, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in August

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.

Tue 14, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Plants for Awkward Corners

Julie Ritchie from Hoo House Nursery, will give ideas for planting up those tricky or problem spots in the garden, offering perennial choices even for the gardener's trial 'dry shade'.

SEPTEMBER

Sat 1, 10.30am-1.30pm | Demonstration/Workshop | £18 member, £20 non member

Summer Fruit Tree Pruning

This workshop will give you the opportunity for hands-on pruning, to control tree growth and improve fruit colour on both restricted and extensive tree forms.

Tue 4, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in September

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.

Sat 8, Depart 8am | Visit | Coach £35 (entry free for member + family guest)

Coach to RHS Wisley Flower Show

Join us on a visit to the RHS Garden in Surrey to see some of the late Summer colour and the annual Wisley Flower Show.

Tue 11, 2-4pm | Lecture/Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Planting Pots for Winter Interest and Spring Joy

Harriet Rycroft was in charge at Whichford Pottery for over 10 years and will show you how to create mixed plantings which look good from September to May.

Tue 18, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Planting for Autumn and Beyond

There is so much to enjoy through the 'quiet months'. Paul Green from Green's Leaves Nursery will look at what will liven things up!

Tue 25, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Dahlias & Gladioli

Rob Evans from Pheasant Acre Plants will look at the plants to give late summer colour in your garden.

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SEPTEMBER (CONTINUED)

Sat 29-Sun 30 | Enquiries and bookings 01684 584924

Malvern Autumn Show

OCTOBER

Tue 2, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in October

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.

Sat 6, 9am-4pm | Special Event | Free

The College Nursery Sale

The College's Nursery will be holding a Sale Day. For more information ring 01386 551177.

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Tue 9, 7.30pm | Special Event | £8.50 member, £10 non member

RHS/Plant Heritage 'Ron Sidwell Lecture' – Stumperies, Ferns and Shady Friends

Andrew Tolman was Senior Gardener at Highgrove for over 10 years mainly looking after the iconic Stumpery and has a passion for ferns and other woodland plants.

Sat 13, 10.30am-1.30pm | Workshop | £35 members, £40 non members
(includes materials)

Hand Tied Floral Designs

This workshop will cover the different styles of this popular technique.

Sat 13, 10am-4pm | Workshop | £60 members, £65 non members
(participants need to bring their own lunch)

Amateur Fruit Juicing & Cider Making

This practical workshop will introduce the participants to the delights of making juice from their own fruit. The course will also include guidance on the production of cider, as well as non-alcoholic drinks.

Tue 16, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 members, £14 non members

How to overcome Problem Areas in your Garden

Every garden has an area which is a headache to know what to do with it. Maybe it is in deep shade, is overgrown or so tiny it is hard to know how to use it best. Garden Designer Cathryn Smith will offer some suggestions on how best to deal with these, so that you can make the most of your garden in it's entirety.

Tue 23, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 members, £14 non members

Trending Plants

Bob Brown from Cotswold Garden Flowers will talk about popular and fashionable trends in horticulture.

Tue 30, 2-4pm | £12 members, £14 non members

Autumn Jewels for your Garden

Duncan Coombs will give ideas of plants and trees to brighten up your garden with their Autumn colour.

NOVEMBER

Tue 6, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in November

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.

Tue 13, 10.30am-12.30pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

What Now? – Winter

Whether you are a new or a keen gardener, we will help you brush up your skills for tasks such as propagation including a walk round the College grounds to see what is of interest at this time of the year.

Sat 17, 9.30am-3.30pm | Workshop | £60 member, £65 non member

Fruit Tree Pruning

To be held at Hanbury Hall, near Droitwich, this workshop will focus on pruning top fruit. Participants will need to bring their own lunch and wear working clothes.

Tue 20, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Flummuxed by Ferns?

An introduction to the world of ferns for beginners by a beginner! Lots of us love ferns but find the names a little bit intimidating. In this talk, Ross Barbour will introduce a few of the most common garden ferns and explain how easy they are to grow and how to remember what they are called.

Sat 24, 9am-5pm | Special Event | Free

Tree and Hedging Day

The Plant Centre will be open as usual and the Nursery will also be holding a Sale Day day, in conjunction with National Tree Week, For further details telephone **01386 551177**.

Tue 27, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

My Favourite Varigated Delights

Howard Drury looks at his favourite variegated plants for around the garden, greenhouse and home.

DECEMBER

Tue 4, 2-4pm | Demonstration | £12 member, £14 non member

Around your Garden in December

Seasonal plants and gardening tasks with Bob Hares.

Sat 8, 10am-1pm | Workshop | £35 members, £40 non members
(includes materials)

Christmas Wreath Making

Decorate your door for the festive season.

Tue 11, 2-4pm | Lecture | £12 member, £14 non member

Winter in Bloom

Winter doesn't need to be dull and boring in your garden. In this talk Nigel Hope aims to highlight an exciting range of winter flowering shrubs, herbaceous plants and bulbs to tempt you out into your garden in the winter months!

Thur 20, 10am-4pm | Workshop | £65 members, £70 non members
(includes materials)

Floral Designs for Christmas

Create floral displays to make the home look festive and colourful for the Christmas season.

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PERSHORE COLLEGE SCHOOL VISITS

We offer a range of activities for school groups wanting to visit our college and gain some knowledge on different aspects of horticulture. Our highly qualified academic team is able to cover a variety of topics and engage the audience in interactive delivery.

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RHS CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMA QUALIFICATIONS

RHS certificate Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications are ideal for those wanting a route into the horticultural profession, to support career development for those already working in horticulture or to provide a foundation for further learning or training. There are both theory-based and practical-based. You may book on the course by telephoning 01386 551218, 0300 456 0047 or email info@wgc.ac.uk.

Level 2 Certificates

Duration: Approximately 15 weeks in duration (1 day/week) for each theory-based certificate and 30 weeks (half-day/week) for the practical certificates.

Entry requirements: There are no formal entry qualification required.

Assessment: Assessed by examinations (February and June each year) or continuous assessment of practical tasks and plant identification tests.

- RHS Level 2 Certificate in Plant Growth, Propagation, and Development
- RHS Level 2 Certificate in Garden Planning, Establishment and maintenance
- RHS Level 2 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

The RHS Level 2 Diploma in the Principles and Practices of Horticulture is awarded to students who successfully complete the three level 2 certificates.

Level 3 Certificates

Level 3 qualifications offer an assessment of horticultural skills for employment and support further career and professional development. There are no entry requirements, although it is recommended that candidates have a level 2 qualification in horticulture.

- RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Health and Applied Propagation
- RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Construction and Planting
- RHS Level 3 Certificate in Practical Horticulture

Please contact us for dates, fees and further course details or visit www.wgc.ac.uk. The syllabus for each qualification is available from the RHS website www.RHS.org.uk

SHORT LEISURE COURSES

For dates and fees for all of our leisure courses please contact us on **01386 551218, 0300 456 0047** or email **info@wcg.ac.uk**.

Decorative floristry:

10 weeks, daytime . You will learn to make a range of seasonal floristry items including: assembled floral designs, hand-tied and gift packaging.

1 DAY SATURDAY COURSES:

Plan your own garden:

Learn the basic principles of planning a garden; how to survey and assess your garden, work-out a brief, and decide on a style.

Designing with Plants:

Learn how to give your beds and borders the 'wow-factor' on this one-day course that will explain the principles of plant-selection and the design techniques used to combine plants creatively.

The beginner's guide to 'Grow your Own':

Growing your own fruit and vegetables is healthy and fun but can be daunting for beginners. Learn the basics of planing; cultivation, crop-rotation, plant selection and maintenance.

Beginners guide to Plant Propagation:

Learn how to collect, prepare and store seeds and how to propagate plants by taking cuttings and other vegetative techniques.

Plant care:

This session will take you through essentials of maintaining a healthy garden; understand principles behind pruning, weed identification and basics of pest control.

Principles of lawn care:

How often should you mow your lawn and how short should it be? When and if to fertilise? What is aeration? From sowing to management, this session will give you the principles behind having a beautiful lawn.

Floristry workshops:

You will learn skills of wiring, hand-tying techniques and arranging flowers in order to create beautiful floral items in traditional and contemporary styles.

Putting garden to bed and successful composting:

Learn about the basic composting rules in this practical session. Cut back, clear up, plant and protect before winter settles.

All information in this publication is correct at time of going to print. The RHS Centre and Pershore College cannot guarantee that the events provided will strictly conform to the description in this booklet. Any changes are made in the interests of improvement. If you are planning on visiting the college, please inform us if you have any individual needs, for example access, disabled parking or require emergency evacuation assistance.



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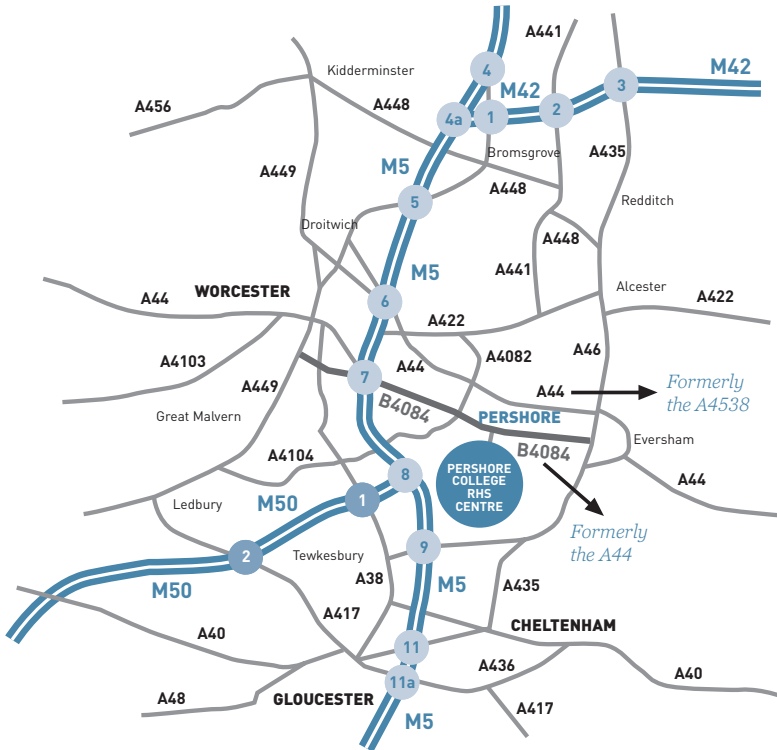
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