

# Marian Boswall's Garden Studio at Godinton

## ADVANCED PLANTING DESIGN

This course combines horticultural knowledge and professional design techniques to explore the art of creating beautifully planted spaces that stand the test of time.

From developing a successional planting plan for year round interest, to achieving different styles for different places, we work through what it takes to create both harmony and the 'wow' factor in planting design.

Based in the lovely house and grounds at Godinton, the structured course includes illustrated teaching sessions with notes, followed by project work to develop your own design ideas. We will also visit some gardens near and further afield to see examples of great planting in inspirational styles and spaces, and discuss what lessons can be learnt.

8 sessions are held between April - October at Godinton on Thursday mornings from 9.15 - 12 noon (2pm if visiting further afield).

Course fee is £400 plus entry to gardens (via own or shared cars).

Maximum group is 14 to allow time to concentrate on individual projects.

(Project work is optional but most people do it!)

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## Course schedule

- April 22      Successional Planting for year round interest. Principles of planting design and the best varieties of structural plants. Introduction to Project 1
- May 6        Choosing plants for places, planning for the space and place. Avoiding planting pitfalls and ensuring longevity! Introduction to Project 2, visit to a garden to discuss design.
- May 20       Drawing up plans and successional schedules, sourcing and specifying plants. Review Project 1, intro to Project 3. Visit to a nursery.
- June 10      Current designer styles and trends: Who is doing what and what we can learn. Review Project 2, intro to Project 4
- June 24      Gertrude Jekyll, Arts and Crafts and their legacy, the mixed border and use of colour. Review project 3, visit to a garden to discuss design.
- Sept 9        Modernism and the new chic, the continental influence. Review project 4, Intro to project 5. Visit to a garden to discuss design.
- Sept 23      New Perennial, wildness and nature controlled. Visit to a garden with nursery to discuss design and specific plants. Review project 5, intro to project 6.
- Oct 7         Exotic planting to Conceptual gardens. Art, music and the spheres as inspiration for planting design. Autumn colour, trees and tree care. Review project 6.

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BOOKING FORM

There will be eight sessions on selected Thursday mornings between April 22nd and October 7<sup>th</sup>, see schedule for dates. Come to Godinton for coffee at 9.15, we start at 9.30am and finish at noon, or 2pm (ish) on visit days.

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Telephone Home:..... Mobile:.....

Email:.....

The course fee is £400, plus cost of garden entry and own transport. Numbers are limited to a maximum of 14. Please send a deposit cheque for £50 to 'Godinton House Preservation Trust' to secure your place and return forms to:

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