

Grow your interests

Courses at Coolings



2014 - 2015

Studying at Coolings' School of Horticulture...

Meet the Lecturers
Saturday 30 August 2pm - 5pm

If you are not sure which course is best for you, come along and chat to our tutors, they would love to meet you!

Here at Coolings we like to think of ourselves as a beacon of educational excellence but much friendlier and relaxed than other establishments.

There are so many reasons why you would want to take a course with us:

- We have inspirational lecturing staff who make learning easy and fun
- We have a purpose-built working area for practicals
- We have our own gardens and production nursery where students are encouraged to take part in practicals, and which enable them to gain an insight into our industry
- Light refreshments are included as part of your course
- We have a glamorous awards evening for those completing a course of a year or more
- All students receive a 15% Coolings Discount card!

And all of this is included in the fee of your course!

STOP PRESS!

We now have evening courses running from the summer term and the next academic year 2014 -15



**Starting in
May 2014**

An Introduction to Garden Design (8 Weeks) **Tutor: Alex Lindsay BA Hons, GD Dip**

Starts Thursday Evenings, 1 May, 6.30pm -9pm
Cost: £175

This course introduces students to the fundamental principles and theories of garden design, and is perfect for gardeners who wish to have greater design skills for planning their own gardens. Throughout the eight weeks students will learn how to apply their ideas to paper. The course also includes lectures on designing with plants, using landscape materials and the history of garden design.

Applicants are advised to have their own lightweight tabletop drawing board and some drawing materials. These are not essential at the start of the course and advice will be given as to appropriate materials.

Short Courses (4 Week) **Tutor: Neil Bone**

Tuesday Evenings, 6.30pm - 9pm
Cost: £89

Propagation of Indoor Plants - Starts 27 May

In this interesting and informed class you will learn how to care and cultivate a range of indoor plants, including their propagation and maintenance, in a fun, interesting and relaxed classroom environment.

Twilight Gardening - Starts 23 September

This interesting and informative garden style will turn your garden into a real 'living' room, by using a range of luminescent, incandescent and reflective plants and foliage. You will learn about the designing of this gardening style including care, propagation and maintenance.



Garden Horizons: Plants, Scents and Senses (1 year) (A Leisure Learning Course) Tutor: Tessa Allen

Starts Thursday 18 September, 9.30am - 12.30pm or 1 - 4 pm.

Cost: £585

New and exclusive to Coolings!

Suitable for beginners or practising gardeners, this exciting and informative course covers a fascinating range of topics to delight all of your senses.

Topics include edible plants, scent throughout the year and plant identification, as well as enjoying the sights and sounds of the wonderful gardens you will visit.

Plants have not developed purely for our pleasure; be amazed to learn how insects 'see' flowers, and that plants have feelings too! This course includes 10 full day visits to gardens and places of horticultural interest. The days of the visits will run from 9am - 4pm. The price includes all coach trips, but not entry to the gardens. Visits will include: Kew gardens, Anglesey Abbey, The Savill Garden and Sheffield Park.

Garden Horizons - From Past to Present : A global look at plants (1 year) (A Leisure Learning Course) Tutor: Neil Bone

Starts Friday 19 September mornings for 30 weeks

Cost: £585

Exclusive to Coolings: written especially for Coolings' customers!

Suitable for beginners or practising gardeners, this exciting and informative course covers a fascinating range of topics: from historical origins of our vegetables and fruit, appreciating native trees, to current innovative designers and the latest growing methods used in the horticultural industry.

This course includes 10 full day visits to gardens and places of horticultural interest. The days of the visits will run from 9 am - 4 pm. The price includes all coach trips, but not entry to the gardens.

Visits will include: Beth Chatto's garden, Hatfield House gardens, Loseley, Wisley RHS gardens and Winkworth arboretum

Topics to be covered include:

- Weekly plant identification forum
- Practical sessions on plant propagation
- Origin of our fruit and vegetable crops
- Designers and gardens of the 21st Century
- How plants defend themselves against pest and disease problems

How to be a Successful Gardener (1 Year)

Tutor: Neil Bone

Starts Saturday Mornings 20 September.

Cost: £125 per module or £499 for all 5 modules

This is a more practical, hands on, course than the RHS and is designed for people who have an interest in gardening and want to learn more. Divided into five modules, each of six weeks, the course covers everything from the basics of how to garden right up to some of the more controversial issues such as GM modification and pesticide use. Modules are three hours a week and are offered as individual courses so it will be possible to choose a module that you have a particular interest in or take all five modules over 30 weeks

There will also be a practical element to each module to give real-life experience of most of the topics covered.

The modules will cover:

- The basics of how to garden
- Gardening and your health
- Wildlife and gardening
- Growing your own vegetables
- The future of gardening



Tessa Allen



Neil Bone



**Starting in
September
2014**

RHS Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture Level 2 (2 Years)

Tutor: Tessa Allen

Starts Monday evening 22 September 6.30pm to 9pm

Or Tuesday daytime 23 September 9.30am -12.30pm or 1- 4pm.

Cost: £499 per year (30 weeks)

Just 3 hours a week, over 30 weeks, can gain you this nationally recognised award. We do recommend that you take the exams, but we do have a few students who decide to enjoy this purely as a leisure course. Both theory and practical elements of gardening are taught. This course is suitable for all keen gardeners regardless of experience.

Topics to be covered include:

Year 1 -

- Propagation
- Plant structure and growth
- Soil management
- Pest and disease problems

Year 2 -

- Garden design
- Plant establishment and maintenance
- Greenhouse management
- Vegetable and fruit growing



Each class includes:

- Plant identification
- Theory, with full well-written hand outs provided
- Practical demonstration
- Tea break with tea/coffee and biscuits provided



Coolings Diploma in Garden Design (2 Years)

Tutor: Alex Lindsay BA Hons, GD DIP

Starts Wednesday daytime 24 September 9.30am -12.30pm

Cost: £585

This course covers similar content to the Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Garden Design, but takes a more vocational 'hands on' approach to equip students with experience and confidence.

This course is the perfect combination of creative design and advanced plant and design knowledge and is the perfect foundation for a career as a garden designer.

Applicants are advised to have their own drawing board and some drawing materials. These are not essential at the start of the course and advice will be given as to the appropriate materials.

Short Courses (8 Weeks)

Tutor: Tessa Allen

Wednesday evenings, 6.30pm to 9pm

Cost: £149



Autumn: 'Trees, Shrubs and Climbers; choosing, planting and maintenance'
Starts October 1 to November 26 2014

Spring: 'Borders and Pots; using and maintaining annuals and herbaceous perennials' **Starts January 21 to March 18 2015**

Summer: 'Propagation; seeds and cuttings'
Starts April 29 to June 24 2015

Each of these courses will include lots of practical demonstrations, plenty of chances to ask questions and, where possible, for you to 'have a go'. Gain the skills you need to become a more confident gardener.

One Day Lectures With Alex Lindsay Garden Design Lecturer

Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm, Cost: £10 per person.

How to Add Structure and Interest to Your Planting - 3 September

The lecture will explore many planting styles and help inspire you with some ideas for your own garden.

Ideas for Large Gardens - 10 September

Whether you have just taken on a large site or have struggled with an existing one, this lecture will help cope with the challenge of where to start, and introduce some inspiring ideas.

From Modernism to the Present Day - 17 September

A brief history of those gardens and garden designers around the world that have inspired and changed the way we design our gardens.

A Beginners Guide to Bonsai Tutor: Serge Tasic

1 or 5 Day Course

**From end April to end October daytime on
Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays**

(Please call to arrange exact dates)

Cost: 1 day course £70 or 5 day course £299



Exclusive to Coolings!

Many consider Bonsai to be a difficult art which requires knowledge and experience which takes years to learn. Our entertaining and gifted lecturer Serge Tasic will take you through a remarkable journey which will break through the myths of Bonsai and show you how simple it is to create beautiful plants in only five short days.

Each student will have their own tree (only on the 5 day course) to work on and transform into their very own bonsai. Students will be required to buy some tools and other peripherals for the course and advice will be given on this during the first day.

Floristry Courses with tutor Myra Lester

Friday Mornings 9.30am to 12.30pm
Cost: £25 which includes lunch in Arthurs

Friday 11 April
Friday 23 May
Friday 27 June
Friday 25 July
Friday 1, 8 & 15 August
Friday 29 August
Friday 5 September

Copper Curves
Italian Mass Style
Roses in a Contemporary Style
A Sunny Side Up Italian Style
Beginners courses
Traditional class
Contemporary class



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