

HOLLISTER HOUSE GARDEN



THE GARDENER MASTER CLASS

Course Description:

This five-session master class developed for all skill levels covers all aspects of gardening, from conception and planning to making and maintenance.

For experienced gardeners or those with existing knowledge, this course will provide fresh ideas and concepts for reimagining established gardens and incorporating new trends and techniques to grow your garden into the next chapter.

Students will learn how to develop the knowledge and skills to cultivate their own legacy garden including ornamental and edible plants based on sustainable, ecologically responsible practices. We will cover comprehensive garden design tools and strategies for the home gardener.

This course will introduce students to the principles of garden design from site assessment to long-term development, present strategies for plant and material selection, and introduce the fundamentals of seasonal maintenance and continued care techniques.

Instructor's Name:

Daryl Beyers

Course Dates & Schedule:

5 Sessions (April 20, 2023 – May18, 2023)

Required Text:

The New Gardener's Handbook, Daryl Beyers

Materials Needed:

Drawing materials or software; Garden tools & supplies

Course Outline:

Thursday, April 20, 2023 3pm - 5pm

Location: Hollister House Barn

Session One: "Assessing Your Property & Plants"

- Lesson: Basic Elements of Garden Design: Landform – Structure – Plants
- Activity: How to Start a Site Survey & Analysis
- Assignment: Complete your Site Survey & Analysis

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Session Two: "The Art of Gardening"

Thursday, April 27, 2023 3pm - 5pm

Location: Hollister House Barn

- Lesson: Design Principles, Informants & Keys
- Discussion: Designing Useful & Beautiful Garden Spaces
- Assignment: TBD

Session Three: "All About Plants"

Thursday, May 4, 2023 3pm - 5pm

Location: Hollister House Barn

- Lesson: Building a Plant Palette based on Purpose, Conditions, and Aesthetics
- Activity: Combining Plants Using Form, Texture & Color
- Assignment: TDB

Session Four: "Making a Garden"

Thursday, May 11, 2023 12pm - 3pm

Location: Off Site, Location to be announced

- Lesson: Landform Adjustments and Including Structures
- Activity: Bed Preparation, Planting & Sowing
- Assignment: TBD

Session Five: "The Craft of Gardening"

Thursday, May 18, 2023 12pm - 3pm

Location: Off Site, Location to be announced

- Lesson: Basic Garden-care: Watering, Feeding, Pruning, Pests & Disease Control
- Activity: A Tool Show-and-Tell Demonstration