



HOLLISTER HOUSE GARDEN

Designing a Planting Plan

This is a 2-session course with a homework component between sessions.

Session 1: After a discussion of proper site assessment and factors such as soil structure and sun exposure, learn to select plants that will thrive in your new garden. We will then explore basic design principles such as balance, unity, rhythm and scale and learn how to apply these principles to our own garden designs. Your instructor will cover the basic drafting skills you will need to get those ideas accurately down on paper as you begin to create your own detailed planting plan.

Homework: Students will use the week between classes to draft a planting plan for a 100 square foot garden space. *Your planting plan should be sent to the instructor before noon on February 13th* (the day of the second class) to be included in the class feedback session that evening.

Session 2: In the second session, we will start off with practical tips for garden bed preparation, an often-overlooked step that is crucial to the success of a new garden. Get pro tips for laying out plants, getting them into the ground and supporting them as they establish. Finally, students will have the opportunity to present their planting plans to the class for valuable instructor and peer feedback. These live feedback sessions are a wonderful learning tool and a key step toward refining your final design. You will leave the class with your own planting plan and plant list ready to implement this spring or further develop and expand upon at home.

The following basic drawing materials are recommended:

Regular Pencil & Eraser

Colored Pencils or Markers: Black; Blue, Brown, Green, Red

Graph Paper – 8.5x11 or 11x17 inch

Trace Paper – 8.5x11 or 11x17 inch – or a Roll

Straight Edge

Ruler or Engineer's Scale

Circle Templates