

RHS
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**Courses and
workshops
2019**



Inspiring everyone to grow

RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Courses and workshops

Welcome to our 2019 programme of courses and workshops, sharing the very best in horticulture to fill you with inspiration.

Within this brochure you will find a wide range of courses and workshops to inspire your experience and knowledge of plants and gardens, from pruning and propagation to art and photography. Whether you enjoy creative days out or short courses for building your skills, we hope you find something to suit you in the following pages. The courses offer the opportunity to learn alongside RHS horticulturists and experts in their field in the amazing, unique setting of RHS Garden Hyde Hall.

Our 2019 programme aims to provide horticultural sessions to suit everyone, whether you are just starting out with a garden or are already confident in your horticultural ability and looking to broaden your skills.

We have once again extended our range of creative courses and workshops to cover photography, willow weaving and a variety of traditional and contemporary crafts.

The RHS is the world's leading gardening charity. Our vision is to enrich everyone's life through plants, and make the UK a greener and more beautiful place. We are entirely funded by our members, visitors and supporters.

We hope you find a course to match your needs and look forward to welcoming you to the garden and Clore Learning Centre in 2019.



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Horticulture

Getting the Best out of your Roses

NEW

Thursday 31 January 11am to 1pm

Roses are one of the most popular garden plants, they are easy to grow and live for many years if looked after properly. This workshop will provide you with expert advice from an experienced member of our Gardening Team, on choosing the best roses for your garden, planting and feeding them, deadheading and recognising and managing pests and diseases.

Please note this session does not cover rose pruning.

This session will take place outside so please come appropriately dressed.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15144

Maximum 15 places



Designing with Plants Workshop

Friday 8 February or Saturday 9 February

11am to 1.30pm

Tutor: Andrew Hellman

Gain an insight into creative and innovative planting design to enhance your garden. Covering plant selection and combination for impact as well as problem solving plants. Ideal for those starting a new garden or those planning to refresh an established area.

Fee: RHS Members £22, Non-RHS Members £35

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15147 (Friday 8 February) **or**
15148 (Saturday 9 February)

Maximum 20 places



Plants for Winter Interest

Thursday 28 February 11am to 1pm

Tutor: Andy Tebbutt

The winter months can be a cold, grey and stark time in the garden. Join the Hyde Hall Gardeners to help readdress the balance by highlighting plants and combinations that can be used to bring colour, scent and 'elegant decay' into the garden throughout the winter months. This session will take place both in the class room and outside so please come appropriately dressed.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15149

Maximum 20 places



Early Spring Pruning

Thursday 7 March 11am to 1pm

Pruning shrubs in early spring will help plants to remain shapely and will encourage strong new growth and lots of flowers for the summer season. Our experts will cover pruning principles and give practical demonstrations. This session will take place outside so please come appropriately dressed.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15151

Maximum 15 places



What Now? Your garden in March – April

Tutor: Saturday 9 March 11am to 1pm

If you're unsure what you should be doing in the garden at this time of year, then let our experts guide you. This seasonal workshop covers staking, planting, lifting and dividing. This session will take place outside so please come appropriately dressed.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15152

Maximum 20 places



Starting From Scratch: How to Garden

Saturday 9 March 10.30am – 3.30pm

Tutor: Lucy Chamberlain

If you are new to gardening and want help with getting started this is the course for you. During the day, we will take you back to basics and guide you through some of the essentials of gardening. We will introduce you to the process of choosing the right plants for your garden, how to prepare your soil and care for your plants. Learn how to spot pests and diseases and identify troublesome weeds. We'll give you expert advice and practical experience that will enable you to create and maintain a beautiful garden.

Fee: RHS Members £44, Non-RHS Members £57

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15153

Maximum 15 places

To book any of these courses please call 020 3176 5830

Plant Pests and Diseases

NEW

Tuesday 19 March 10am to 3.30pm

Tutor: RHS Plant Health Team

Are you fed up with your plants being nibbled or keeling over without warning? Learn about the pests and diseases most likely to attack your plants, how to spot them and what to do about them. This session will cover the identification and control of a variety of common garden enemies. There will also be a hands on session to show pests and diseases in context.

Fee: RHS Members £50, Non-RHS Members £63

Skill level: General

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15156

Maximum 20 places



Success with Seeds and Cuttings: Spring

Thursday 28 March 11am to 1.30pm

Tutor: Heather Cutmore

Master the techniques of propagation and you will be rewarded with new plants for free. We will show you how to take cuttings, sow seed and care for your new plants, so come summer, your garden will be a blaze of colour.

Fee: RHS Members £31, Non-RHS Members £44

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15158

Maximum 15 places



The Curator's Spring Garden Walk

Wednesday 10 April 11am to 12.30pm

Tutor: Robert Brett

Join RHS Garden Hyde Hall's enthusiastic Curator Robert Brett for the first of our seasonal garden walks. Enjoy the splendour of spring flowers and the freshness of the new season's growth. Learn about the plants that put on a show at this time of year as you take a gentle stroll around the garden.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15164

Maximum 20 places

Plants for Difficult places

Thursday 11 April 11am to 1pm

Tutor: Christine Woodhouse

Learn which plants to plant where and your garden will never disappoint you again. Our experts will show you a range of plants which will flourish in those awkward places, as well as covering soil preparation to help you get the best display possible from your plants.



This session will take place outside so please come appropriately dressed.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15165

Maximum 20 places

Starting from Scratch: Propagation

Saturday 13 April 10.30am to 3.30pm

Tutor: Heather Cutmore

Learn how to grow your own plants from scratch and save a fortune. If you are new to gardening or trying to grasp the essentials of propagation, this course will guide you step by step through everything you need to know about planting seeds and taking cuttings. The session will include demonstrations and practical activities with the opportunity to take home plenty of examples for further nurturing.

Fee: RHS Members £44, Non-RHS Members £57

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15166

Maximum 15 places



What Now? Your Garden in May & June

Thursday 2 May 11am to 1pm

If you're unsure what you should be doing when, then let our experts guide you. This workshop covers coping with weeds, lawn care, bedding, feeding, pests and diseases. This session will take place outside so please come appropriately dressed.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15170

Maximum 20 places



Hyde Hall Awakes

Saturday 4 May 4.30am to 7.30am

Explore the natural world of Hyde Hall as a new day begins. Walk the estate with a team of wildlife experts from Essex Wildlife Trust and the Royal Horticultural Society. Catch the dawn chorus and other wildlife as it awakes, then finish your visit at the Field Café for a bacon roll and hot mug of tea or coffee. Vegetarian option available.

Fee: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £42

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15171

Maximum 20 places



Lawn Care for Your Garden

Thursday 9 May 10.30am to 12.30pm

The lush green lawns at Hyde Hall are much admired by our many visitors. This session gives you the opportunity to learn the techniques needed for achieving a healthy lawn. Our turf experts will explain, how to renovate a grass area that is past its best and maintain its appearance by feeding, weeding and mowing. Grass types for different situations will be discussed, as will equipment for keeping your lawn in tip top condition.

This workshop will take place outside.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15172

Maximum 15 places



Starting from Scratch: A beginner's guide to growing fruit and vegetables

Saturday 11 May 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Lucy Chamberlain

Join local Head Gardener Lucy Chamberlain for a day-course showing you how to grow delicious home-grown fruit and vegetables. Classroom sessions will teach you how to choose the most suitable fruit and veg for your plot, keep it free from pests and diseases, and guarantee bumper harvests. You'll also visit the new Global Growth edible garden and take part in a sowing workshop. A fruit pruning demonstration will complete the day.

Fee: RHS Members £44, Non-RHS Members £57

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15173

Maximum 15 places

Natural Plant Supports

Thursday 23 May 11am to 1pm

Understanding what, when and how to stake and support herbaceous perennials can fill you with uncertainty. Do you ever look at a border and wonder how everything stands up so well? Want to avoid seeing your plants flopping and snapping and frantically trying to support them or lamenting not doing so? This workshop will supply you with the knowledge, understanding and methods to enable you to become confident with supporting plants in your own garden. It will cover support methods and context, materials, timing, techniques and understanding which herbaceous plants need to be considered for staking.

This workshop will take place outside.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15174

Maximum 15 places



Summer Pruning

Wednesday 5 June 10.30am to 1.30pm

Tutor: Tom Freeman

This demonstration will show you the correct way to prune deciduous shrubs that flower in late winter, spring and early summer. It will cover renovation pruning of overgrown shrubs, and evergreens and will include some summer pruning of perennials including Chelsea chopping and cutting back for a second flush.

This workshop will take place outside so please come appropriately dressed.

Fee: RHS Members £20, Non-RHS Members £33

Skill Level: General

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15178

Maximum 15 places



The Curator's Summer Garden Walk

Thursday 20 June 11am to 12.30pm

Tutor: Robert Brett

Join RHS Garden Hyde Hall's enthusiastic Curator Robert Brett on an inspiring and informative tour of Hyde Hall. Visit areas of the garden that others don't see and enjoy the summer splendour of our spectacular borders. Immerse yourself in the vibrant colours and heady scents of the season and learn about the plants that put on a show at this time of year as you take a gentle stroll around the garden.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15181

Maximum 20 places

Plants for Bees, Butterflies and Birds

Wednesday 26 June 11am to 1pm

Tutor: Elliot Wagstaff

A healthy population of wildlife is essential for your garden's wellbeing. Choosing a few top wildlife friendly plants can make a huge difference to your garden in a very short time. Learn which ones to select and turn your garden into a haven for wildlife, then sit back and watch your new visitors and plants flourish.



Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15182

Maximum 20 places

Creating Beautiful Borders

Wednesday 3 July 11am to 1pm

Learn everything you need to know about growing the perfect borders from selecting suitable plants, to maintenance and aftercare. The event will include a visit to our magnificent borders.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15184

Maximum 20 places



What Now? Your Garden in July & August

Wednesday 10 July 11am to 1pm

If you're unsure what you should be doing when, then let our experts guide you. This workshop covers watering, dead-heading, tender perennials and summer pruning.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15186

Maximum 20 places



To book any of these courses please call 020 3176 5830

Get the Look: Garden Design Styles

Tuesday 16 July 11am to 1pm

Tutor: Cath Fairhall-Lewis

An exploration of planting design styles at Hyde Hall and how to create your own. What sort of look are you after? Do you want to create a cottage garden, a woodland glade or perhaps a prairie border? Come and be inspired by the many different design styles at Hyde Hall and find out how to create your own scaled down version at home.

The workshop will take the form of a walk & talk around the garden.

Picking out planting styles.

Discussing how and why they work

Identifying key plants

Explaining and demonstrating how to group these to best effect

This session will be outside so please come appropriately dressed.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15188

Maximum 15 places



Hyde Hall: Behind the Scenes

Wednesday 17 July 11am to 12.30pm

There are many new and exciting projects taking place at Hyde Hall. Join Robert Brett (Curator) for a walk and talk to find out what is going on behind the scenes now and what we have planned for the future. Visit the glass house, nursery and other areas of the garden normally closed to the public.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15189

Maximum 20 places



Global Growth Vegetable Garden Tour

NEW

Wednesday 24 July 11am to 12.30pm

Tutor: Matt Oliver

Join Matt Oliver, Hyde Hall's experienced vegetable gardener for a special tour of Hyde Hall's innovative Global Growth Vegetable Garden. Discover interesting facts about plants you thought you knew and be amazed by how many of them are actually edible from lupins to dahlias and many more besides.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15191

Maximum 20 places

Living Frame

Thursday 25th July 11am to 1pm

Tutor: Sam Everiss

Work with an experienced member of our garden team to plant up a painted wooden picture frame with an array of dazzling sempervivums (house leeks). Your living picture frame can be hung on a garden wall, fence or displayed indoors, it requires little maintenance, just take down and water occasionally and it will last for many years. All materials provided.



Fee: RHS Members £50, Non-RHS Members £63

Skill Level: General

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15192

Maximum 12 places

Get the Best Out of Your Hedges

Thursday 8 August 11am to 1pm

Tutor: Christine Woodhouse

Learn lots of different plants ideal for use as hedging, either for large boundaries or dividing small garden areas, formally or informally, evergreen, deciduous or simply for colour. Learn all the care and maintenance & pruning techniques for good establishment. Join Christine for a tour around the garden to look at the different plants suitable for hedges and boundaries. All weather clothing as the event will be outside only.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15197

Maximum 20 places



Bat Evening

Friday 9 August 6pm to 9pm

Starting with a one-hour guided tour of the Hyde Hall Estate, we'll show you a range of bat friendly plants and discuss ways to encourage these lovely creatures into your garden. We then head off to the Essex Wildlife Trust's Visitor Centre at Hanningfield Reservoir for refreshments and the opportunity to watch the bats emerging from their roost.

Fee: £16 per person

Skill Level: General

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15198

Maximum 30 places



Curator's Late Summer Walk

Wednesday 4 September

11am to 12.30pm

Tutor: Robert Brett

Join RHS Garden Hyde Hall's Curator Robert Brett on a tour of Hyde Hall. Visit Rob's favourite places in the garden and get an insight into the plants he loves.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15201

Maximum 20 places

NEW

Seeds: Collecting, Saving and Sowing

Thursday 5 September 11am to 1.30pm

An introduction to harvesting and storing seed. This workshop will cover, techniques and timings for harvesting, collecting seeds (in the Dry Garden weather permitting), and a hands on practical session on cleaning and storing seed, followed by a demonstration on seed sowing, giving top tips to ensure success with germination.

Fee: RHS Members £31, Non-RHS Members £44

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15202

Maximum 15 places



What Now? Your Garden in October & November

Saturday 5 October 11am to 1pm

If you're unsure what you should be doing when, then let our experts guide you. This workshop covers dividing and planting perennials, bulbs, protecting tender plants and cutting back.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15205

Maximum 20 places



Grow Your Own: preparing for next year

Wednesday 9 October 11am to 1pm

Matt Oliver

A seasonal GYO workshop which covers getting ready for next year, planting plans, composting, and soil preparation.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15206

Maximum 15 places



Rose Pruning: Climbers & Ramblers

Thursday 17 or Saturday 19 October

11am to 1pm

Learn the techniques for winter pruning of all types of climbers and ramblers to aid successful growing and flowering for the following season. Workshop repeated on 20 October.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15208 (Thursday 17 October) **or**
15209 (Saturday 19 October)

Maximum 15 places

How to Make and Use Compost

Friday 8 November 11am to 1pm

Tutor: Tom Freeman

Making your own compost is great fun and it's really good for your garden.

We'll show you what ingredients you need as well as suitable containers and then you can sit back and let nature do the rest.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15212

Maximum 15 places



Curator's Winter Walk

Wednesday 27 November

11am to 12.30pm

Tutor: Robert Brett

Wrap up warm and head outside for a bracing winter walk around RHS Garden Hyde Hall. It may be winter but there is still plenty to see, especially in the Winter Garden where plants make a statement with colour, scent and form.

Fee: RHS Members £18, Non-RHS Members £31

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15214

Maximum 20 places

NEW



Creative

Sympathy Flowers

Friday 1 February 10.30am to 3.30pm

Tutor: Sue Rogers

Learn how to create a personal tribute for a loved one. After discussing different types of designs and funeral tributes, Sue will demonstrate a design and then guidance and support will be given to you as you produce a beautiful arrangement to take home or to a special place of remembrance.

Fee: RHS Members £75, Non-RHS Members £88

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15145

Maximum 16 places



NEW

An Introduction to Lino Printing

Saturday 2 February 10.30am to 3.30pm

Tutor: Ailish Warner

Introducing the methods and tools needed to make linocutting plates at home. The course will teach you how to simplify images in order to make clear, artistic prints using simple tools without the need of a printing press.

Please bring your own photocopies of visual reference pictures and all other tools and materials will be provided.

Advice will be given on what to purchase to continue at home.

Fee: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £75

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15146

Maximum 10 places

Dry Garden in Fabric and Threads

NEW

Saturday 2 March 10.30am to 3.30pm

Tutor: Katrina Parris

Use simple techniques to make a hand stitched picture depicting the colour and texture of a dry garden. You will be shown how to paint your fabrics to create a collage from your photos or the design provided. Suitable for beginners as well as the more advanced as the only requirement is enthusiasm and an open mind. Bring hand sewing equipment and small amounts of white cotton or poly cotton fabrics. Painting equipment will be provided.

Fee: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £75

Skill Level: Beginners upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15150

Maximum 15 places



Porcelain Bugs and Insects

NEW

Thursday 14 March 10.30am to 3.30pm

Tutor: Madelaine Hanman Murphy

You will be provided with a pre-made thrown porcelain vase or bowl, to which you will add your hand made porcelain butterflies, dragonflies, honeybees, or whatever takes your fancy. The porcelain is leatherhard, also allowing you to draw into the surface of the object. Attach your creations to your bowl or vase, and add highlight glazes. This workshop also looks at the cultural history of decorating in porcelain with flora and fauna. We will also mix Egyptian paste, a bright turquoise material, from which small creatures or beads can be modelled and attached at a later stage. Your decorated object will be fired with a clear gloss glaze over your decoration, and sent to your address.

Fee: RHS Members £70, Non-RHS Members £83

Skill Level: Beginners upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15154

Maximum 10 places

Porcelain Hanging Planter

NEW

Saturday 16 March 10.30am to 1.30pm

Tutor: Claire Barnett

Working with porcelain slabs, you will create a beautiful pocket planter which can be hung or attached to a wall. Claire will show you different techniques that will add colour, pattern and texture to your planter. Your decorated object will be fired and sent to your address.

Fee: RHS Members £50, Non-RHS Members £63

Skill Level: Beginners upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event Code: 15155

Maximum 16 places

Spring Suspense

Saturday 23 March 10am to 1pm

Tutor: Robyn Rayner

Learn how to use craft materials to enhance a floristry arrangement using a colour palette of deep mauve and pretty pastels to represent the coming of spring. Get inspired by Robyn's demonstration, then have a go at creating your own design with one to one expert guidance. The perfect way to learn new skills and enjoy the colours and scents of seasonal flowers.

Fee: RHS Members £61, Non-RHS Members £74

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15157

Maximum 16 places



Dragonflies and Pond Plants in Fabric and Threads

Saturday 30 March 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Katrina Parris

Make a hand stitched picture inspired by dragonflies and pond plants. Use simple techniques to paint and stencil fabrics to create a collage from your own photos or design and templates provided. Suitable for beginners and the more advanced as the only requirement is enthusiasm and an open mind. Bring hand sewing equipment and small amounts of white or cream cotton or poly cotton fabrics. Painting and stencilling equipment provided.

Fee: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £75

Skill Level: Beginner upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15159

Maximum 15 places



NEW



Willow Weaving: Garden Obelisk

Tuesday 2 April or Wednesday 29 May

10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Deb Hart

Join experienced crafter Deb Hart to learn the basic skills of willow weaving and create a stunning, sturdy willow obelisk for your garden. Please make sure it will fit in your car. The course may be held outside, weather permitting. All materials are provided.

Fee: RHS Members £72, Non-RHS Members £85

Skill Level: Beginner upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15160 (Tuesday 2 April) or
15175 (Wednesday 29 May)

Maximum 10 places

Layered Lino Printing

Saturday 6 April 10.30am to 3.30pm

Tutor: Ailish Moss

All learners will learn how to cut two lino blocks using their own reference pictures or those provided by the tutor. One print will be simple and provide some background colour and the second print will be more complex and provide the fine detail. Learners will also be shown how to print onto coloured areas using watercolour or collage for another method of printing.

Fee: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £75

Skill Level: Beginner upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15161

Maximum 10 places

NEW

Felted bowls

Monday 8 April 10am to 1pm

Tutor: Lynne Sharpe

Come along and join Lynne Sharpe of The Make It Room and learn how to make a felted bowl using merino wool fibres, soap and water plus your hands. A very satisfying traditional skill.

Fee: RHS Members £36, Non-RHS Members £49

Skill Level: Beginner upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15162

Maximum 10 places



Impressionistic Flower Portraits in Acrylics

Monday 15 April 10.30am to 4.30pm

Tutor: Marie Antoniou

Capturing the essence of flowers and plants through strong colour and expressive brushstrokes. You will be encouraged to dive in and enjoy the process of painting without being obsessed with details - There will be demonstrations throughout the day as well as plenty of individual attention. A strong focus will also be on how to use the medium of Acrylics. Photographic reference will be available to use.



Fee: RHS Members £66, Non-RHS Members £79

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15167

Maximum 15 places

Easter Table Ring

Tuesday 16 April 10am to 1pm

Tutor: Sue Rogers

Create a beautiful table arrangement for your Easter celebrations, bursting with seasonal colour and scent. The design will be arranged on a foam ring combining cut and growing flowers, decorated with your choice of accessories to symbolise the occasion.



Fee: RHS Members £61, Non-RHS Members £74

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15168

Maximum 16 places

Introduction to Aromatherapy

Saturday 27 April 10am to 5pm

Tutor: Tanya Moulding

Discover and understand the therapeutic benefits and applications of Essential Oils and how they can be used to support health and beauty and ease everyday common ailments.

Explore and sample a variety of essential oils, plant oils and other botanical ingredients; compare and contrast the plant material and the essential oil. Discuss different methods of application and understand how to blend essential oils safely and with confidence for specific conditions. Create 3 bespoke products to take home with you

Fee: RHS Members £76, Non-RHS Members £89

Skill Level: Beginner / introductory

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15169

Maximum 14 places



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An Introduction to Drawing

Friday 31 May 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Helen Rubinstein

If you've always wanted to draw but think you can't or, if you just need to brush up your skills, come and join us. With some simple exercises, based on the lovely surroundings, I'll start you on the road to fulfilling your ambitions. By experiment with different materials you can find what suits you best. Hopefully you'll end the day with a finished picture and the skills to carry on. If you have no materials they will be provided. Suitable for beginners and improvers.

Fee: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £75

Skill Level: Beginner upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15176

Maximum 10 places



An Introduction to Weaving

Saturday 1 June 10am to 4pm

Tutor: Ang Cass

Create a beautiful wall hanging on a basic frame loom using various fibres including wool, recycled materials and natural items such as wood and shells.

Fee: RHS Members £70, Non-RHS Members £83

Skill Level: Beginner upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15177

Maximum 8 places



Rag Rug Making for Beginners

Saturday 8 June 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Elspeth Jackson

Have fun turning old clothing and fabric offcuts into beautiful rugs, comfy cushions and unique homeware with the traditional craft of rag rugging. Taught by expert crafter and author, Elspeth Jackson, you will learn how to use the rag rug equipment, how to choose and prepare materials, how to design for rag rug and how to do the two different techniques (loopy and shaggy). During the class, you will have plenty of 1-2-1 attention, advice and inspiration as you begin either a rug, cushion or smaller project (depending on how ambitious you're feeling).

By the end of the workshop, you will have all the skills you need to begin any rag rug project for yourself at home. All materials are provided.

Fee: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £75

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15179

Maximum 12 places

Botanical Perfumery

Saturday 29 June 10am to 5pm

Tutor: Tanya Moulding

Lavender, Lemon; Rosemary; Thyme; Rose; Jasmine; Orange and Clove are familiar plants and fragrances to many.

Modern day perfumery can trace its origins from humble beginnings, a simple burning of resin incense, the strewing of herbs, a splash of floral water or the scent of a pomander ball. Plants have been used in many forms since antiquity, to fragrance the air, combat 'mal-odours', to anoint, cleanse, beautify and to stir the senses.

Come and discover the origins of perfumery and the remarkable role of aromatic plants and their oils in this immersive one-day workshop with Tanya Moulding, the Perfume Mistress. Enjoy a hands-on, interactive day embracing the theory and creative art of botanical perfumery, you will:

- Learn about the origins and history of perfume from Cleopatra to Chanel
- Understand perfume vocabulary – the art of smelling and training the nose
- Perfume structure – Top, Middle, Base notes
- Fragrance classifications
- Secrets of blending essential oils & dilutions, safety and storage

Fee: RHS Members £76, Non-RHS Members £89

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15183

Maximum 14 places



Summer Flower Arrangement

NEW

Saturday 6 July 10am to 1pm

Tutor: Sue Rogers

Working with an assortment of summer blooms Sue will show you how to condition your flowers to extend their flowering time followed by a demonstration to include decorating a small wooden crate into which she will arrange a selection of summery country garden flowers. You will then be given all the materials needed.

Fee: RHS Members £61, Non-RHS Members £74

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15185

Maximum 16 places

An Introduction to Watercolour

NEW

Saturday 27 July 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Helen Rubinstein

Perhaps you've tried watercolour, found it difficult, and given up. Perhaps you've wanted to try it but been put off. This will be a stress free introduction to the basic skills in surroundings which should inspire and urge you on. I'll aim to send you home with a finished picture and the incentive to build on the skills you've learnt. If you have no materials they will be provided. Suitable for beginners and improvers.

Fee: RHS Members £61, Non-RHS Members £74

Skill Level: Beginner / Professional

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15194

Maximum 10 places



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Willow Weaving: Basket

NEW

Tuesday 30 July 9am to 5.30pm

Tutor: Deb Hart

Join Deb Hart, a talented local willow weaver, for an introduction to the ancient craft of basket weaving. You will learn different styles of weaving and spend a relaxing day creating your own basket to take home. All materials will be provided on the day and are included in the price of the workshop.

Fee: RHS Members £78, Non-RHS Members £81

Skill Level: Beginner upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15195

Maximum 8 places



Summer Discovery: Flower Arrangement

NEW

Wednesday 7 August 10am to 1pm

Tutor: Robyn Rayner

Embracing the summer delights, by the beach or country walks can be a great joy. Gathering a few fallen treasures from the forest floor or seashore can make the perfect start for a flower arrangement. Enjoy learning a new skill and take away a summer display for outdoors or indoors.

Fee: RHS Members £61, Non-RHS Members £74

Skill Level: Beginner upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15196

Maximum 16 places

An Introduction to Handstitched Patchwork

Friday 16 August 10am to 1pm

Tutor: Lynne Sharpe

Join Lynne to learn the technique of hand stitched patchwork using only paper, fabric, scissors, thread and needles. This historical method of sewing fabric together is still popular today and is something you can take with you wherever you go.

Fee: RHS Members £36, Non-RHS Members £49

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15199

Maximum 15 places



Natural Dyeing with Kitchen Botanycs

Saturday 17 August 10.30am to 4.30pm

Tutor: Zoe Burt

Make a swatch booklet on various fabrics and paper samples naturally dyed using botanical waste. Experiment with mark making on paper. Develop patterns using simple shibori techniques. Dye a small silk handkerchief. Learn about contemporary practise in the field of natural dyeing.



Fee: RHS Members £61, Non-RHS Members £74

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15200

Maximum 12 places



Harvest Arrangement

Friday 4 October 10am to 1pm

Tutor: Robyn Rayner

Make a bespoke container arrangement for the home including traditional harvest materials and seasonal blooms. After a demonstration, you will receive one to one guidance whilst making your own design. Enjoy a friendly atmosphere and celebrate the festival season.

Fee: RHS Members £61, Non-RHS Members £74

Skill Level: Beginner upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15204

Maximum 16 places



Natural Beauty Products

Thursday 10 October 11am to 3pm

Tutor: Angela Deavall

Starts with an interactive session learning about the benefits of essential oils, plants, flowers and herbs for skincare, skin treatments and natural cleaning products. Everyone will learn how to make useful blends safely and we then move on to making two products to take home. Everyone receives a take-home pack with information, recipes and tips to use at home.

Fee: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £75

Skill Level: Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15207

Maximum 10 places

Coloured Pencils: Drawing Made Simple

NEW

Saturday 19 October

10.30am to 3.30pm

Tutor: Janie Pirie

Janie will show you how to draw simple botanical subjects using coloured pencils. She will explain the principals of good composition and show you how to achieve painterly effects with pencils.

Fee: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £75

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15210

Maximum 12 places



Needlefelted Toadstools

Monday 28 October 10am to 1pm

Tutor: Lynne Sharpe

Learn how to make these cute needlefelted toadstools using wool tops, a felting needle and sponge. Lynne will provide expert guidance on how to make these 3D items in this introductory course. All materials provided but if you have any fibres or equipment you would like to bring along, please feel free to do so.



Fee: RHS Members £36, Non-RHS Members £49

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15211

Maximum 15 places

Willow Weaving: Reindeer

Saturday 23 November or

Thursday 28 November

9am to 3.30pm

Tutor: Deb Hart

Join Deb Hart, an expert crafter in willow to create an enchanting reindeer ready for the Christmas season.



Fee: RHS Members £72, Non-RHS Members £85

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15213 (Saturday 23 November) **or**

15215 (Thursday 28 November)

Maximum 10 places

Traditional Christmas Wreath

Friday 29 November or

Saturday 30 November

10am to 1pm

Tutor: Sue Rogers

Go back to basics and learn how to construct a traditional Christmas Wreath creating a moss & wire frame. Then using a range of seasonal foliage, learn how to arrange and construct a balanced wreath shape and then decorate using accessories such as dried fruits, baubles, cinnamon sticks to name but a few. Enjoy a traditional Christmas craft and take home a treat to display on the door.

All materials included in the price.

Fee: RHS Members £58, Non-RHS members £71

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15216 (Friday 29 November) **or**

15217 (Saturday 30 November)

Maximum 16 places





Photography

The Art of Garden Photography

**Tuesday 9 April or
Saturday 7 September**

10am to 4pm

Tutor: Daniel Bridge

Join Daniel for an enlightening one-day workshop concentrating on garden and flower photography in the beautiful surroundings of RHS Garden Hyde Hall. Looking at composition, lighting, choice of subject and more, Daniel will guide you to great results with a slideshow and discussion in the morning, followed by an afternoon of practical photography in the garden which incorporates 1-2-1 time with each participant in order to address any issues, concerns or subjects specific to them. Any sort of camera is fine for this workshop.

Fee: RHS Members £66, Non-RHS Members £79

Skill Level: Beginner upwards

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15163 (Tuesday 9 April) **or**
15203 (Saturday 7 September)

Maximum 10 places

Learn to Control Your Camera

**Saturday 15 June or
Saturday 13 July**

10am to 4pm

Tutor: Daniel Bridge

If you're stuck using 'auto' mode and want to get to grips with all your camera has to offer, then this is the workshop for you.

We look at aperture, shutter speed, ISO, exposure compensation, white balance and more during an illustrated morning session, then head outside in the afternoon for practical photography to try out everything we discussed in the morning. Everyone will benefit from some one-to-one time. Suitable for all types of camera, from compact to DSLR, and for anyone, including absolute beginners.

Fee: RHS Members £66, Non-RHS Members £79

Skill Level: Beginner / intermediate

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15180 (Saturday 15 June) **or**
15187 (Saturday 13 July)

Maximum 10 places

NEW

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The Art of Garden Photography – afternoon / evening

Thursday 18 July 2pm to 8pm

Tutor: Daniel Bridge

The workshop will start in the afternoon and allow us to explore the garden in the evening, broadening the range of photos we'll be able to produce.

We will look at ways to shoot gardens, from wider views to flower portraits, outdoor studios, lighting and more. Looking at composition, techniques to maximise the subject, and how colour affects the photos, the evening session incorporates 1-2-1 time with each participant in order to address any issues, concerns or subjects specific to them.

Any sort of camera is fine for this workshop.

Fee: RHS Members £66, Non-RHS Members £79

Skill Level: General / Beginner

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15190

Maximum 10 places



Flower and Garden Photography – master class

Friday 26 July 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Clive Nichols

This course begins with an illustrated lecture followed by practical sessions in the garden, where students can learn about the techniques honed by Clive over a twenty-year career as a professional flower and garden photographer. Clive is a very experienced teacher and will show you how to get the most from your camera whatever your skill level. Please bring your own camera – a digital SLR camera is preferable but not essential and a tripod will also be useful if you have one. Subjects covered include how to make striking close up and garden compositions, how to use colour creatively and how to 'read' the weather and lighting conditions to produce optimum results.

Fee: RHS Members £120,
Non-RHS Members £133

Skill Level: Beginner / Professional

Booking essential on 020 3176 5830

Event code: 15193

Maximum 16 places

Further Information

Any updated information can be found on the courses section of the RHS website at rhs.org.uk

Ticket Information:

- All tickets must be booked in advance.
- Your tickets should arrive within 10 days of booking. In the unlikely event that they fail to arrive or you have a query regarding your tickets, please telephone **020 3176 5830** between 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday.
- Non-RHS Members may become a member of the RHS at the time of booking and pay the members' price.
- Tickets are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled by the RHS.
- RHS Garden Hyde Hall reserves the right to cancel an event and in these circumstances will fully refund course fees.
- All events will run subject to a minimum number of students. The decision as to whether the course goes ahead is made one week in advance of the event; therefore you are strongly advised to book before this time.
- Circumstances may require that event tutors change from those named in this brochure. Provided a tutor of equal standing is secured, participants will not be notified in advance. Refunds will only be given in the unlikely event that a replacement tutor is unavailable.
- All the events are non-residential; details of local accommodation are available on request.
- If catering is provided and you have specific dietary requirements or food allergies please let us know at least five days in advance of the event. It may not be possible to accommodate your request on the day.
- Unless specified, the events are run specifically for adults. We regret that we are unable to admit children under 16 to any event. Family events work on the basis of two adults and two children.

Access:

Please note that we are not able to allow cars into the garden. If you have impaired mobility and feel you may need assistance from your car to the course venue, please contact the adult learning team in advance on **01245 400256** who will be able to organise alternative arrangements.

Wheelchairs – Six manual wheelchairs at garden entrance. Available for 'on the day' use.

Mobility Vehicle – There is a mobility vehicle that provides a shuttle service from the Visitor Centre to the Hilltop Garden.

Toilets – Adapted unisex WC within the Visitor Centre and Hilltop Garden courtyard complex.

Carers – Attendants cannot be provided, but one companion is admitted free of charge per wheelchair user, visually impaired visitor or other person whose disability necessitates a carer.

Assistance dogs – Welcomed in all areas.

Access to buildings – All buildings accessible.

Access to gardens – The gardens are accessible, but please note that this is a hilltop garden, with sloping areas and typical finish of paths and footways.

Admission:

Admission to RHS Garden Hyde Hall is included in the price of the course ticket.

Weather:

Many of our courses include outdoor activities. Please ensure that you dress appropriately for the weather with suitable footwear.

First aid:

In the event of an emergency there will always be a trained first aider on site.

Parking:

Car parking is free. We regret that we are unable to allow cars into the garden but if you need help with equipment or transport from the garden entrance to the course venue please contact the adult learning team in advance who will be able to assist.

Coaches may park or drop off passengers in the coach parking area – only a short walk to the garden entrance.

Our courses are designed to be informative, friendly and fun. Please kindly note that whilst you may leave with some expertise, these courses do not count towards any formal qualification.

RHS Lindley Library

Sign up to a short course or study day at RHS Lindley Library in London to learn about garden and book history and discover treasures from our collection of rare books, botanical art, periodicals, photographs and archives.

rhs.org.uk/education-learning/libraries-at-rhs/events-exhibitions



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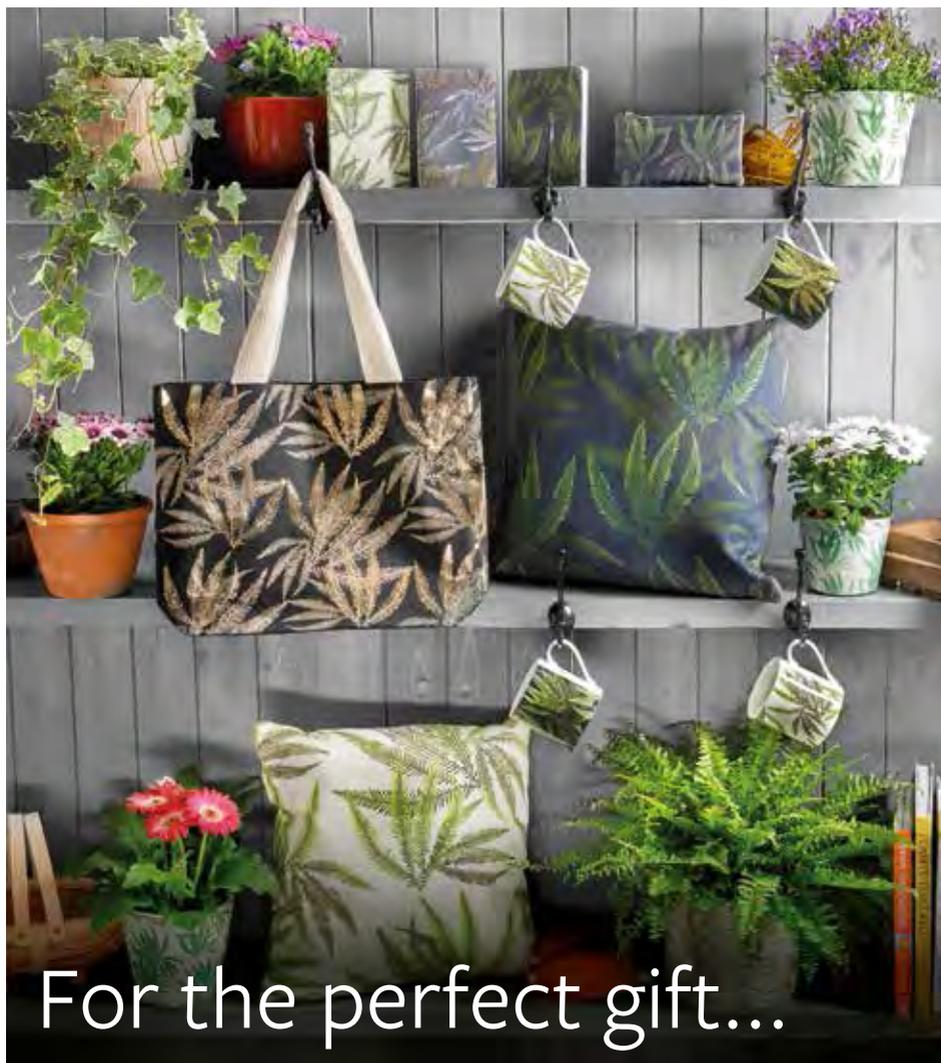
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No matter what size your outdoor space, our friendly experts are on hand in the plant centre to offer help and advice in turning your space into a haven. With a 5 year guarantee on all hardy plants you can buy in confidence and if you get carried away then we're on hand to help carry your purchases to your car!

In our Gift Shop you'll find a wonderful array of home wares, fashion, toiletries, accessories and foods. From Hyde Hall Jams and Chutneys to wonderful RHS Exclusive ranges only available in our shops, there's everything you need to take a piece of Hyde Hall home with you.

Every purchase you make in our plant centre and gift shop contributes to the charitable works carried out by the Royal Horticultural Society.

How to book

By Telephone

020 3176 5830 (local rate)

Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

By Post

Send a cheque made payable to the RHS including your daytime telephone number, event code number and, if applicable, membership number to:

Events Booking

RHS Membership Department

PO Box 313

London SW1P 9YR

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How to find us

By car:

Hyde Hall is conveniently located just 20 minutes from Chelmsford and is signed from the A130 (southbound). Parking is free.

Sat.Nav. CM3 8RA

By train:

The nearest train stations are at Chelmsford (approx. 8 miles) or Wickford (approx. 5 miles). Taxis are usually available at the station.

By bus:

Bus No.3, run by Arrow Taxis, leaves from Stand 1 at the bus station. Buses run every two hours, Monday to Saturday. Bus calls at the Garden on request – ask the driver and book your bus back (or call 01621 874410).

