

RHS
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**Courses and
workshops
2019**

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January

Wisteria Pruning Master Class

NEW

Tuesday 15 January or Wednesday 16 January

10.30am to 12.30pm

Tutor: RHS Team

Wisteria needs regular pruning to keep its size under control and improve flowering. Although it may seem complicated, this master class takes the mystery out of wisteria pruning. The course will look at a variety of different wisteria species. Our experts will show you how to train wisteria on walls, arches and as standard trees and how to prune for a dazzling floral display. There will be opportunities for you to have a go at many of these tasks yourself. This course will take place entirely outdoors and refreshments will not be provided, we have reduced the ticket price to reflect this. Please come suitably dressed for the weather.

Trial Price: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £43

Skill Level: General

Venue: All in the garden

Event Code: 15221 (15 January) or 15222 (16 January)

RSPB Big Garden Bird Walk

REVISED

Sunday 27 January

8.30am to 11am (breakfast at 10am)

Tutor: RSPB

Take an early-morning walk around RHS Garden Wisley with the North West Surrey RSPB and discover what bird life is dwelling in the garden in support of the Big Garden Birdwatch. This informal walk will include information and identification points of the birds seen. All are welcome, especially newcomers to bird watching. Children age 16 and under are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult. Binoculars would be useful and dress for cold weather conditions as this is an outside activity. The walk will end with a cooked breakfast.

Trial Price: RHS Members £35, Non-RHS Members £49,
Children under 16 years £25

Skill Level: General

Venue: Meet outside the garden entrance

Event Code: 15315

February

FAMILIAR FAVOURITE

Close Up Photography with Adrian Davies

Saturday 2 February 10am to 4pm

Tutor: Adrian Davies

Master the art of capturing close up images of plants and see them in a new light and scale! This course entirely concentrates on close-up and macro photography and is designed for more experienced photographers using DSLR, mirrorless or compact cameras. Please bring your own camera, tripod and any close-up accessories you have.

Trial Price: RHS Members £121, Non-RHS Members £135

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15296

Spring Lawn Care

NEW

Sunday 3 February 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Ray Broughton

Is the grass always greener on the other side? If so, then come and find out the secrets to keeping a healthy, luscious lawn all year round on this one day course. Discover how to identify different lawn grasses and which types are best suited to different environments and uses. The day will cover spring turf maintenance, successful grass seed sowing and control of pests, diseases and weeds. Set your garden off to its best and be the envy of your neighbours.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15223

Rose Pruning Master Class

REVISED

Wednesday 6 February or Thursday 7 February

10.30am to 12.30pm

Tutor: RHS Team

Could your roses do better? This course will cover all the major rose types including: hybrid tea, floribunda, shrub roses and climbers. Experts will demonstrate the correct pruning and planting techniques to allow each one to reach its full potential. This course will take place entirely outdoors and refreshments will not be provided, we have reduced the ticket price to reflect this. Please come suitably dressed for the weather.

Trial Price: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £43

Skill Level: General

Venue: All in the garden

Event Code: 15225 (6 February) or 15226 (7 February)

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To book any of these courses, call the booking line on 020 3176 5830 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

Basic Techniques in Watercolour for Beginners

NEW

Friday 8 February 10am to 4pm

Tutor: Billy Showell

Get started with watercolours on this beginners' workshop with renowned botanical artist Billy Showell. Billy will take you step by step through the basic techniques of watercolour painting and provide guided support throughout the day to help you build your skills. This course is a perfect opportunity to develop a new hobby in a relaxed and friendly environment. A suggested equipment list will be sent to attendees prior to the course.

Trial Price: RHS Members £82, Non-RHS Members £96

Skill Level: Beginner

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15227

Success with Houseplants

REVISED

Sunday 10 February 12.30pm to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

Would you like to keep your indoor plants thriving? On this course you will learn how to keep healthy houseplants and get the very best from them; whether you grow houseplants for their foliage, flowers or as edibles. Enjoy an illustrated talk, practical activities and a tour of RHS Wisley Glasshouse service areas. Our houseplant expert will show you how to encourage your indoor plants to grow; including how to get your favourite orchids to re-flower.

Trial Price: RHS Members £35, Non-RHS Members £49

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15228

Garden Design Drawing Skills: Colour Rendering and Line Work

NEW

Thursday 28 February 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: London College of Garden Design

Following the success of earlier study days on drawing and perspective skills, Andrew Wilson leads this day on colour rendering and line work, which will help you take your sketches to a new level.

Trial Price: RHS Members £94, Non-RHS Members £108

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15229

March

Understanding Plants

NEW

Saturday 2 March 10.15am to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

Want to know more about your garden plants? This course introduces you to the range of plants growing in a typical garden; from naming and classifying, to year round maintenance and tips for getting the best from your garden plants. You will learn how to identify different types of plants, make more of your favourites and what to look for when buying garden plants. The course includes a guided garden walk with practical demonstrations and the chance to question our expert tutor throughout.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76

Skill Level: Beginner

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15230

FAMILIAR FAVOURITE

What Now? March and April

Monday 4 March 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: RHS Team

Are you new to gardening and unsure what exactly you should be doing when, or are you a keen gardener wanting to brush up on your skills? Let the RHS experts help you through the gardening year with techniques, tips, tricks and advice on seasonal tasks so you know what you could be doing when. March and April will include: seed sowing and pricking out; lawn care; staking; aerating beds; plant selection; pruning for winter stem colour and other garden tasks. There will be opportunities for you to have a go at many of these tasks yourself. The session will include practical activities and a walk outside in the garden, please come prepared with suitable clothing, footwear and gardening gloves.

Offer: Book all six 'What Now?' courses in this year's programme for the price of five! All bookings must be made at the same time.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15231

Understanding The Garden Environment

NEW

Saturday 9 March 10.15am to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

This course will enable you to understand your garden environment in its diversity; exploring microclimates, soil and nutrition. You will learn how to classify your garden environment to select the right plant for the right place. You will delve into a soil with a hands on soil texture and pH test and uncover how to cultivate and ameliorate your soil so plants can thrive. Discover how to get the best from your lawn. The course includes practical activities, demonstrations and a guided garden walk with our expert tutor.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76

Skill Level: Beginner

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15232

So You Want to be a Garden Designer?

REVISED

Saturday 16 March 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: London College of Garden Design

If you are contemplating changing career to become a garden designer, but don't really know where to begin, this day has been devised especially for you. Join experts from the London College of Garden Design to find out more about planting design, construction design and how designers communicate visually, including with Computer Aided Design. You will learn about career opportunities and receive tips and advice on how to pursue a successful future as a garden designer.

Trial Price: RHS Members £94, Non-RHS Members £108

Skill Level: Beginner

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15224

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To book any of these courses, call the booking line on 020 3176 5830 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

Discover Bonsai

NEW

Friday 22 March 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Sutton Bonsai Society

Immerse yourself in the fascinating Japanese art form of Bonsai. Practise the cultivation techniques which produce these wonderful miniature trees. Learn how to style and look after your own tree using wire, pruning, defoliation, root reduction and potting techniques. Attendees can bring their own bonsai or we can supply a tree to style and take home. This workshop will take place in a covered marquee, please come suitably dressed for the weather.

Bring a Bonsai

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76

Take a bonsai home – £30 extra

Trial Price: RHS Members £92, Non-RHS Members £106

Skill Level: General

Venue: Marquee in the garden

Event Code: 15234

The Vegetable Garden in Spring

REVISED

Saturday 23 March 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

Spring is in the air and it's time to get sowing for bumper crops to harvest in the summer and autumn. This day will focus on the vegetables that can be grown during spring and how to sow and plant them. This time of year is often a 'lean time' for harvesting so discussions will also cover crops to plant in your garden this year for a harvest next spring. A range of practical jobs such as soil preparation, seed sowing techniques and intercropping will be covered. Much of the day will be outdoors in the garden, so please come prepared with suitable footwear, clothing and warm gloves.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15316

Willow Weaving: Plant Supports

NEW

Monday 25 March

10.15am to 12.45pm **or** 1.45pm to 4.15pm

Tutor: Nicki Rowling

Learn a wonderful skill with expert willow weaver Nicki Rowling. Make and take home your own garden cloches, great for providing support for herbaceous perennials like peonies, which often put on strong lush growth in the spring. These willow supports will ensure a perfect display in the coming months. All materials will be provided on the day and are included in the price of the course.

Trial Price: RHS Members £51, Non-RHS Members £65

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15235 (10.15am) **or** 15236 (1.45pm)

Understanding Pruning

NEW

Saturday 30 March 10.30am to 12.30pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

Learn how to prune your woody plants with our expert tutor and take home top tips to keep your shrubs, trees and climbers looking their best. This course will look at getting the best floral display from your shrubs; with an overview of routine yearly pruning requirements for a range of flowering woody plants, including roses, wisteria, winter, spring and summer flowering shrubs. You will find out how to formatively prune your plants to get the best long term results; how to renovate overgrown shrubs and how to work out which pruning method is suitable for your plants. The course includes a guided garden walk where you will apply theory to the garden environment.

Trial Price: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £43

Skill Level: Beginner

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15237

Understanding Herbaceous Plants

NEW

Saturday 30 March 2pm to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

This course will introduce you to the different types of herbaceous plants that can provide colour, form and texture to your garden throughout the year. You will be guided through routine care for a range of herbaceous plants, taught how to renovate old clumps of plants, and learn how to choose the right herbaceous plants for your garden. There will be a garden walk where you will see practical demonstrations and your questions answered by our expert tutor.

Trial Price: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £43

Skill Level: Beginner

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15238

Success with Orchids

NEW

Sunday 31 March

10.30am to 12.30pm **or** 2pm to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

Learn all about orchids with our expert tutor, who will guide you through the husbandry needed to get them flowering again and again. You will learn about the different types of orchids and their particular needs in order to get yours to thrive. The course includes how to water, feed, repot, treat pests, avoid diseases and even looks at growing your orchids on plaques. You will also experience a guided walk through RHS Wisley's orchid growing areas, where you will learn how the experts successfully grow orchids.

Trial Price: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £43

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15239 (10.30am) **or** 15240 (2pm)

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To book any of these courses, call the booking line on 020 3176 5830 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

April

FAMILIAR FAVOURITE

What Now? May and June

Friday 26 April 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: RHS Team

Are you new to gardening and unsure what exactly you should be doing when, or are you a keen gardener wanting to brush up on your skills? Let the RHS experts help you through the gardening year with techniques, tips, tricks and advice on seasonal tasks so you know what you could be doing when. May and June will include: weed control, feeding, watering, taking cuttings, planting up pots and containers, pests and diseases, potting on and deadheading. There will be opportunities for you to have a go at many of these tasks yourself. The session will include practical activities and a walk outside in the garden, please come prepared with suitable clothing, footwear and gardening gloves.

Offer: Book all six 'What Now?' courses in this year's programme for the price of five! All bookings must be made at the same time.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15241

FAMILIAR FAVOURITE

Spring Walk and Talk

Friday 26 April or Friday 10 May

1pm to 3pm

Tutor: RHS Team

It's that time of year when the garden is springing back to life and preparing itself for an exciting year ahead. Join RHS Garden Wisley's Curatorial Team as they share their passion for plants on a walk and talk around the garden. Learn about the plants that put on a dazzling display at this time of year and what to look out for in the coming months. This session will involve a considerable walk outside, so please come prepared with suitable footwear and clothing.

Trial Price: RHS Members £22, Non-RHS Members £36

Skill Level: General

Venue: All in the garden

Event Code: 15242 (26 April) or 15247 (10 May)

Nightscape Photography with Ollie Taylor

(2 day course)

Friday 26 to Sunday 28 April

Day 1: Friday or Saturday depending on weather forecast (decided which day at the beginning of that week) arrive 9pm until 2 or 3 am.

Day 2: arrive 7pm to 11pm

Tutor: Ollie Taylor

Join internationally acclaimed astrophotographer Ollie Taylor for two workshops on landscape night sky photography. Ollie is considered one of the pioneers of nightscape photography, he has won multiple awards and is widely published. This course will teach the basic infrastructure of nightscape photography, focusing, camera settings, and some advanced field work techniques.

The post production session will look at editing using a combined workflow on Lightroom and Photoshop, an in depth classroom based session on global nightscape location, orientation and time of year/night planning. Shooting will also be delivered demonstrating apps and useful websites to help achieve successful future shoots. Please bring your own camera; modern DSLR (up to 10/11 years old), Modern Mirrorless or Micro 4 Thirds.

Trial Price: RHS Members £194, Non-RHS Members £222

Skill Level: Intermediate, participants must have a basic understanding of manual camera settings and know how to change aperture, shutter speed and ISO.

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15243

May

Staking Master Class

REVISED

Thursday 2 May 10.30am to 12.30pm

Tutor: RHS Team

Discover how to support a variety of plants in your garden with practical demonstrations. This session will cover why we stake, the different options for staking materials and how they are used at RHS Garden Wisley. There will be opportunities for you to have a go at many of these tasks yourself. This course will take place entirely outdoors and refreshments will not be provided, we have reduced the ticket price to reflect this. Please come suitably dressed for the weather.

Trial Price: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £43

Skill Level: General

Venue: All in the garden

Event Code: 15244

Springtime Bird Walk

REVISED

Saturday 4 May

7am to 10.30am (breakfast at 9.30am)

Tutor: RSPB

Take an early morning walk around RHS Garden Wisley with the North West Surrey RSPB and discover the sight and sound of bird life dwelling in the garden during the spring. This informal walk will include information and identification points of the birds seen. All are welcome, especially newcomers to bird watching. Binoculars would be useful and dress for cold weather conditions as this is an outside activity. The walk will end with a cooked breakfast.

Trial Price: RHS Members £35, Non-RHS Members £49

Skill Level: General

Venue: Meet outside the garden entrance

Event Code: 15317

NEW

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To book any of these courses, call the booking line on 020 3176 5830 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

FAMILIAR FAVOURITE**Perennials for the Long Term****Saturday 4 May** 10am to 4pm**Tutor: Noel Kingsbury**

How long will plants survive? Will they spread? How will my new border look in five years' time? This full-day garden based workshop with renowned plantsman Noel Kingsbury aims to encourage participants to observe garden and landscape plants, focusing on their growth through the year. The session will look at how plants compete with each other, how to assess prospects for their longevity and their suitability for a variety of garden locations. Gardeners and designers can then use their experience and knowledge of plants to maximise interest and minimise maintenance through all seasons.

Trial Price: RHS Members £73, Non-RHS Members £87**Skill Level:** Intermediate**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15245**Garden Photography Master Class with Clive Nichols****Friday 10 May** 10.15am 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.

Trial Price: RHS Members £121, Non-RHS Members £135**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** New Welcome Building**Event Code:** 15246**Planting for Resilience and Sustainability****Saturday 11 May** 10.30am to 1pm**Tutor: London College of Garden Design**

In our new series of morning talks Peter Thurman explores specialist approaches to planting design. Peter will explore ways in which we can achieve success when climate change and maintenance requirements challenge the longevity of our planting designs.

Trial Price: RHS Members £56, Non-RHS Members £70**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** New Welcome Building**Event Code:** 15248**Floral Paper Cutting****Sunday 12 May** 10.30am to 4pm**Tutor: Christine Green**

Flowers and plants have inspired designers throughout history. This course will introduce you to a wide variety of cut out items including, Haitian metal work and traditional Polish and Chinese paper cuts. Design your own floral themed paper cut as a flat panel or a free standing card. You will pick up numerous handy tips for successfully completing your paper cut to a high standard. Great fun, highly rewarding and a little bit addictive!

Trial Price: RHS Members £82, Non-RHS Members £96**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15249**The Productive Greenhouse****Saturday 18 May or Sunday 19 May**

10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

Further your knowledge and skills, develop the use of your greenhouse and make your space more productive. This illustrated talk and practical demonstration will include advice on managing the glasshouse environment throughout the spring, summer and autumn. The course will cover growing salads, fruits, vegetables and starting off ornamental plants for your garden. There will be a close look at feeding, watering and how to control pests and diseases throughout the year.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15250 (18 May) **or** 15251 (19 May)**Willow Weaving: Zarzo Flower Basket****Tuesday 21 May**10.15am to 12.45pm **or** 1.45pm to 4.15pm**Tutor: Nicki Rowling**

On this course, expert willow weaver Nicki Rowling will teach you to weave a willow Zarzo basket. The flat woven variation was originally used by the Spanish cheese makers for draining cheese. This basket would make a beautiful and useful addition to your garden or home. All materials will be provided on the day and are included in the price of the course.

Trial Price: RHS Members £51, Non-RHS Members £65**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15252 (10.15am) **or** 15253 (1.45pm)**June****Flower Garden Cupcake Decorations****Thursday 6 June** 10.30am to 4pm**Tutor: Vanessa Penn**

Join us on this delicious course and learn to make fondant flowers and floral themed decorations to adorn your own cakes. You will make sugar paste blossoms, petals, roses and hydrangeas and arrange them with other sugar decorations. Take home a set of gorgeous cupcake toppers to impress your friends and add the wow factor to your own cakes. All equipment will be provided and the course is suitable for beginners or for those wishing to improve their basic skills.

Trial Price: RHS Members £82, Non-RHS Members £96**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** New Welcome Building**Event Code:** 15254

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To book any of these courses, call the booking line on 020 3176 5830 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

The Vegetable Garden in Summer

Saturday 8 June 10.30pm to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

It's not too late to get some vegetables growing for plentiful crops this autumn and winter. This course will focus on vegetables that can be grown in the summer months and how to sow and plant them. Harvesting, using and storing crops from spring sowings will also be explained. A range of practical techniques will also be covered including seed, successional sowing and planting out techniques. You will be out in the garden for much of the day, so please come prepared with suitable footwear and clothing.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15318

Advanced Plant Photography

Sunday 9 June 10am to 4pm

Tutor: Adrian Davies

This course will look at various aspects of plant photography, from portrait and habitat shots to close-up and macro. It will also cover high speed and time-lapse photography for capturing events such as pollen and spore dispersal. Please bring your camera, lenses and tripod if you have them.

Trial Price: RHS Members £121, Non-RHS Members £135

Skill Level: Advanced

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15297

Garden Party Decorations in Willow

Saturday 15 June 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Nicki Rowling

Discover how to make fabulous willow decorations to enhance your garden during summer parties and celebrations. On this course you can choose to make two of the following projects: candlesticks, flowers or willow bunting. Join Nicki Rowling, an expert willow weaver, to create contemporary decorations to take home. All materials will be provided on the day and are included in the price of the course.

Trial Price: RHS Members £82, Non-RHS Members £96

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15255

FAMILIAR FAVOURITE

Starting from Scratch (2 day course)

Sunday 16 & Sunday 23 June 10.15am to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

If you are new to gardening and are feeling a little overwhelmed, this is the course for you. Over two days we will take you back to basics and grow your knowledge from the ground up. Subjects introduced will include: plant types, growth and structure, planting and plant care, basic propagation, ground cultivation, growing media, pruning, lawn care, feeding and watering. By the end of the course you should have gained a solid base from which to build further knowledge.

The course will involve some lecture-based sessions and indoor and outdoor practical sessions, please come prepared with appropriate clothing, footwear and gardening gloves.

Trial Price: RHS Members £108, Non-RHS Members £122

Skill Level: Beginner

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15319

Summer Fruit Pruning

Wednesday 26 June 10.30am to 12.30pm

Tutor: RHS Team

Your fruit trees and bushes spend their summer lavishing you with delicious treats and will reward you further with a little love and attention at this time of year. Discover how to correctly prune a range of fruit trees and bushes, including restricted forms of apples and pears, for maximum productivity in the coming years with our expert RHS staff. This course will take place entirely outdoors and refreshments will not be provided, we have reduced the ticket price to reflect this. Please come suitably dressed for the weather.

Trial Price: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £43

Skill Level: General

Venue: All in the garden

Event Code: 15320

Summer Flowers in Watercolour (2 day course)

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 June 10am to 4pm

Tutor: Billy Showell

Flowers are undoubtedly the stars of botanical art. Renowned botanical artist Billy Showell will demonstrate techniques and provide guided support throughout the day while you develop your skills in this style of painting. This course aims to teach, encourage and support painters of an intermediate level. A suggested equipment list will be sent to attendees prior to the course.

Trial Price: RHS Members £158, Non-RHS Members £186

Skill Level: Intermediate

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15256

July

Macro Photography Master Class: Compositions

Saturday 6 July 10am to 4pm

Tutor: Andy Small

Andy Small is one of the UK's most original and influential fine art flower photographers. Spend a day with Andy to learn about his creative approach to garden and plant photography and discover how he creates his iconic images. The emphasis will be on the techniques involved in developing your final image composition. Practical sessions will take place in the garden. Please bring your own camera – a digital SLR is preferable, plus a tripod and any other appropriate accessories.

Trial Price: RHS Members £121, Non-RHS Members £135

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15257

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To book any of these courses, call the booking line on 020 3176 5830 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

FAMILIAR FAVOURITE**What Now? July and August****Monday 8 July** 10.30am to 4pm**Tutor:** RHS Team

Are you new to gardening and unsure what exactly you should be doing when, or are you a keen gardener wanting to brush up on your skills? Let the RHS experts help you through the gardening year with techniques, tips, tricks and advice on seasonal tasks so you know what you could be doing when. July and August will include: taking cuttings; watering; summer pruning of shrubs and trees; and fruit and hedge cutting. There will be opportunities for you to have a go at many of these tasks yourself. The session will include practical activities and a walk outside in the garden, please come prepared with suitable clothing, footwear and gardening gloves.

Offer: Book all six 'What Now?' courses in this year's programme for the price of five! All bookings must be made at the same time.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15258**FAMILIAR FAVOURITE****Summer Walk and Talk****Friday 12 July or Friday 26 July** 1pm to 3pm**Tutor:** RHS Team

The garden is in full swing and at its most floriferous and colourful. Join RHS Garden Wisley's Curatorial Team, as they extol the virtues of plants which bring colour to our gardens during the summer months. Learn about the plants that put on a show at this time of year and what to look out for in the coming months. This session will involve a considerable walk outside, so please come prepared with suitable footwear and clothing.

Trial Price: RHS Members £22, Non-RHS Members £36**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** All in the garden**Event Code:** 15259 (12 July) **or** 15262 (26 July)**Planting for Plantaholics****Saturday 13 July** 10.30am to 1pm**Tutor:** London College of Garden Design

In this morning lecture Peter Thurman explores how we can design planting schemes that are challenged by our desire to constantly evolve our planting with new purchases from garden visits, nurseries and shows.

Trial Price: RHS Members £56, Non-RHS Members £70**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15260**September****FAMILIAR FAVOURITE****What Now?
September and October****Monday 9 September** 10.30am to 4pm**Tutor:** RHS Team

Are you new to gardening and unsure what exactly you should be doing when, or are you a keen gardener wanting to brush up on your skills? Let the RHS experts help you through the gardening year with techniques, tips, tricks and advice on seasonal tasks so that you know what you could be doing when. September and October will include: developing new lawns; planting trees and shrubs; tree staking; bulb planting; protecting tender plants over winter; storing tubers over winter; greenhouse cleaning and other seasonal garden tasks. There will be opportunities for you to have a go yourself. The session will include practical activities and a walk outside in the garden, please come prepared with suitable clothing, footwear and gardening gloves.

Offer: Book all six 'What Now?' courses in this year's programme for the price of five! All bookings must be made at the same time.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15263**Understanding Plants****Saturday 14 September** 10.15am to 4pm**Tutor:** Barney Millard

Want to know more about your garden plants? This course introduces you to the range of plants growing in a typical garden; from naming and classifying, to year round maintenance and tips for getting the best from your garden plants. You will learn how to identify different types of plants, make more of your favourites and what to look for when buying garden plants. The course includes a guided garden walk with practical demonstrations and the chance to question our expert tutor throughout.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76**Skill Level:** Beginner**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15264**Autumn Lawn Care****Sunday 15 September** 10.30am to 4pm**Tutor:** Ray Broughton

Discover how to create a perfect lawn in this one-day course. Learn how to identify different lawn grasses and which types are best suited to different environments and uses. The day will also cover autumn turf maintenance, how to successfully lay and establish turf, as well as control of pests, diseases and weeds.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15265

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To book any of these courses, call the booking line on 020 3176 5830 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

The Vegetable Garden: Autumn into Winter

REVISED

Saturday 21 September 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

Learn how to get more out of your vegetable garden all year round. This day will focus on which vegetables can still be grown in autumn and winter months and how to sow and plant them, plus harvesting and storage methods for existing autumn crops. A range of practical jobs will be covered, such as soil preparation, composting and crop rotation for the next year. You will also learn more about your own soil type and how that influences the success of crops grown on your vegetable plot, please bring along a soil sample (a trowel full from a depth of 15cm). This session includes significant time in the garden, please come prepared with suitable footwear and clothing.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15321

Understanding The Garden Environment

NEW

Saturday 28 September 10.15am to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

This course will enable you to understand your garden environment in its diversity; exploring microclimates, soil and nutrition. You will learn how to classify your garden environment to select the right plant for the right place. You will delve into a soil with a hands on soil texture and pH test and uncover how to cultivate and ameliorate your soil so plants can thrive. Discover how to get the best from your lawn. The course includes practical activities, demonstrations and a guided garden walk with our expert tutor.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76

Skill Level: Beginner

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15267

October

Planting for Small Gardens and Shade

NEW

Thursday 3 October 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: London College of Garden Design

At a time when we are increasingly gardening in smaller spaces what are the key factors that we need to address when designing our planting? In this full day Peter Thurman explores how to approach the planting for our small gardens and takes an in depth look at the challenges that shade also presents. You will learn about how to develop good plant combinations as well as great choices for plants both for small spaces and shade.

Trial Price: RHS Members £94, Non-RHS Members £108

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15268

Understanding Pruning

NEW

Saturday 12 October 10.30am to 12.30pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

Learn how to prune your woody plants with our expert tutor and take home top tips to keep your shrubs, trees and climbers looking their best. This course will look at getting the best floral

display from your shrubs; with an overview of routine yearly pruning requirements for a range of flowering woody plants, including roses, wisteria, winter, spring and summer flowering shrubs. You will find out how to formatively prune your plants to get the best long term results; how to renovate overgrown shrubs and how to work out which pruning method is suitable for your plants. The course includes a guided garden walk where you will apply theory to the garden environment.

Trial Price: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £43

Skill Level: Beginner

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15269

Understanding Herbaceous Plants

NEW

Saturday 12 October 2pm to 4pm

Tutor: Barney Millard

This course will introduce you to the different types of herbaceous plants that can provide colour, form and texture to your garden throughout the year. You will be guided through routine care for a range of herbaceous plants, taught how to renovate old clumps of plants, and learn how to choose the right herbaceous plants for your garden. There will be a garden walk where you will see practical demonstrations and your questions answered by our expert tutor.

Trial Price: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £43

Skill Level: Beginner

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15270

Autumn Botanical Studies in Watercolour (2 day course)

NEW

Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 October 10am to 4pm

Tutor: Billy Showell

Join renowned artist Billy Showell to master the techniques for painting botanical leaves and fruits in the beautiful colours of autumn. Billy will demonstrate techniques and provide guided support throughout this two-day course, while you master this style of painting. This course aims to teach, encourage and support painters of an intermediate level. A suggested equipment list will be sent to attendees prior to the course.

Trial Price: RHS Members £158, Non-RHS Members £186

Skill Level: Intermediate

Venue: New Welcome Building

Event Code: 15271

Planting for Winter Interest

NEW

Saturday 19 October 10.30am to 1pm

Tutor: London College of Garden Design

One of the hardest seasons to achieve planting interest can be during the winter. In this morning lecture Peter Thurman explores ideas for creating gardens with long lasting winter appeal.

Trial Price: RHS Members £56, Non-RHS Members £70

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15266

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To book any of these courses, call the booking line on 020 3176 5830 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

FAMILIAR FAVOURITE**Autumn Walk and Talk****Friday 25 October** 1pm to 3pm**Tutor:** RHS Team

Join RHS Garden Wisley's enthusiastic Curatorial Team, on a walk and talk around the garden to see the spectacularly vibrant autumn display. Learn about the plants that put on a show at this time of year and what to look out for in the coming months. This session will involve considerable walking outside, so please come prepared with suitable footwear and clothing.

Trial Price: RHS Members £22, Non-RHS Members £36**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** All in the garden**Event Code:** 15272**Planting for Creating a Sense of Place****NEW****Saturday 9 November** 10.30am to 1pm**Tutor:** London College of Garden Design

We often hear designers talk about a garden having 'a sense of place' but what does this actually mean and how can we achieve this for our own gardens? This morning lecture will explore the ideas behind the concept and gardens that achieve it.

Trial Price: RHS Members £56, Non-RHS Members £70**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15275**Photographing Autumn Colour: Fruits and Fungi****NEW****Sunday 10 November** 10am to 4pm**Tutor:** Adrian Davies

Capture the vibrancy and depth of autumn colour in this one-day workshop with expert tutor Adrian Davies. There will be at least two sessions in the garden where camera settings and lenses will be demonstrated whilst photographing the stunning autumn colours at Wisley, as well as the fruits and fungi of the garden. Please bring your camera, lenses and tripod if you have them.

Trial Price: RHS Members £121, Non-RHS Members £135**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15298**Festive Paper Cutting****NEW****Wednesday 13 November** 10.30am to 4pm**Tutor:** Christine Green

A great way to ease into the festive season. This course will introduce you to a wide variety of cut out items including, Haitian metal work and traditional Polish and Chinese paper cuts. With the help of resource sheets you will design your own festive themed paper cut. This could be a flat panel, a free standing card or a tree decoration. You will pick up numerous handy tips for successfully completing your paper cut to a high standard. Great fun, highly rewarding and a little bit addictive!

Trial Price: RHS Members £82, Non-RHS Members £96**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15276**November****FAMILIAR FAVOURITE****Creative Plant Photography****Sunday 3 November** 10am to 4pm**Tutor:** Andy Small

Andy Small is one of the UK's most original and influential fine art flower photographers. Spend this one-day course with Andy learning about his creative approach to garden and plant photography and discover how he creates his iconic images. The day will begin indoors with a talk on plant photography and the fundamentals of creating stunning images. Andy will demonstrate his studio set up which will then be used in the practical session alongside working outside in the garden with an emphasis on macro work. The day will also cover further practical techniques, image processing and a review of your photographs. Please bring your own camera - a digital SLR is preferable.

Trial Price: RHS Members £121, Non-RHS Members £135**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** New Welcome Building**Event Code:** 15273**FAMILIAR FAVOURITE****What Now? November and December****Friday 8 November** 10.30am to 4pm**Tutor:** RHS Team

Are you new to gardening and unsure what exactly you should be doing when, or are you a keen gardener wanting to brush up on your skills? Let the RHS experts help you through the gardening year providing with techniques, tips, tricks and advice on seasonal tasks so that you know what you could be doing when. November and December will include: lifting and dividing herbaceous plants; pruning of shrubs; winter fruit pruning; single and double digging; getting to know your soil; taking root cuttings; taking hardwood cuttings and winter vegetables. There will be opportunities for you to have a go at some tasks yourself. The session will include practical activities and a walk outside in the garden, please come prepared with suitable clothing, footwear and gardening gloves.

Offer: Book all six 'What Now?' courses in this year's programme for the price of five! All bookings must be made at the same time.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15274

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Winter Protection Master Class

NEW

Tuesday 19 November 10.30am to 12.30pm

Tutor: RHS Team

With cold and wet winter weather approaching it's time to protect garden plants. Find out the best ways to preserve tender exotic plants such as cannas, bananas, tree ferns, palms and even relatively hardy plants that need protection in exposed or cold positions. Learn how careful matching of plants to place will help to prevent winter damage. There will be opportunities for you to have a go at many of these tasks yourself. This course will take place entirely outdoors and refreshments will not be provided, we have reduced the ticket price to reflect this. Please come suitably dressed for the weather.

Trial Price: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £43

Skill Level: General

Venue: All in the garden

Event Code: 15277

Winter Pruning of Tree Fruit

REVISED

Thursday 28 November 10.30am to 12.30pm

Tutor: RHS Team

Winter is the time of year that many types of tree fruit including apples and pears receive their main prune of the year. Join Wisley's Fruit Team for a demonstration and explanation of how to prune various tree forms in winter for maximum fruit production, aesthetics and space constraints. Winter pruning of apples and pears will cover the formative pruning and pruning of established and neglected apple and pear trees. Please note that stone fruit such as plums and cherries will not be covered as pruning in the winter should be avoided. This course will take place entirely outdoors and refreshments will not be provided, we have reduced the ticket price to reflect this. Please come suitably dressed for the weather.

Trial Price: RHS Members £29, Non-RHS Members £43

Skill Level: General

Venue: All in the garden

Event Code: 15322

Christmas Cake Decorations

NEW

Friday 29 November 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: Vanessa Penn

Begin the festive season with this delicious course and make an edible festive wreath for your Christmas cake. You will learn how to make Christmas themed sugar paste flowers, roses, fir cones, ribbons and decorations to arrange into a stunning centrepiece for your own cake. All equipment will be provided and the course is suitable for beginners or for those wishing to improve their basic skills.

Trial Price: RHS Members £82, Non-RHS Members £96

Skill Level: General

Venue: New Welcome Building

Event Code: 15278

December

Willow Christmas Tree: 2D Design

NEW

Monday 2 December 10.15am to 12.45pm

Tutor: Nicki Rowling

Get into the Christmas spirit on this festive course. Expert willow weaver Nicki Rowling will teach you to weave a 2D Christmas tree. Your tree can be used as a beautiful rustic base for adding your own personal Christmas touches such as festive greenery. All materials will be provided on the day and are included in the price of the course.

Trial Price: RHS Members £51, Non-RHS Members £65

Skill Level: General

Venue: New Welcome Building

Event Code: 15279

Willow Christmas Tree: 3D Design

NEW

Monday 2 December 1.45pm to 4.15pm

Tutor: Nicki Rowling

On this festive course, expert willow weaver Nicki Rowling will teach you to weave a traditional 3D Christmas tree, a beautiful rustic stand-alone decoration to dress your home for the festive season. All materials will be provided on the day and are included in the price of the course.

Trial Price: RHS Members £51, Non-RHS Members £65

Skill Level: General

Venue: New Welcome Building

Event Code: 15280

January 2020

FAMILIAR FAVOURITE

What Now? January and February

Tuesday 7 January 2020 10.30am to 4pm

Tutor: RHS Team

Are you new to gardening and unsure what exactly you should be doing when, or are you a keen gardener wanting to brush up on your skills? Let the RHS experts help you through the gardening year with techniques, tips, tricks and advice on seasonal tasks so that you know what you could be doing when. January and February will include: spring and renovation pruning, composting, weed clearance and preparing a seed bed. There will be opportunities for you to have a go yourself. The session will include practical activities and a walk outside in the garden, please come prepared with suitable clothing, footwear and gardening gloves.

Offer: Book all six 'What Now?' courses in this year's programme for the price of five! All bookings must be made at the same time.

Trial Price: RHS Members £62, Non-RHS Members £76

Skill Level: General

Venue: Clore Learning Centre

Event Code: 15281

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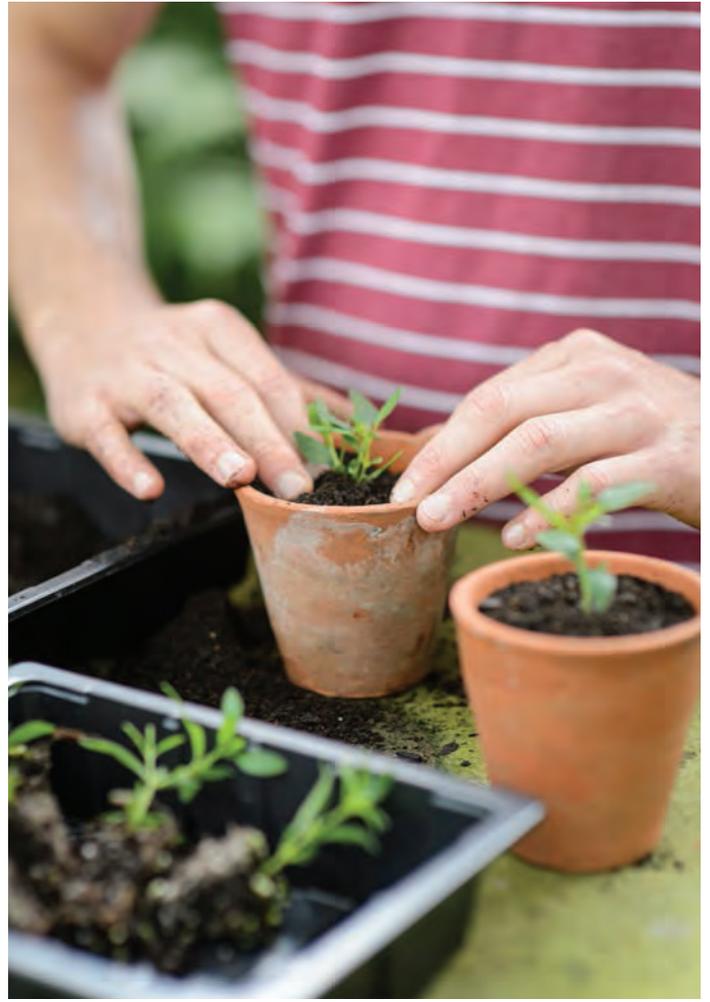
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FAMILIAR FAVOURITE**Winter Walk and Talk****Friday 10 January 2020** 1pm to 3pm**Tutor:** RHS Team

Not everything in the garden is sleeping in winter. Join RHS Garden Wisley's enthusiastic Curatorial Team on a walk and talk around the garden. Learn about the plants that put on a show at this time of year and what to look out for in the coming months. This session will involve considerable walking outside, please come prepared with suitable footwear and clothing.

Trial Price: RHS Members £22, Non-RHS Members £36**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** All in the garden**Event Code:** 15282**Willow Bird Feeders****REVISED****Monday 13 January 2020** 10.15am to 4.15pm**Tutor:** Nicki Rowling

Create a selection of beautiful woven bird feeders to attract a variety of species to your garden. The various stylish and natural looking designs are an environmentally sustainable way of feeding our feathered friends and can be filled with different types of bird feed. Learn to make designs that you can recreate time and again. These also make wonderful gifts for friends and family, so it won't just be the birds thanking you! All materials will be provided on the day and are included in the price of the course.

Trial Price: RHS Members £82, Non-RHS Members £96**Skill Level:** General**Venue:** Clore Learning Centre**Event Code:** 15283

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