

## Constance Spry Day with Shane Connolly at Perch Hill Farm, East Sussex

I adore the stylish abundant flowers of Shane Connolly, who following in the footsteps of Constance Spry, always prefers to use characterful garden flowers above anything grown perfect and regular in a greenhouse. Famous for his naturalistic flowers for the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton he - and his studio - also do regular flower installations at London's Victoria & Albert Museum and the Royal Academy of Arts. Shane - like his inspirer, Constance Spry - has always had an organic approach to his designs, where flowers are used primarily for their own intrinsic qualities. And designs aim to flatter those idiosyncrasies. That's what Shane will teach us and coach us while making a small vase ourselves.

This date is chosen to be when we will have the maximum numbers of tulips for harvesting at Perch Hill — and plenty of spring blossom and leaves, so we can provide the stylish, naturalistic florist, Shane Connolly with all the flowers he needs to demonstrate classic Constance Spry style, picked straight from the Perch Hill garden, no road miles included. Under Shane's guidance, in the afternoon, everyone will wander through the gardens at perch Hill to pick and then arrange a small Constance-style vase to take home. I'll be on hand to give variety names.

- \* This course is taught by Shane Connolly, with Sarah Raven.
- \* It is held at Perch Hill Farm TN32 5HP
- \* The day lasts from 10.30 till 3.30/4pm including tea/coffee on arrival, morning tea/coffee break with home-made biscuits and a simple 2 course lunch using fresh produce from the garden at Perch Hill.

### Booking

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021  
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## Itinerary

**Arrival 10.00 am** *coffee/tea*

### **Session 1: 10.30-11.30**

- \* Meet Shane and Sarah
- \* General discussion and slide show in the barn about what Constance Spry created, loved and hated.

*11.30-11.45 coffee/tea/tisane and homemade cake*

### **Session 2: 11.45-13.00**

- \* Shane's Constance Spry demo with flowers picked from Perch Hill

*13.00-14.00 Simple 2 course lunch in the barn (using recipes from Sarah's cookbooks) and produce from the garden wherever we can. This is served with home-made cordial. After lunch, there will be a little time for shopping, or for private wandering in the gardens at Perch Hill.*

### **Session 3: 14.15-15.15**

- \* Everyone will wander and be guided round the garden to pick flowers for a Spry-style small urn or vase.
- \* Then Shane will lead you on making arrangements of your own

**15.15-15.30**

- \* Q&A

**15.30-16.00** The Perch Hill Shop will be open and you are welcome to wander in the garden.

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## Directions and further information

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