

## Sustainable Floristry, a day of flora-abundance with Shane Connolly

The time has come when we all need to create arrangements, small and large, from posies to urns, using sustainably sourced flowers and without single-use plastic. On this abundant, flower-filled day, using our own home-grown flowers and foliage, Shane Connolly will each show us how to create magnificent and beautiful things without a hint of floral foam. We're growing the very best dahlias (and lots more) especially for them and for what I know will be a truly spectacular day.

Shane 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. This quirky, unpretentious style has been heralded for its elegance and originality. He will talk about how to use flowers botanically, where each stem of each variety speaks for itself and with its own unique character, and about Green Flowers... low carbon footprint is the way forward with flowers and foraging in the garden and hedgerows is the answer. But how to use what you have picked stylishly.

- \* This course is taught by Shane Connolly, with Sarah Raven (I am sorry to say that Simon Lycett has got stuck in USA filming his new TV series — and is almost certainly not going to be back in time (due to Covid and necessary quarantine period).
- \* 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

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
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## Itinerary

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

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

- \* Meet Shane and Sarah
- \* Shane discusses sustainable floristry (with a PowerPoint of slides of his work) and what it means in terms of flower sourcing and mechanics.

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

### **Session 2: 11.45-12.45/13.00**

- \* Shane flower demo

*13.00-13.45 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.*

### **Session 3: 13.45-14.15**

- \* Course attendees pick bits in the garden for a vase or hand-tied bunch (supplementing material we have already picked under Shane's instruction).

### **Session 4: 14.15-15.15**

- \* Arrange under Shane's guidance

**15.15-16.00** 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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