

The Doorstep Cutting Patch with Arthur Parkinson

Arthur Parkinson is my floristry assistant and helps me on all our photo shoots at Perch Hill. He's my right-hand man, but more than that he has a miraculous miniature garden of his own in Hucknall, near Nottingham which is crammed full of all the best plants in all the best colours and textures, which don't just look spectacular but pick brilliantly too. In this first of what I'm sure will be many courses, he will show us the marvel that is his intense, jam-packed, get-the-most-out-of-every-square-inch garden from spring to the end of autumn.

From any photo you'd think that Arthur's garden was somewhere deep in the countryside, yet in reality it is in the middle of a town and measures just 16ft long. With a style that takes after the Oast garden here at Perch Hill, Arthur has created a jungle, filled with stained-glass colours with an abundance of flowers for cutting right by the door. From spring violas, fritillaries and masses of tulips, to summer fronds of millet and Ascot hat styled dahlias, Arthur will unravel his eccentric gardening style. with a double lecture (with slides of his own mini patch) in the morning and a practical, full of hands-on advice for both town and country gardener in the afternoon.

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- ✿ This course is taught by Arthur Parkinson
- ✿ It is held at Perch Hill Farm TN32 5HP
- ✿ The day lasts from 10.30 till 3.30 including tea/coffee on arrival, morning tea/coffee break with home-made biscuits and a delicious 2 course lunch using fresh produce from the garden at Perch Hill. You will also get a detailed course hand-out covering all the information of the day.

Booking

Friday 18th October 2019
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Itinerary

10.00 onwards arrival for coffee/tea

Session 1: 10.30-11.30

- * Meet Arthur
- * Hear about (and see slides of) Arthur's own garden in Hucknall, near Nottingham with flamingo-like flamboyance in only a very small space. If you grow the right plants, the pots can be brimming with colour and the cottage stacked with abundant vases too. It's the perfect win-win. Focusing on Arthur's favourite plants for maximum impact, and his get-the-most-out-of-every-square-inch garden philosophy, with layering of plants and bulbs one on top of another, the first session will concentrate on winter into spring.

11.30-11.45 15-minute refreshment break

Session 2: 11.45-13.00

- * The second session will concentrate on summer and autumn. His plant and bulb recommendations for maximum flower lushness and abundance inside and out.

13.00-14.15 Lunch in the barn

Session 3: 14.15-15.00

- * Practical demo
- * Arthur will take you through the practical skills he's learnt to make this intense and abundant garden look good all year. He'll cover staking, bulb layering, propagating on window-ledges and much more.

Session 4: 15.00-15.30

- * Q&A to clear up any design and individual garden queries you might still have.

15.30-16.00 *The day ends at 16.00 with shopping in the Perch Hill shop for those who want, or wandering in the garden.*

Directions and further information

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