

The Flower Yard: Growing Flamboyant Flowers in Containers with Arthur Parkinson at Perch Hill Farm, East Sussex

I am very lucky to have Arthur helping me on all our photo shoots at Perch Hill. With over 40,000 followers on Instagram, he features his beloved hens and miraculous miniature garden 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. 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.

If you have limited space and want to pick a few vases for inside and grow forage for our precious pollinators, based on the launch of his new book this spring, The Flower Yard is the course for you.

- * 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, (from 10am for 10.30 prompt start) morning tea/coffee break and a simple 2 course lunch using recipes from Sarah's cookbooks (cordial, not wine served with lunch... we find people tend to fall asleep after lunch if we serve wine...). You will also get a course hand-out covering all the information Arthur teaches on the day.

Booking

Thursday 23rd September 2021
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Itinerary

10.00 onwards arrival for coffee/tea

Session 1: 10.30-11.30

- * Meet Arthur
- * To celebrate the launch of Arthur's hugely exciting new book, *The Flower Yard*, spend a day hearing about (and see slides of) Arthur's own garden in Hucknall, near Nottingham where he achieves flamingo-like flamboyance in only a very small space. If you grow the right plants, (including what he calls Persian carpet or flamingo flowers such as dahlias, mingled with sweet peas and thunbergias, or sunflowers with gladioli, cobaea with calibrachoas), the pots can be brimming with colour and the cottage stacked with abundant cut flower 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 what to do now for summer into autumn.

11.30-11.50 20-minute refreshment break

Session 2: 11.50-13.00

- * 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.

13.00-14.15 Simple 2 course lunch (using recipes from Sarah's cookbooks). This is served with home-made cordial (we find wine makes people nod off in the afternoon). Shopping after lunch for those who want it.

Session 3: 14.15-15.00

- * To make sure Arthur covers year-round, the third session will concentrate on winter into spring. His plant and bulb recommendations for maximum flower lushness and abundance inside and out.

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 Perch Hill shop will be open and you are welcome to wander in the garden.

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Directions and further information

[Click here](#) for more information and directions to Perch Hill Farm.

If you are booking this course for someone else to attend, please enter their name in the gift message box at the checkout or contact us on 0345 092 0283 to let us know their details.

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Parking at Perch Hill Farm

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Sarah Raven's Cutting Garden at Perch Hill Farm, which is the home of Sarah Raven, Adam Nicolson and their family. Parking for courses, garden visits and garden open days will be in the grass field next to the Cutting Garden, as the family car park does not fit a large number of cars. Please do wear suitable shoes or boots, particularly at the wet times of year, as the grass may be muddy. The paths are sometimes slippery and a little uneven, so please take care.

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