

# HUNTINGBROOK GARDENS: COURSES 2011

## **DESIGN YOUR GARDEN WITH JANE MCCORKELL**

Location: Hunting Brook Gardens

Date: Saturday the 12th of February & Saturday the 26th of February

Time: 10:15am to 4pm

### **Day 1**

Jane will give an over view of the design process. This short course is aimed at enthusiastic amateur gardeners who would like to design their own garden, either having taken on a brand new garden with nothing in it or having an established garden which requires change.

This course will be a highly concentrated course aiming at an understanding of how to design you own garden. Getting started on designing a pace, measuring up you garden, exploring the principle of design, drawing methods survey, drawing to scale, how to get you ideas on paper. The structured classes will cover major design elements including surveying, drawing techniques, hard landscaping, water, planting plans, visuals and specification. As students will complete a design brief for their own garden, they are asked to bring in photographs and dimensions.

### **Day 2**

On day two you will put in what you have learned on Day 1 into practice by drawing up a plan of your own own garden design. You will have time then with Jane to go through you design and discuss it's merits and any changes that need to be made.

**Cost:** €90 per day (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **BEGINNERS' VEGETABLE GROWING WITH JIMI BLAKE**

Date: 27th February (This course is also repeated on the 27th of March 2011 & the 9th of April 2011)

Time: 10.15am to 4pm

Whatever the size of your vegetable plot, be it pots, a walled kitchen garden, raised beds or allotments there is something for every veg growing enthusiast on this course.

Jimi will take you on a trip through the seasons and show you how to bring organic vegetables straight from the garden to the larder as he reveals the wide range of produce you can grow yourself. Learn how to keep your vegetable garden packed all year round with tasty, healthy and varied produce.

The class will conclude with a visit to the Hunting Brook allotments for a practical, hands on session.

**Cost** €90 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **TUESDAY MORNING BEGINNERS' GARDENING WITH JIMI BLAKE**

Date: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22th, 29th March & 5th April

Time: 10am-12.00pm.

This course is a practical, hands-on approach to gardening for beginners.

The course covers topics such as soil preparation, cutting back, pruning, growing plants from seed, cuttings and division, growing vegetables, fruits and herbs, How and where to plant them properly, Plant combination's and many more techniques.

**Cost:** €190 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **PROPAGATION MORNING WITH JIMI BLAKE**

Date: 5th of March

Time: 10am – 1pm

You will be taken through each stage of propagation from making your own compost to taking cuttings, sowing seeds, dividing perennials and looking after potted plants. This is will be a hands on, practical lesson.

At the end of the morning you will get to bring home all that you have propagated.

**Cost:** €45 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **GROWING VEGETABLES IN POLYTUNNELS OR GLASSHOUSES WITH KLAUS LAITENBERGER**

Date: 6th of March

Time: 10am to 4pm

Klaus was running a four acre organic market garden in England before moving to Ireland in 1999 where he was the Head Gardener at the Organic Centre in Rossinver, Co. Leitrim for seven years. He then took on the challenge to start the garden restoration in Lissadell House in Co. Sligo. For the last few years he has worked as a self-employed trainer, mentor and consultant in organic horticulture and has recently completed his PgDip in Organic Farming.

Klaus has just had his first book published, Vegetables for the Irish Garden and it is available to purchase here at Hunting Brook.

On this day long course Klaus will teach you how to maximise your glasshouses or polytunnels & how to extend your vegetable harvest all year round.

Discover how to prepare the soil, rotate crops, best varieties to grow and much more.

**Cost:** €110 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

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### **BEGINNERS' VEGETABLE GROWING WITH JIMI BLAKE**

Date: 9th April (This course is also repeated on the 27th of February 2011 & the 27th of March 2011)  
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**Cost:** €90 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

### **HEALTHY LIVING DAY WITH THE HAPPY PEAR**

David and Stephen Flynn – Owners of the Happy Pear Natural Food Shop, Juice bar & Whole food Cafe/Restaurant, Graystones, Co Wicklow  
Sunday 10th April  
10.15 am– 1.30pm

David & Stephen join Jimi in Hunting Brook Gardens for a fun uplifting positive day sharing their passion for a healthy life style including talks and demonstrations on whole food plant based diets rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains including juicing, sprouting, salads, superfoods, good carbohydrates and raw foods. The lads will also talk about nutritional value of a range of natural foods and the prevention of disease and healing through a whole food diet. You will get a chance to sample some of the food prepared during the morning

**Cost:** €55 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

### **ONE WEEK GARDENING WITH JIMI BLAKE**

11th – 15th of April, repeated on the 12th – 16th of September

Time: 10.30am – 4pm

An intensive course to give the novice gardener the confidence and skill to create and maintain a healthy garden. Learn how plants work and what they need to survive plus advice on where to begin. Step-by-step techniques cover everything from sowing seeds and arranging plants in a border and pruning. Our aim is to give you the confidence to plan, plant and maintain your garden.

A hands-on week gardening along side Jimi.

**Cost:** €250 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

### **TOUR TO GREAT DIXTER WITH JIMI BLAKE & LECTURES BY FERGUS GARRETH**

Location: Great Dixter, Northiam, Rye, East Sussex (This trip is repeated on the 2nd September 2011)

Date: 6th May 2011

The day includes two 1 hour talks by Fergus Garreth and a tour around the gardens which offer year round interest and a wealth of inspiration.

Fergus worked closely with Christopher Lloyd as head gardener and he continues to develop a bold approach to planting combinations and sensational planting.

Cost: €150 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day)

This includes – coach transfer to and from Gatwick Airport, two lectures with Fergus Garreth, entrance to House & Gardens. (Flights and Lunch are not included)

Please contact Jimi about booking your flights

### **TOURS TO JOHNNY RONAN'S GARDEN, KEN ROHAN'S GARDEN – CHARLEVILLE HOUSE & MOUNT VENUS FOR WOODLAND PLANTS**

Date: 13th of May

Dargle Cottage, Enniskerry, is the private residence of Johnny Ronan ( Treasury Holding) and formally the home of Sir Basil Goulding. This is a spectacular Valley Garden with an incredible collection of plants in full flower at this time of year.

Charleville House, Enniskerry is a Palladian mansion which is home to property developer Ken Rohan. The extensive gardens include a walled garden, pleasure grounds and a wonderful collection of trees. Helen Dillon and Arthur Shackleton were both involved in the restoration.

**Cost of day:** €60 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **WOODLAND GARDENING & SHADE LOVING PLANTS**

**Presented by Jimi Blake & June Blake**

Location: Hunting Brook Gardens

Date: 15th of May 2011

Time: 10am to 1pm

Share with Jimi & June in their knowledge of woodland plants. Learning a wide variety of shade plants and their cultivation, propagation and methods that can be used to improve conditions so as to broaden the scope of planting. The day consists of illustrated talks and practical demonstrations. You don't necessarily need to own a woodland to appreciate the course.

Hunting Brook's woodland garden will be at it's peak of flowing at this time of year & will be well worth a visit.

**Cost:** €45 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **GROWING HERBS**

Date: 15th of May 2011

Time: 2pm to 5pm

Jimi will share with you in his knowledge of herbs from the ordinary to the more unusual. He will focus on site, soil, maintenance, propagation from seed, cuttings & division as well as varieties and harvesting

**Cost:** €45 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **BOB BROWN & COTSWOLD GARDEN FLOWERS COME TO HUNTING BROOK LECTURE & PLANT SALE**

Date: Sunday the 22nd of May

There will be a morning lecture entitled "My Thirty Best Plants" by Bob Brown followed by a garden tour and buffet lunch. Bob will have his plants for sale, the plants can be pre-ordered by contacting Bob directly – [click here](#)

**Cost:** €45 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **GARDEN DESIGN DAY WITH JUNE BLAKE**

Location: June Blake's Garden & Nursery

Date: 16th of July

Anyone who has seen June's stunning garden knows that she has a gift for combining structure, garden art and plants in a new and inventive way.

Learn how June created her garden from scratch. Focusing on the hard landscape, installations and her unique planting style.

This day will begin in June's house with an illustrated lecture on the making of the garden. She will then use the garden to demonstrate in a practical way how the various design elements and planting schemes were achieved.

**Cost:** €90 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **A DAY WITH CHRIS BEARDSHAW**

Fri 17th June

10.00am – 4.00pm

We are delighted to finally welcome Chris Beardshaw to Hunting Brook Gardens for an inspirational day of illustrated lectures on his unique garden designs and planting schemes.

Chris Beardshaw is an international multi-award winning garden designer and TV and radio broadcaster.

He is visiting Huntingbrook for the day on 17<sup>th</sup> June for a full day of talks and garden walkabout. He is a naturally fluent and relaxed speaker whose engaging and passion for communicating his love of all things horticultural expertly to suit all audiences.

### **Principals of Design**

In this talk Chris discusses the theory of garden design helping you understand how to create structure and interest that last through the seasons. Chris uses beautiful illustrations to bring the design theory to life.

### **Painting with Plants**

Chris explains and describing the habits and aesthetic rewards of working with some of his favourite planting palettes. With examples of some of his recent works he explores how to create rich tapestries of planting for a succession of flowers and interest.

*Chris Beardshaw is an award winning UK gardener and garden designer who is perhaps best known for his work on the BBC's long running television series Gardeners World. He also presented 'The Flying Gardener', 'Hidden Gardens' and 'Great Garden Detectives' He is formally trained and holds an MA in Landscape Architecture from Cheltenham University. He has won several prestigious gardening awards including in 1999 a Gold Medal for his "Dig For Victory" garden at the Chelsea Flower Show and in 2008 a Gold Medal at RHS Tatton Park. Chris runs a successful private design and consultancy practice in the Cotswolds, undertaking a wide variety of projects from private gardens to public schemes, including the Desmond Tutu Peace Garden, English Heritage's Carisbrooke Castle Princess Beatrice Gardens, Ness Botanische at Ness Botanic Gardens and more to follow in 2011., He has won six RHS gold medals and is a five times winner of the RHS's 'Best in Show' Award., His reputation has grown internationally too - he won Best Planting Design and Horticultural Skills award at the World Garden Competition in Japan in May 2009 and in March of this year, he won a gold and best in show at the Ellerslie International Flower Show in Christchurch, New Zealand.*

**Cost** €130 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **THE ART OF PRESSING FLOWERS**

With Shirley Cullen

Saturday 2th July

10.30am – 1.00pm

Learn how to master the art of Flower Pressing at this hands on workshop, including the techniques, from the best colors to choose, through the process of preserving flower heads, leaves, grasses, sprigs and seed heads. Pressed material is used to create greeting cards, framed pictures, embellish wedding invitations and many more ideas to preserve the beauty of nature.

Shirley Cullen learned the art of pressing flowers while living in California. She has been pressing flowers, creating floral mementos and sharing her knowledge for more than fifteen years.

Please bring along the following if available. Tweezers, small Scissors, Brown paper bag for material collection, glue gun, glue sticks and spectacles for close work. Wooden flower presses will be supplied as part of the class fee.

**Cost** €40 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

### **DERRY WATKINS FROM SPECIAL PLANKS NURSERY UK**

Lecture & Plant Sale

Date: Sunday the 24th of July

There will be a morning lecture by Derry Watkins entitled Unusual and Long-Blooming Garden Plants. Derry will also be selling her plants. This will be followed by a tour of Hunting Brook. Light lunch will be provided.

Plants can be pre-ordered from Derry at <http://www.specialplants.net/>

**Cost:** €45 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

### **CREATE A BORDER WITH JIMI BLAKE**

Date: 6th of August 2011

Time: 10.15am to 4pm

Jimi will give an illustrated talk on the basic principles of planting schemes and preparation of beds, selecting appropriate plants & planning for all year around colour and propagation. He will lead participants on walking tour of his own garden as well as June Blakes garden discussing the planting scheme & looking at plant associations.

Planting, weeding, feeding, cutting back, pruning are also covered as aspects of good garden maintenance.

**Cost:** €90 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

### **TOUR OF WEST WICKLOW GARDENS**

Date: 13th of August 2011

*Edward Nolan's Garden – 'The Barracks' Knockanarrigan, Co.Wicklow*

This garden is a fusion of eastern & western in a zen style. The garden has 2 pavilions with a contemporary planting around a beautiful pond.

*TJ Maher's Garden – 'Pattrana' Kiltegan, Co.Wicklow*

An award-winning garden situated in the village of Kiltegan in Co.Wicklow. This small wildlife friendly garden is set out on split-levels with many unusual plants.

The upper level consists of mixed herbaceous borders whilst the lower courtyard area contains a wildlife pond.

*Dominick Murphy's Garden*

This is one of Ireland's most exciting new gardens. In a modern naturalistic garden style with 8 acres of meadows and walled garden planted in a contemporary style.

**Cost:** €60 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **NEW TREES – RECENT INTRODUCTIONS TO CULTIVATION WITH JOHN GRIMSHAW**

Sat 27th Aug

10.00am -

There will be a morning lecture entitled "New Trees" by John Grimshaw followed by a garden tour with John and Jimi and buffet lunch.

This talk is built on the five years of work that John spent writing the book *New Trees, Recent Introductions to Cultivation* (John Grimshaw & Ross Bayton, International Dendrology Society and Kew Publishing 2009), described by Dan Hinkley as a 'really important book' and by Roy Lancaster as 'an impressive achievement'. It describes the incredible diversity of trees introduced to horticulture in the past 40 years – a modern 'Golden Age' of plant collecting - and how and where they have been collected. The species discussed include unfamiliar species from familiar genera such *Quercus*, *Magnolia* and *Eucalyptus*, but also species from genera most gardeners have never heard of – *Carpodetus*, *Hagenia*, *Nestegis* and *Polylepis*, for example. At this time of climate change and period of general horticultural experimentation this is a timely and inspiring subject - John discusses the potential of these new trees for use in gardens and the wider landscape, making this a subject of interest to all gardeners. This will be his first lecture on the subject in Ireland..

John Grimshaw has been interested in plants all his life, as both gardener and botanist. He holds a first class degree in botany and doctorate in African forest ecology from Oxford University. African plants remain his principal botanical interest. He is however fascinated by all plants and will attempt to grow anything in the garden. The origins of garden plants are a particular fascination and he has travelled widely to see plants growing in habitat. His first book was *The Gardener's Atlas* (1998), recounting the journeys plants have made from their source to our gardens.

Having worked in the Netherlands for the seed company K. Sahin, Zaden. B.V., where he was responsible for developing perennials for the seed trade, he is currently Gardens Manager at Colesbourne Park, Gloucestershire. There he is responsible for maintaining and developing the historic Elwes family garden, especially the snowdrop collection. He is co-author of the monograph *Snowdrops* (2002) by Matt Bishop, Aaron Davis and John Grimshaw, published by his own publishing company, Griffin Press. Between 2004-2009 he was principal author of a major book on trees introduced in the past 35 years, entitled *New Trees, Recent Introductions to Cultivation*, sponsored by the International Dendrology Society. It was published by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in May 2009.

He is a member of the Royal Horticultural Society's Advisory Committee on Nomenclature and Taxonomy, and Woody Plant Committee. John is particularly proud to be an honorary elder of the Masai community of Lerang'wa, Tanzania.

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## **EXTENDING THE SEASONS WITH GRASSES & PERENNIALS MASTER CLASS**

**With Oliver Schruman from Mount Venus Nursery, June Blake & Jimi Blake**

Location: Hunting Brook & June Blake's Garden

Date: 10th of September 2011

Discover how to extend the seasons and make the garden look wonderful with gorgeous grasses and long lasting perennials. Oliver and Jimi will give illustrated talks and both Hunting Brook and June's garden will be used to demonstrate how to achieve colour at this time of the year.

**Cost:** €90 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **1 YEAR PLANT PERSONS COURSE 1 YEAR PLANT PERSONS COURSE**

Date: 17th September

The 1 Year Plant Person Course runs for one weekend a month from September to August. The course takes place in the magnificent surroundings of Hunting Brook gardens it's self. Students will attend lectures with Jimi as well as practical demonstrations of all tasks plant related from seed collecting, sowing, cultivating & pruning to designing plant combination's.

This course is an excellent opportunity to see the changes in a garden over the space of a year. From sowing seeds in spring, cultivating them, watching them grown and bloom in the summer & finally watching them become a beautiful winter garden. You will be afforded a thorough understanding of how Jimi creates combination borders with their succession of colour throughout the whole year. There are very few gardening courses that offer such a wide knowledge of a plants life.

On completion of the course you will receive the Hunting Book Gardens Certificate.

**Cost:** *Please contact us for full details*

## **1 YEAR BEGINNERS GARDENING COURSE (NEW)**

Date: 18th September

The 1 Year Beginners Gardening Course runs for one weekend a month from September to August. The course takes place in the magnificent surroundings of Hunting Brook gardens and June Blake's Garden.

Students will attend lectures with Jimi as well as practical demonstrations from starting a garden from scratch, soil preparation, plant selection , plant combinations, pruning, feeding plants, seed collecting, sowing, vegetable and herb growing and maintained of your garden through the year.

This course is an excellent opportunity for those who want to learn from the very basics of gardening and to see the changes in a garden over the space of a year. Through out the year Jimi will bring the class to visit gardens and nurseries to help build up a basic

On completion of the course you will receive the Hunting Book Gardens 1 Year beginners Gardening Certificate.

**Cost:** Please contact us for full details

## **GARDEN DESIGN DAY WITH ANDY STURGEON**

Date: Saturday the 24th of September

*Details to be announced*

## **THE MUSHROOM HUNTING DAY**

With Louis Smith

Saturday Date 18 September 2011

10.15am – 5pm

Louis Smith is a lecturer in professional cookery and specialises in the area of edible mushrooms. Louis will begin the day with an introduction to mushrooms – how and where they grow, identification techniques and points to watch out for when collecting. This will be followed by a mushroom hunt collecting and learning mushrooms. At the end of the day Louis will cook some of the various mushrooms for sampling.

**Cost** €90 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **AUTUMN GARDENING**

Date: 8th of October 2011

Time: 10am to 1pm

Jimi will highlight the best trees, shrubs, climbers, perennials and bulbs that provide colour during the autumn and winter. This is an opportunity to garden alongside Jimi and learn about autumn garden jobs, including pruning, cutting back, seed collecting & sowing, planting and planning for next year.

**Cost:** €45 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **AUTUMN PROPAGATION MORNING**

Date: Sunday the 9th of October 2011

Time: 10am to 1pm

This is similar to the propagation morning in Spring but covering topics relevant to autumn & winter propagation such as hardwood cutting & division as well as root cuttings.

This will be a hands on, practical lesson.

**Cost:** €45 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **CREATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS WITH JOYCE FITZPATRICK**

Date: Sunday the 27th of November 2011

Join Joyce in this extra special hands-on day creating unique, thoughtful and inexpensive gifts using found objects, photos, poems, natural materials such as moss, wool, fabric, felt, wool & leaves.

This relaxed and festive day will include demonstrations by Joyce and refreshments.

**Cost:** €80 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)

## **FESTIVE DECORATIONS, GARLANDS & WREATHS WITH JOYCE FITZPATRICK**

Date: Saturday the 3rd of December 2011

This is a wonderful chance to indulge your creative side & make decorations to transform your home this Christmas using natural materials from the woods and gardens at Hunting Brook. This is a relaxed and friendly day course which includes detailed demonstrations and festive refreshments – a lovely way to start the Christmas season!

**Cost:** €80 (50% Payable to book and final 50% on day of the course)