

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SID07826 CREATE YOUR OWN TOPIARY

Tutor: JAMES CREBBIN-BAILEY

Date: 1 DAY SATURDAY 28 APRIL

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

James will begin the day with a talk about the history of topiary and will give a practical demonstration on the techniques of cutting.

He will share the inspiration of topiary in garden settings from embryo plans to finished topiary and also be giving tips on care and maintenance. He will demonstrate his techniques on cutting and explain about the short cuts to creating strong shapes. The day will conclude with a hands-on workshop and you will have your own topiary plant to take away.

LEVEL: BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE

For those with little or no experience and for those who have taken a related course. Suited to those who would like a structured introduction to a subject, with further building of skills to work towards independent practice.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

James is recognised as a specialist in Sculptural Topiary, creating new and innovative shapes, as well as classical Topiary designs. His skills have been recognised by industry leaders and his work and demonstrations have been featured in many classical exhibits displaying topiary – RHS Chelsea, Hampton Court, London, winning the prestigious Chelsea Gold medal. James' topiary and tuition are featured in several books and on TV.

TIMETABLE:

(The course will be held in the Auditorium which is a short walk from the main house through the walled garden. It can be accessed by vehicle using the garden entrance. We return to the main house for lunch but morning coffee and afternoon tea will be in the Garden Restaurant.)

8.50am–9.05am	Registration and coffee at the College
9.15am	Morning classes
10.30am	Coffee at the Garden Restaurant
12.45pm	Lunch at the College
2.00pm	Afternoon classes
3.30pm	Tea at the Garden Restaurant
5.00pm	Classes finish

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am–2pm, for any materials you wish to purchase from the shop.

Materials included in the course fee:

West Dean will provide a plant for you to create your topiary specimen.

Please bring:

A notebook and pens/pencils

A pair of secateurs and gloves

Outdoor clothing and boots/shoes suitable for wet weather and working outdoors

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. There are no health and safety restrictions on access to this studio/teaching space in the absence of the tutor. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

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