



Greenfingers Week - Syllabus

Our Greenfingers Gardening Week teaching and practical sessions cover a myriad of gardening skills and knowledge, here's an idea of what we try to impart over the course of the retreat, but we'll also tailor it to your experience and needs.

Our favourite part is learning how you might use your newfound knowledge at home, so feel free to bring pictures of your own gardens or inspiration so that we can guide you in how to to achieve it!

Roses

- Rose: forms and types
- Pruning bush roses
- Pruning and tying-in climbing roses
- Troubleshooting P&D's etc
- Dead-heading

Plant Propagation

- Cuttings
 - Softwood
 - Semi ripe
 - Hardwood
 - Heel
- Seed collection
- Layering
- Division
- Growing media

Seed Sowing and Planting

- Preparing a seedbed
- Sowing techniques (drills, broadcasting, seed trays etc)
- Pricking out, pinching out, planting out
- Labeling
- Plant supports
- How to plant a potted perennial

Fruit Trees

- Types of fruit trees, basic rules and principles
- Types of buds
- Winter and Summer pruning
- Pruning to create fruiting spurs
- Thinning congested spurs
- Thinning out after the June drop
- Congested crowns
- What to do with under-pruned and congested trees

Restorative Pruning of Old and Congested Shrubs

Herbaceous Border Management

- Spacing
- Dividing and replanting perennials
- Design principles

Compost

- What to compost
- How to compost, types of compost bins
- Compost uses in the garden

Design Tips and Tricks

- Reference your own garden / problem areas / design questions
- Plant groups, plant suggestions
- Layout tips
- Design considerations
- Seasonal interest

Cut Flowers

- Bringing flowers inside - varieties and their suitability
- Dried flowers
- Form, texture, mixed or single

One off projects

(depending on availability)

- e.g herb gardens, fruit bushes, sown annual / wild flower beds, tree planting, flower bed regeneration, wreath making

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