

Llanover Garden School



Events October 2011 - March 2012

Welcome to the 2011/12 program of talks and demonstrations at Llanover Garden School.

Many of you will have read the writings of Ursula Buchan, Anna Pavord, Ann Wareham, Jim Gardiner and James Alexander Sinclair in the gardening media. Andy McIndoe gave an excellent presentation at RHS Wisley last year, so I was delighted when he agreed to make his first visit to Llanover next Spring. All of the speakers are experts in their field and I am very grateful to each of them for making time in their busy working lives to come and share their expertise with us.

A new event this year is a study day for those who wish to understand the basics of plant identification. The morning will be spent inside learning the necessary definitions before an afternoon spent in the garden looking at and identifying various plants.

Given the speakers' efforts I like to aim for a large audience. I feel it is more important to make the courses as accessible as possible by leaving the price of the lecture days unchanged for the sixth year in a row, despite rising costs. To encourage you to introduce friends to the school, I will continue to offer four tickets booked at the same time for £250, which represents a 11% discount to the usual ticket price. This offer does not apply to the Christmas workshops.

To save postage costs, I send the brochures only once a year. I do appreciate an email address so that bookings can be confirmed by email rather than post. Also if you really do not wish to receive this brochure, please do let me know so that I may remove your name from the mailout.

All the garden courses are held at my beautiful home in Monmouthshire on the Welsh border. The delicious two course lunches with wine cooked by Pavinee Taruschio, are served in our elegant reception rooms, with log fires lit and fresh flowers on the tables. The garden and park are here for your enjoyment too.

The website www.llanovergarden.co.uk has more details of forthcoming speakers with links to related websites. I have enclosed two leaflets so please do pass one on to a friend who might be interested in a special day with expert speakers and a good lunch. Gift vouchers which make excellent Christmas, birthday and thank-you presents are available to purchase throughout the year.

The garden will be open with a [Rare Plant Fair](#) on Sunday 18th September. This is the same day as the highly regarded [Abergavenny Food Festival](#), to enable visitors from further afield to come to both events.

Guided tours of the garden can be booked by appointment during the year for groups with a minimum of 20 people. Morning coffee, lunch or afternoon tea can be arranged to tie in with the visit.

With best wishes,

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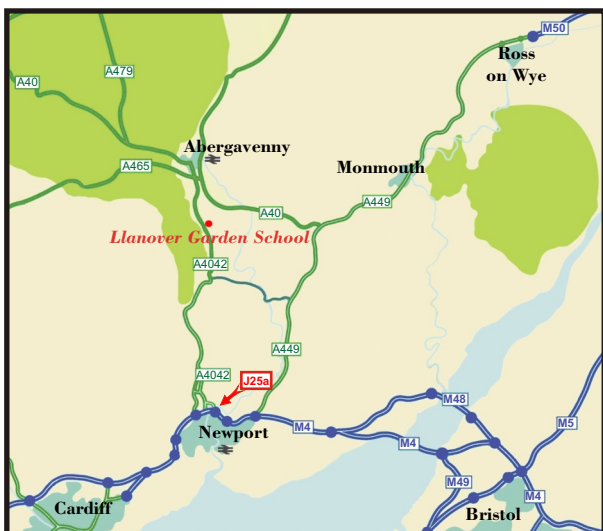


Travel Directions

Llanover Garden School is set in the grounds of Llanover House, which is 40 minutes from the Severn Bridge, or 50 minutes from junction 8 of the M5.

Llanover can be approached from the North via the M50, A449, A40(T) and A4042. From the South-east, exit the M4 at junction 25a on to the A4042. From the South-west leave the M4 at junction 26, following signs to Cwmbran then Abergavenny.

The entrance to Llanover House is signposted off the A4042 in the village of Llanover, opposite the bus stop with the telephone box.



Wednesday 5th October

Mary Payne MBE – *Designing a garden with unusual grasses and perennials*
Mary is one of that rare breed of designer whose knowledge of plants is as extensive as her skill at creating eye-catching designs. I was so impressed by the examples of her work she showed in her last talk here, 'Minimum effort for maximum effect', that I commissioned her to redesign the two enormous borders in Llanover's round garden.

Caroline Boisset – *Pumpkins and squashes*

Pumpkins and squash are among the most colourful and ornamental plants that can be grown in the vegetable garden. When you remember that they have been cultivated for millennia and are the most wonderful cooking ingredient, it's irresistible to try growing as many varieties as possible. Caroline has grown over 100 different cultivars and won an RHS Gold Medal for her exhibit of pumpkins and squash. This will be an illustrated talk that covers every aspect of these magical plants with images and some examples of fresh material.

Tuesday 11th October**Jim Gardiner** – *Inspirational planting schemes*

Jim is the enthusiastic and very busy Director of Horticulture at Wisley, who enjoys sharing his passion and knowledge about plants through writing and lecturing. In his work for the RHS he has had opportunities to see more gardens than most of us. Along the way he has noted interesting and beautiful plant combinations, some of which he will show today.

Anne Wareham – *The bad-tempered gardener*

Her impatience with received ideas, her eagerness to experiment, and her conviction that gardening is a serious and exciting art form has placed Anne Wareham well outside of what usually passes for discussion of gardens. Anne will introduce her new book 'The Bad-Tempered Gardener', the story of her development as a thinking gardener and the creation with her husband, photographer Charles Hawes, of the Veddw, their acclaimed garden on the Welsh borders.

Tuesday 18th October**Matthew Biggs** – *Fruitalicious*

Matt, a regular panelist on Gardeners' Question Time, TV presenter and author, will give a brief history of fruit cultivation in Britain, before offering the practical advice you need to grow fruit successfully, whether in the ground, in containers or on a wall. Matt will talk about selecting the best varieties, establishing the plants, pest control and pruning.

James Alexander Sinclair – *Gardening mistakes and triumphs*

James has a justified reputation as a witty and informative fount of horticultural knowledge. He has designed gardens, large and small, from the South of France to the Western Isles and had show gardens at both the Chelsea Flower Show and the Westonbirt International Festival of the Garden. In his talk he will illustrate some gardening mistakes and triumphs which we can all learn from.

Tuesday 8th November**Susyn Andrews** – *Basic Nomenclature and Plant Identification*

Susyn worked at Hilliers, followed by 27 years at Kew Botanic Garden. She is an expert on plant nomenclature and plant identification skills. On this study day, Susyn will explain to a small group the basics of nomenclature and taxonomy. This will lead into an afternoon session teaching the process of plant identification using plants in the garden. Numbers will be limited so early booking is recommended.

December 6th, 7th & 8th*Christmas workshops and demonstration*

Emma and Kirsty from Love-Lily will demonstrate the skills required to make a magnificent contemporary or traditional Christmas door-wreath, before inviting the group's members (maximum 10 people) to do their creative best with a wide choice of foliage, ribbons and flowers.. If required, the wreath can be placed horizontally, with candles in the centre, to make a festive table decoration. The day will run from 9.30am until about 2.30pm. All materials will be provided, plus a delicious two course lunch in the dining room.

Wednesday 7th March**Ursula Buchan** – *Scent in the Garden*

Ursula is a regular writer for the RHS Garden magazine, author and practical gardener. Everyone knows that scent is one of the most potent triggers of memory and emotion. But we don't always know how to add this dimension to the garden successfully. In this talk, Ursula considers how scent works, why it is so important, and how we can best use scented plants in the garden.

Rosy Hardy – *Perennials for high season*

Since 1988 when Rosy and Rob Hardy established Hardy's Cottage Garden plants, their nursery has gained a superb reputation for unusual, beautiful and well-presented plants. They offer over 14,000 different varieties with something suited for every garden location. Today Rosy will talk about some of these plants and discuss ways to display them to best effect in your garden.

Thursday 15th March**Andy McIndoe** – *Shrubs throughout the year*

Andrew is the energetic managing director of Hillier nurseries, whose responsibilities include designing their show garden at RHS Chelsea and writing their series of gardening guides. He will share his encyclopaedic knowledge of plants in an entertaining and lively manner, using fresh plant material and slides, whilst talking about shrubs for a range of garden sizes, environmental conditions and different seasons.

Anna Pavord – *Growing food*

Anna will describe how food crops can make a decorative as well as delicious addition to the garden, with guidance and planting plans designed to give traditional kitchen gardens a contemporary twist. Advice will be given on selecting the best varieties for flavour and looks, sowing, growing and harvesting the results.

Tuesday 20th March

This day is a rare treat: a chance to meet and hear two very highly regarded plantsmen who have dedicated their working lives to travelling the world in search of interesting plants and seeds. Their work propagating rarities has a dual purpose: it helps protect them from extinction and introduces excellent new additions to gardens.

Kevin Hughes – *Magnolias*

As March tends to be the start of the Magnolia flowering season, Kevin will speak about the different types of Magnolia and their characteristics. They are easy to grow, relatively pest free and once established need little attention. Advice will be given about planting Magnolias to give a long flowering season, and pruning them to suit your garden.

Bleddyn Wynn-Jones – *Plant hunting in Vietnam*

Established in 1991, Crug Farm Plants has a hard-earned reputation for finding and propagating rare plants. Over the course of 50 expeditions, Bleddyn and his wife Sue have collected seeds of more than 15,000 remarkable finds. They have made several excursions to the highlands of Vietnam, where climate and altitude ensure the kind of hardiness useful in British gardens. Bleddyn will show us some of the landscapes he has explored in Vietnam, and talk about the plants he has brought back and successfully propagated here.



Each day begins at 10am with coffee or tea, ahead of the morning session at 10.30am. A seated two course lunch will be served with wine or elderflower, before the afternoon presentation. The day will end with homemade teas and another opportunity to talk and walk around the garden.

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Booking Form

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Name
Address
E-mail
Telephone
Food requirement or allergy

Each day is fully inclusive.

Please advise of any special dietary requirements in the box provided

If a single booking is made by one person for 4 people to come to the same lecture day, all four tickets may be brought for a total of £250. This offer excludes the Christmas workshops.

Refunds will not be given. However, you may send a friend in your place.

Date	Event	No. of places	Cost	Total
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			TOTAL	

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