

ABOUT THE TUTOR...

Mike Jackson has been teaching gardening for over 25 years and has worked in the horticulture industry for over 35 years. Trained at Kew Gardens, where he gained the Kew Diploma in Horticulture, he has a wide range of experience in horticulture and in teaching the subject. He has run his own nursery, been a Head Gardener, run the Horticulture Section of a college, been a Registered



Instructor with the Agricultural Training Board and broadcast for the BBC. Mike is currently an Advisor to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). He is currently Camden Garden Centre's Head of Social Enterprise Development and Training. In 2006 The Garden Centre won a national award for "The Most Outstanding Commitment to Education and Training in Horticulture" (sponsored by the Royal Horticultural Society). Mike says "Adult learners often lead busy lives, either working full time or with childcare responsibilities. They want their learning to be enjoyable as well as informative. After a hard days work it's my job to keep my students alert by making the classes fun and keeping the information clear and concise. I love my subject and teaching gives me the opportunity to share my knowledge and experience with my students."

The classes are held at the Garden Centre

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PROGRAMME 2010

Wednesday evening class: 7-9pm (doors open from 6.30pm)

Thursday daytime classes are 11am-1pm.
(Courses follow Camden schools term dates)

SPRING COURSE 2010

6/7th January: Design - the practical aspects

13/14th January: Plant pests 1. Student gardens

20/21st January: Plant diseases and disorders

27/28th January: Fruit growing. Plant pests 2

3/4th February: Grow Your Own from seed (sowing)

10/11th February: Vegetable growing. Students gardens

17/18th Feb : SCHOOLS HOLIDAY CAMDEN - NO CLASS

24/25th February: Plants for sun and shade. Herbs. Basic botany

3/4th March: Sizzling summer bedding, used to best effect.

Hanging Baskets - how to do it yourself.

10/11th March: Grow Your Own from cuttings. Herbs

Sunday 14th March: Visit to Kew Gardens. Meet at Victoria Gate 11am (entrance charge is £13)

AUTUMN COURSE 2010

22/23rd September: Bulbs for indoor and outdoor use

29/30th Sept Winter colour for containers using bedding & bulbs. Plant names made easy

6/7th October: Climbing plants and wall shrubs

13/14th October: Planting: preparation, techniques and tools

Sunday 17th October Visit to Kew Gardens: meet Victoria Gate 11am (entrance charge is £13)

20/21st October: Autumn and winter colour using perennials. Student gardens

27/28th Oct SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CAMDEN - NO CLASS

3/4th November: Soils and fertilisers

10/11th November: Pruning part 1 Reasons and effects. Tools and techniques

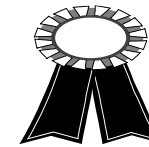
17/18th November: Pruning part 2 Practical pruning tasks

24/25th November: Alpines and rockery plants - for small gardens, rooftops and containers. Student gardens

ABOUT THE COURSES...

Offering the course within the setting of an award winning garden centre means that plants and products are on hand which has obvious advantages for learning. The courses are designed for the beginner or near beginner and you are encouraged to ask questions about your own gardening problems. You may choose to join the autumn or spring course or enrol for both courses (saving £20). As well as live plant material Mike also has an extensive photo collection of plants and gardens. Wherever possible common names of plants will be used and a simple explanation given about plant naming. There is a handout with each class that summarises the main topics discussed during that class. You may also wish to take notes. Please feel free to bring specimens of plants, pests or diseases which you are unable to identify. Although there will be some simple practical tasks this is largely a classroom based course. **FREE** tea or coffee is provided.

Digital photos of your garden. A popular introduction has been for the class to look at photographs of each others' gardens on screen and suggest improvements and ways of making the garden easier to manage. If you want to take advantage of this please email Mike with about 10 digital images (maximum 500 x 500 bytes each) of your garden *in advance of the course starting please.*



CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE
A Certificate of Attendance will be available at the end of the course for people who request this. To receive the Certificate, attendance of seven out of ten classes is required.

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