



### 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.

Mike 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 a Professional Associate with 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.

**CAMDEN GARDEN CENTRE is at:**  
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**(Car parking available)**

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**Directions are available from our website:**  
**[www.camdengardencentre.co.uk](http://www.camdengardencentre.co.uk)**

## PROGRAMME 2010-2011

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

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

### 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

### SPRING COURSE 2011

*5/6th January:* Design - the practical aspects  
*12/13th January:* Plant pests 1. Student gardens  
*19/20th January:* Plant diseases and disorders  
*26/27th January:* Fruit growing. Plant pests 2  
*2/3rd February:* Grow Your Own from seed (sowing)  
*9/10th February:* Vegetable growing. Students gardens  
*16/17th February:* Plants for sun and shade. Herbs. Basic botany

### 23/24th Feb : SCHOOLS HOLIDAY CAMDEN - NO CLASS

*2/3rd March:* Sizzling summer bedding, used to best effect. Hanging Baskets - how to do it yourself.  
*9/10th March:* Grow Your Own from cuttings. Herbs

**Sunday 13th March:** Visit to Kew Gardens. Meet at Victoria Gate cafe, Kew Road, opposite Lichfield Road 11am (you will have to pay the entrance charge: £13)

### 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.

**BOOKING FORM OVERLEAF**

## BOOKING FORM

Please reserve me ..... place(s) on:

Wednesdays 7-9pm / Thursdays 11am -1pm

Autumn      Spring      Both  
(circle your choices above)

Course fee: £105 PER COURSE or £190 for two terms or two people enrolling together (saving £20). Concessions are available - call Mike 020 7387 7080

Name .....

Address .....

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.....Postcode.....

Email: .....

Home or mobile tel .....

Work tel .....

Long number on credit card:

**Credit card** payment\*:

Valid from \_\_\_/\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_/\_\_\_

Issue no \_\_\_ (If applicable)

Last 3 digits from number on back of card \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the above address is NOT the billing address please call Mike on 020 7387 7080.

**Cheques** should be made payable to:  
Camden Garden Centre. Return this completed form with your cheque to:  
Mike Jackson, Camden Garden Centre, 2 Barker Drive, London NW1 0JW

Last 5 digits on Gardeners Reward Card \_\_\_\_\_

## What students said in 2008

An excellent introduction for a complete beginner.  
Great dialogue. **Mike (Consultant)**

I really enjoyed Mike's passion and obvious enthusiasm for the subject .. Also his informal, unpretentious and sometimes off-the-wall approach to the subject matter. **Allie (P.A. to the Football Association)**

The course was well planned to match what I would be doing in the garden each month. **Anne (Child Protection worker)**

I've always been intimidated by gardening jargon but here everything was explained in simple, clear terms and it was fun learning! **Jean (retired teacher)**

It gave a fresh eye to my garden - lots of new ideas.  
**Miriam (retired)**

The high point of my week! Informative, very practical and fun. **Tess (Consultant)**

I thought that this course is fantastic and Mike is quite gifted at teaching. **Mary (child care)**

A fantastic course for people interested in gardening but were too afraid to ask. The lessons were thoroughly enjoyable. **Josh (PhD student)**

The course is one of the most enjoyable things I've done in ages. Mike is so knowledgeable, friendly and amusing. He approaches teaching with real enthusiasm using a variety of methods - really well thought out.  
**Lindsay (Actress)**

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