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A Unique Horticultural Opportunity at Dalemain

Join us at Dalemain's Historic Gardens for informative and fun gardening days, once a month over the period of a year (classes can be booked on a one off basis).

The courses which run from 9.00am - 4.30pm on the first Monday of each month (apart from January) and will include lectures, practical demonstrations and a mini Gardeners Question Time. The classes are available to be booked separately and will cover seasonal tips, propagation, pruning and more. These days which will take place in the magnificent Medieval Hall, will be led by Jane McCosh, owner of Dalemain with Shelagh Todd, a Horticultural Lecturer and Plantswoman.

Included alongside a wealth of knowledge is a delicious homemade lunch in the Medieval Hall and a behind the scenes tour of the gardens. This is an exceptional chance to learn the continuity of an award winning garden once a month over a full year.

These days are for small intimate private classes so do book in advance to reserve a place. There is a discount for RHS Members and group bookings so get in touch to discuss this with us.



Jane Hasell-McCosh

Jane has lived at Dalemain for over 40 years and during this time she has raised her family and run the house opening business which includes the internationally recognised World Original Marmalade Awards. Her great passion however is for gardening which began as a small child. The creativity and cognitive aspects of understanding and learning about plants are important to her as well as the spirit of the garden. The space is essentially 18th century and has been tended for over 350 years with each generation adding their own personality and reflecting their interests. Jane's concentration has been on how the garden works historically up to the present moment and how that effects the resulting planting.



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Shelagh Todd

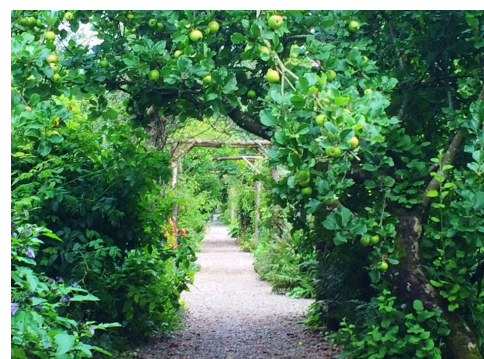
Shelagh has over 40 years experience in the horticultural industry. Her new and exciting role is Head of Horticulture and Garden Design at the School of Horticulture based at Lowther Castle and Gardens (established July 2021) Prior to this she was Head of Horticulture, Forestry & Floristry and a horticultural & garden design lecturer at Newton Rigg College, Penrith, Cumbria.

Her career has seen her working in gardens all over the UK from Achamore Gardens on the Isle of Gigha in Argyllshire, Scotland to Merrist Wood College in Surrey. A highlight in her career was being a member of the teams that won gold and silver medals at the Chelsea Flower Show. She also won the 'Cumbrian Lecturer of the Year' in the Golden Apple Awards in 2010. Shelagh has the great honour of being The President of the Lakeland Horticultural Society based at Holehird Gardens near Windermere. Her greatest achievement and inspiration has always been to teach people of all ages and abilities to learn practical skills and grow a knowledge and love of plants.

The Garden at Dalemain

Dalemain has a lot to boast about horticulturally. The terrace walk, created in the mid 1700's, is just the beginning of these beautiful gardens. Throughout you can relish in the extraordinary and varied collection of plants and the way in which they have been planted in interesting and sympathetic combinations of colour and leaf form. We attempt to concentrate a particular species in one area of the garden so that it is not repeated too often and this highlights the different kinds of microclimate, soil and water retention to be found in the garden.

The tranquility and closeness to nature give a much needed harmony and comfort within the vertiginous landscape of the Lakes and for many people this garden is treasured.





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Schedule for the Year

Monday 10th January 2022

Seasonal Highlights: Aconites & a variety of bulbs, perennials, shrubs & trees displaying interest in January
Seasonal Tasks to do in the garden & glasshouse in January
Practical demonstrations on seasonal pruning and propagation
Edible Highlight – Leeks
Gardeners Question Time

Cost: £90 per person, 10 people per course

Monday 7th February 2022

Seasonal Highlights: Snowdrops & a variety of bulbs, shrubs, trees and perennials displaying interest in February
Seasonal Tasks to do in the garden & glasshouse in February
Practical demonstrations on seasonal pruning and propagation
Edible Highlight – Oranges
Gardeners Question Time

Cost: £90 per person, 10 people per course

Monday 7th March 2022

Seasonal Highlights: Daffodils & an array of spring flowering bulbs, perennials, shrubs & trees
Seasonal Tasks to do in the garden & glasshouse in March
Practical demonstrations on seasonal pruning and propagation
Edible Highlight – Rhubarb
Gardeners Question Time

Cost: £90 per person, 10 people per course

Monday 4th April

Seasonal Highlights: Snakeshead Fritillaries & a variety of bulbs, perennials, shrubs & trees displaying interest in April
A special focus on Japanese gardens & plants from Japan
Seasonal Tasks to do in the garden & glasshouse in April
Practical demonstrations on seasonal pruning and propagation
Edible Highlight – something inspirational from Japan eg Wasabi (Japanese horseradish)
Gardeners Question Time

Cost: £90 per person, 10 people per course

Monday 2nd May

Seasonal Highlights: Himalayan Blue Poppies & a variety of bulbs, perennials, trees & shrubs giving interest in May
Seasonal Tasks to do in the garden & glasshouse in May
Practical demonstrations on seasonal pruning and propagation
Edible Highlight – Elder Flowers
Gardeners Question Time

Cost: £90 per person, 10 people per course

Monday 6th June

Seasonal Highlights: Roses & a wide variety of shrubs, trees and herbaceous perennials giving interest in June
Seasonal Tasks to do in the garden & glasshouse in June
Practical demonstrations on seasonal pruning and propagation
Edible Highlight – Edible Flowers
Gardeners Question Time

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Monday 4th July

Seasonal Highlights: Herbaceous Perennials and a variety of trees, shrubs and bulbs giving seasonal interest in July
Seasonal Tasks to do in the garden & glasshouse in July
Practical demonstrations on seasonal pruning and propagation
Edible Highlight – Lavender
Gardeners Question Time

Cost: £90 per person, 10 people per course

Monday 5th September

Seasonal Highlights: Seasonally harvest fruits and a wide variety of trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals giving a glorious display in September
Seasonal Tasks to do in the garden & glasshouse in September
Practical demonstrations on seasonal pruning and propagation
Edible Highlight – Apples
Gardeners Question Time

Cost: £90 per person, 10 people per course

Monday 3rd October

Seasonal Highlights: Autumn colours provided by flowers, foliage, berries and hips from a wide range of plant groups.
Seasonal Tasks to do in the garden & glasshouse in the autumn
Practical demonstrations on seasonal pruning and propagation
Edible Highlight – Seasonal fruits harvested from the kitchen garden & orchard at Dalemain
Gardeners Question Time

Cost: £90 per person, 10 people per course

Monday 7th November

Seasonal Highlights: The evergreen plants in our garden that will provide interest for every day of the year
Seasonal Tasks to do in the garden & glasshouse in November
Practical demonstrations on seasonal pruning and propagation
Edible Highlight – Hazel Nuts, Walnuts and Sweet Chestnuts
Gardeners Question Time

Cost: £90 per person, 10 people per course

Monday 5th December 2022

Seasonal Highlights: Winter interest plants that provide interest from their foliage, flower, berries and coloured stems
Seasonal Tasks to do in the garden & glasshouse in December
Practical demonstrations on seasonal pruning and propagation
Edible Highlight – Parsnips & Brussel Sprouts
Gardeners Question Time

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Useful Information

Payment

Payment in full is required before the start of each course. In order to confirm a place on the course a deposit of £45 should be paid on booking which is non refundable. If you find yourself unable to take part nearer the time then this payment can be transferred to another month.

Requirements

Please let us know if you have any special dietary or disability requirements in advance.

Kit

You will need to come prepared for garden walks, with sturdy boots and a warm coat. We would advise that you dress for the Cumbrian weather which is very unpredictable!

The itinerary is correct at the time of publishing but may vary depending on seasonal change.

Booking

To request a booking form, contact Emily via houseopening@dalemain.com or 017684 86450 to reserve your place. Payment can be made by bank transfer or cheque.

Our gardens await!