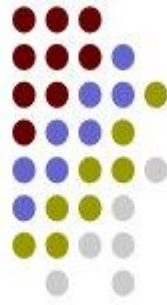


GARDEN DESIGN



ACADEMY

Design your own Garden

Course schedule - May 2010

Tuesday 6pm: Welcome drink and introductions.



7:00 Diner

Wednesday. 8:30 Breakfast

9:30 – 12:30 Introduction to garden styles and design types. This session is intended to explore a range of concepts as a background to the subject and inspiration for thinking about your own gardens.

12:45 Lunch

2:00

Afternoon off. We have many gardening and design books for students to look at but some will prefer a walk by the River Cher or a trip out to see the nearby sights.

7:00 Diner

8:30

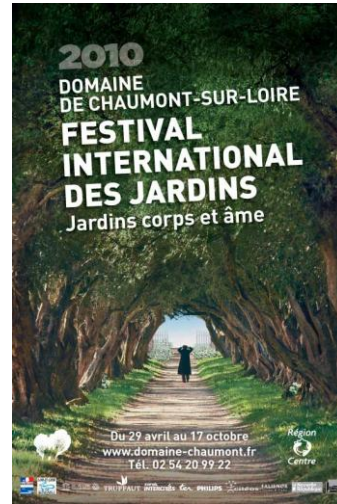
Chaumont Festival of Gardening slide show. 18 years of avant-garde design has produced nearly 400 “ground breaking “gardens.

Thursday

8:30 Breakfast

9:30

Leave to visit Chaumont Festival of Gardening for more inspiration from this annual event. The theme this year: Gardens for Body and



Soul. 26 gardens have been newly constructed based on this theme and these should provide food for thought when designing your own. Don't forget to look at the park and the sculpture installations while you are here.

You make your own arrangements for lunch on site.

4:30

Return to Chabris (arrive approx. 5:30)

7:00 Diner

8:30

Chaumont 2010 slide show

Friday

8:30 Breakfast

9:30 – 12:30

Requirements and solutions for each of the student's gardens. The garden design checklist. Looking at a range of gardening problems is very instructive and often students change their minds about what they want after undertaking this exercise with the plots of the others. We also look at plans of gardens I have designed for some of my clients in the past.

12:45 Lunch

2:00

Students are given a well deserved afternoon off. If you have not yet visited a local vineyard and stocked up with the fabulous white wines of the region, now could be the ideal time to do so.

7:00 Diner

Saturday

8:30 Breakfast

9:30 – 12:30

We get down to drawing your new garden after talks on design considerations and drawing techniques.

12:45 Lunch

2:00 – 5:00

Garden design work.

7:00 Diner

Sunday

8:30 Breakfast

9:30 – 12:30 Morning off

12:45 Lunch

2:00 – 5:00

Out together to visit another public garden after lunch. We like to go to somewhere different each time depending on the interests of the students and the time of year. We are considering the gardens of Chateau de Bouges, south of Valençay this time.



7:00 Diner

Monday

8:30 Breakfast

9:30 – 12:30 We need to finish your garden design and the amount of time and guidance needed depends on each student.

12:45 Lunch

2:00 – 5:00

Planting plans.

7:00 Diner

The final meal with a chance to discuss the gardens that have been created and the last opportunity to ask questions before taking the plans home.

Tuesday

8:30 Breakfast

9:30

Time to go home, taking with you the plan of your new garden and memories of a pleasant week spent in the Loire Valley.