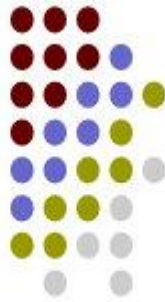


GARDEN DESIGN



ACADEMY

Design your own Garden – with Feng Shui

Course schedule - Sept 2011

Tuesday 13th 6pm: Welcome drink and introductions.



7:00 Dinner

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 -4.30 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.
5-6pm Introduction to Feng Shui with Elizabeth Wells FFSA
7:00 Dinner
8:30 Chaumont Festival of Gardening slide show. 18 years of avant-garde garden 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 of the future or the art of happy biodiversity". 26 gardens have been newly constructed based around this idea 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	Dinner
	8:30	Chaumont 2011 photos.
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 – steal ideas or gain more inspiration.
	12:45	Lunch
	2:00 – 5.00	Feng Shui design workshop with Elizabeth.
	7:00	Dinner
Saturday	8:30	Breakfast
	9:30 – 12:30	We get down to drawing your new garden after talks on drawing techniques.
	12:45	Lunch
	2:00 – 5:00	Garden design work continues as you develop your own ideas for your garden.
	7:00	Dinner
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 Dinner

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. Includes a visit from Elizabeth to assist in Feng Shui “tweaking”.
 12:45 Lunch
 2:00 – 5:00 Planting plans.
 7:00 Dinner. 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 20th

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.