Northern England and Wales

Garden history travel and learning for Master Gardeners and their guests ~ July 6 to July 18, 2015

About This Course:
Our goal is to expand Master Gardeners’ knowledge in ornamental horticulture, landscape, and garden design in a historical context. We’ll visit and study such notable gardens and sites as Chatsworth, Castle Howard, Studley Royal and Fountains Abbey, York Gate Garden, Scampston Walled Garden, Breezy Knees Nursery Garden, Levens Hall, the Lakes District, Biddulph Grange, David Austin Roses, Bodnant, Powis Castle, Kenilworth Castle Elizabethan Garden, and the Ryton Organic Center. Participants may choose to extend their stay by continuing on independently into London following the program.

Program Policies:
Registration is only open to participants in a Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardener Program (one guest permitted). Enrollment will be limited to 25 total (Master Gardeners and guests), available on a first come basis with a $500 deposit required, beginning November 11, 2014. Advanced Master Gardener: Training hours will be credited to those Purdue University Master Gardeners who complete the required reading assignments and quizzes. Master Gardener participants may also earn volunteer service hours upon their return by sharing what they’ve learned with others.

Instructors from the Purdue University Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture:

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Landscape Architect
Student of Landscape History

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Mike and Rosie have co-led Master Gardener Study Abroad to England, France, and Italy since 2005. Mike also leads an undergrad summer course on History, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture in England. Rosie has led several gardening-related tours to Europe and in the US.

What’s Included:
- Two full-time Purdue instructors
- Transport in England via motor coach
- Budget class accommodations in Harrogate, Shrewsbury, near Coventry and at Heathrow International Airport (double occupancy, single supplement at additional cost.)
- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, and 5 dinners
- Admission to 13 gardens, sites and events
- Coach and group meal gratuities
- Review talks, study guide, group discussions
- International Emergency Medical/Evacuation Insurance

What’s Not Included:
- Airfare
- Personal items (passport fees, laundry, alcoholic beverages)
- Hotel gratuities
- Most lunches, some dinners and other incidental expenses.
- Trip cancellation insurance is recommended and available through your local travel agent
- Transport to/from Holiday Inn Hotel-London Heathrow, and Heathrow International arrival or departure terminal or other departure point

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The Orangery Terrace at Powis Castle is a riot of summer color with a backdrop of billowy yew “tumps”

Required Reading (distributed to participants just prior to the beginning of the course):

Northern England & Wales, Garden History - Landscape & Garden Study Guide

Additional Recommended Reading for Background English History:


PLEASE NOTE:
1) Due to the historical nature of the sites visited, full accessibility at these sites cannot be guaranteed. Each day, there will be substantial walking and occasionally, some climbing of steep stairs/slopes without handrail.

2) Participants must be able to function independently on free days and at public events.
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Garden History Study Tour Itinerary
(*Meals Provided = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Monday, July 6 - Depart U.S. for London (-)
Tuesday, July 7 - Arrival at London's Heathrow International Airport, shuttle to hotel. Independent flexible time. (-)
Wednesday, July 8 - Following a brief meet & greet and introduction to the course, we’ll board our motorcoach and head north to Chatsworth, a landscape representing the styles of three centuries. Later, we continue on to Harrogate in North Yorkshire. (B,D)
Thursday, July 9 - The scenic and rugged Lakes District is our destination for this day, including a visit to the world famous topiary garden at Levens Hall. We’ll enjoy lunch overlooking Coniston Water. (B,L)
Friday, July 10 - A contemporary garden designed by Piet Oudolf, located in a historic context at Scampston Hall, is our morning’s activity. Later, we’ll enjoy a completely new garden creation at the Breezy Knees Nursery which will immerse us in a luxurious plant palette. (B,L)
Saturday, July 11 - Studley Royal is one of the 17th century’s finest English Landscape Gardens, with its strong emphasis on formalized water. Our morning visit will include exploring the ruins of an 11th century Cistercian monastery, Fountains Abbey, that serves as a terminating focal element in the garden plan. Later, you’ll have free time to explore Harrogate. Perhaps visit, on your own, the nearby RHS Harlow-Carr or the Valley Gardens. (B)

World-famous topiary at Levens Hall

Sunday, July 12 - Today, we’ll experience Castle Howard, a seminal example of the evolution of landscape style on a grand scale at the end of the 16th century featuring design work by the architect Vanbrugh and implementation by the builder Hawksmoor. Later, we pay a visit to York Gate Garden, a petite gem of a late 20th century residential garden. (B,D)
Monday, July 13 - We say farewell to Yorkshire and as we move toward Wales, we’ll hang out at the eclectic, Victorian-era Biddulph Grange Garden, including visits to “China” and “Egypt” and the “stumpy”, followed by a stop at David Austin Roses, home of the modern English rose. Our country hotel near Shrewsbury is our evening’s destination. (B, D)
Tuesday, July 14 - After several days of “go-going” we’ll have this day to rest, walk the countryside, and explore Shrewsbury, a medieval town that is Darwin’s birthplace. (B,D)
Wednesday, July 15 - Bodnant Garden, in northwest Wales is our destination on this day. Its robust plant collections, deep cool valley and trails, and the beautiful views of Snowdenia will give us a full day of feast for the eyes. (B,L)
Thursday, July 16 - On the border between England and Wales is Powis Castle, our day’s destination. Well known for its plant-rich terraces and informal moundew yew hedges, it holds much more in store for the garden lover and historian. Later, we’ll move over to our new hotel near Coventry. (B,D)

Friday, July 17 - On this day, we step way back in history to Tudor times as we enjoy Robert Dudley’s garden made for the first Queen Elizabeth, authentically re-created at Kenilworth Castle, set amid the castle ruins. Then, to conclude our garden adventure, we leap forward to modern organic gardening at Ryton Gardens where we enjoy our farewell meal together. Later, we’ll return to our Heathrow hotel to prepare for tomorrow’s flight home or a continuation of travels. (B,L)
Saturday, July 18 - Transport on your own. (B)

Accommodations:
- Holiday Inn London Heathrow July 7 & 17
- Crown Hotel, Harrogate July 8 - 12
- Albright-Hussey Manor Hotel, Shrewsbury July 13 - 15
- Mallory Court Hotel, Leamington Spa July 16

Costs:
- Fee for land package only for Northern England & Wales Garden History Study Tour Itinerary
  - Double Occupancy: $ 3,350 per person
  - Single Occ. (supplement is $550) $ 3,900 per person

Single Travelers:
We strongly encourage participants to travel with a companion. If you are a single traveler and interested in sharing a room, at your request we will share your contact information with others looking for a roommate. We cannot guarantee availability of a roommate; single supplement will apply if a roommate is not available.

Payment Schedule & Refund Policy:
- A $500 per person deposit is required to reserve space in the class. The final balance will be due in full on March 15, 2015. Once the course reaches the enrollment limit of 25, a waiting list will be maintained. Although fees are generally non-refundable after Jan. 15, 2015, a refund MAY be issued if a replacement from the waiting list is available to take your spot.

How to Register For This Course:
- Reservations will accepted on a first come/first served basis on-line or by telephone. Registration is open only to Master Gardeners or MG interns (one guest permitted, MG and guest registration must be coordinated.) A $500 per person deposit is required to complete each registration. Registration will begin at 1:30 pm EST on November 11, 2014.

Here’s how:
1. On-line, go to www.hort.purdue.edu/NEW/ and click on the link to complete the registration form. A “time stamp” will be affixed when you hit the “submit” button to indicate your registration priority. Do not begin filling out the on-line form until 1:30 pm on November 11. Any entries before that time will be lost.
2. By phone, call toll-free 1-888-EXT-INFO (398-4636) and ask to be transferred to 41296 in Horticulture & Landscape Architecture or dial direct (toll call) to 1-765-494-1296. Your registration priority will be time-stamped once you have completed providing your registration details. If leaving a message, indicate you’re calling about the Northern England and Wales Garden Study Course (NEW15) and provide a phone number and time when you can be reached.
3. Be prepared to provide the following information for both primary and guest registrant:
   a. name, address, phone, email
   b. state & county of MG training
   c. hotel occupancy (single or double)
   d. roommate preference (if applicable)
4. Following registration, you will be billed for the deposit (and later, the remaining fee) by the Purdue Extended Campus. You may pay by credit card or personal check (payable to Purdue University). Registration is not complete until your payment is received.

Questions?
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