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, Goddards, Levens Hall, the Lakes District, Biddulph Grange, Bodnant, Powis Castle, Attingham Park, Kenilworth Castle Elizabethan Garden, and Waddesdon Manor. 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. 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.

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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.

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:


ATTENTION:
1) Each day, there will be substantial walking
2) Expect steep slopes, stairs and rough pathways
3) Due to the historical nature of the sites visited, full accessibility cannot be guaranteed.
4) Participants must be able to function independently on free days and at public events. (see itinerary).

What’s Included:
- Two full-time Purdue instructors
- Transport in England via motor coach
- Budget class accommodations in Harrogate, Shrewsbury, and at Heathrow International Airport (double occupancy, single supplement at additional cost.)
- Breakfast daily, 5 lunches, and 6 dinners
- Admission to 15 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 Leonardo Hotel-London Heathrow, and Heathrow International arrival or departure terminal or other departure point

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Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture
Master Gardener Program
International Programs in Agriculture
Purdue Cooperative Extension
Northern England and Wales
Garden History Study Tour Itinerary

(*Meals Provided B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

Saturday, July 16 - Depart U.S. for London (-)
Sunday, July 17 - Arrival at London’s Heathrow International Airport, shuttle to hotel. Independent flexible time. We’ll get acquainted at a brief evening gathering with finger foods. (D-finger foods)

Monday, July 18 - 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)

Tuesday, July 19 - A contemporary garden designed by Piet Oudolf, located in a historic context at Scampston Hall, is our morning’s activity. Later, we’ll experience Castle Howard, a seminal example of the evolution of landscape style on a grand scale at the end of the 17th century featuring design work by the architect Vanbrugh and implementation by the builder Hawksmoor. (B,L)

Wednesday, July 20 - The scenic and rugged Lake District is our destination for this day, including a visit to the world famous topiary garden at Levens Hall. We’ll enjoy lunch and a drive surrounded by the famous, poetic scenery of the mountains and lakes. (B,L)

Thursday, July 21 - 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, we pay a visit to York Gate Garden, a petite gem of a late 20th century residential garden. Back in Harrogate, we’ll dine at Betty’s Tea Room, a local institution. (B,D)

Friday, July 22 - Free day to explore Harrogate. Perhaps visit, on your own, the nearby RHS Harlow-Carr Garden or the Valley Gardens. You might even take the short train ride to York for the day! (B)

Saturday, July 23 - We begin with a recent garden creation at the Breezy Knees Nursery which will immerse us in a luxurious plant palette. Later we’ll visit Goddard’s, a 1927 Arts and Crafts house and residential garden. (B,L)

Sunday, July 24 - We say farewell to Yorkshire and as we move toward Wales, we’ll have fun at the eclectic, Victorian-era Biddulph Grange Garden, including visits to “China” and “Egypt,” the Wellingtonia walk and the “stumpery.” Our country hotel near Shrewsbury is our evening’s destination. (B, D)

Monday, July 25 - 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 Snowdonia will give us a full day of feast for the eyes. (B,L)

Tuesday, July 26 - On the border between England and Wales is Powis Castle, our day’s destination. Well known for its plant-rich terraces and informal mound ed yew hedges, it holds much more in store for the garden lover and historian. Later, we’ll visit Attingham Park for high tea overlooking the pastoral landscape designed by Humphrey Repton. (B,D)

Wednesday, July 27 - After several days of “go-going” we’ll have this day to rest or explore the countryside and/or Shrewsbury, a medieval town of Darwin’s birth. (B,D)

Thursday, July 28 - On this day, we step way back to Tudor times as we enjoy Robert Dudley’s garden made for Queen Elizabeth I, authentically re-created at the ruin of Kenilworth Castle. Then, we conclude our garden adventure at Waddesdon Manor, a 19th century Rothschild showplace for entertaining the rich and famous. Later, we’ll return to our Heathrow hotel to prepare for tomorrow’s continuation of travels. (B,L)

Friday, July 29 - Transport on your own. (B)

World-famous topiary at Levens Hall

Accommodations:
Leonardo Hotel London Heathrow July 17 & 28
Easily accessible to and from the Heathrow terminals by Hoppa Bus or taxi, we’ll start and end the program here.

White Hart Hotel, Harrogate July 18 - 23
Situated in the heart of the spa town of Harrogate, this grand historic hotel offers an easy walk to shopping, restaurants, the Valley Gardens and the Stray.

Albright-Hussey Manor Hotel, Shrewsbury July 24 - 27
Located in the beautiful English countryside just above Shrewsbury, this history-rich country hotel provides a restful base for our day trips to Wales. You’ll have the opportunity to rest and relax at the hotel or explore Shrewsbury and the area.

Costs:
Fee for land package only for Northern England & Wales
Double Occupancy: $ 3,850 per person
Single Occ. (supplement is $600) $ 4,450 per person

Single Travelers:
We 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 31, 2016. Once the course reaches the enrollment limit of 25, a waiting list will be maintained. Although fees are generally non-refundable after Jan. 15, 2016, 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 December 2, 2015.

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 submit the on-line form until 1:30 pm on November 17. 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 (NEW16) 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 Purdue Conferences. 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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