

Wild Gardening

Saturday 24th April and Thursday 9th September 2021

10am - 3.30pm

with

Sue Mabberley at Nant-y-Bedd, Fforest Coal Pit, Abergavenny, NP7 7LY

The garden here at Nant-y-Bedd sits comfortably within its landscape and welcomes the spontaneity of self-seeders and wildflowers. But it is also a productive organic vegetable and fruit garden, a haven for wildlife and a tranquil space to relax. This workshop explores how this balance is achieved and how this could translate to your own garden.

We will begin the day with tea and cake and an indoor session on some of the key ideas behind the approach here at Nant-y-Bedd to 'Wild Gardening'.

Following a delicious 2-course home-made organic lunch we will move into the garden to see Wild Gardening in action.

Booking a place

Places are limited to 6 to ensure maximum opportunity for discussion and sufficient social distancing.

To book please phone Sue on 01873 890219 or e-mail garden@nantybedd.com

Cost £65 (20% discount for RHS Members)

The workshop will cover:

- discussion around what we mean by 'Wild gardening'
- native/non-native planting?
- 'cultivating chaos' – embracing self-seeders
- an introduction to the Japanese concept of *Wabi-sabi*
- benefits to wildlife of the approach
- how to achieve a 'wild' style without compromising productivity

Level of expertise required? The workshop will be equally suitable for novice or seasoned gardeners

Bring with you Sensible shoes and outdoor wear.

Go away with Lots of ideas, a pocketful of seeds collected from the garden and loads of enthusiasm - we guarantee!

The course will be led by Sue Mabberley. Sue has a First Class Honours degree in Environmental Systems, has professionally devised and delivered practical environmental training courses and most importantly has gardened wildly and enthusiastically at Nant-y-Bedd Garden for nearly 40 years!

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