



Nature in the Garden: A Source of Inspiration in Contemporary Garden Design

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In this 9 hour course over 3 consecutive Saturdays, you will learn about:

- Naturalistic and ecological aspects of design
- Ecology and habitats
- Planting in space
- Putting plants on show
- The mechanics of planting design
- Planting in time
- Practicalities and maintenance

Naturalistic planting design is a garden/landscape art form whose selection and use of plants differs from mainstream ornamental garden/landscape design of the past. At the heart of the approach is a fundamentally new perspective toward ornamental plants acquired through closer observation. The aesthetic qualities of plants are now considered and appreciated through every stage of growth and decay and for all variation of color and form. A simultaneous shift of methodology has come to embrace nature through the use of plants in an ecological site-specific manner. Different natural habitats such as woodlands, meadows and prairies provide us with a multitude of examples from which to find inspiration and common sense in beautifying our home ground. Species plants and selections from all origins are considered part of the designer's pallet, of which many are native to North America and more locally, to Maine. At its most developed and diverse, it is habitat and food source for wildlife, particularly in urban and suburban areas. And, in this age of dwindling resources, it is particularly attractive for its potential in reducing resource consumption.

Required Supplies List: A notebook and pen

Minimum Class Size: 5

Maximum Class Size: 15

Course Dates & Times: Saturday, March 3rd, 9am to 12pm
Saturday, March 10th, 9am to 12pm
Saturday, March 17th, 9am to 12pm

Tuition Course Price: \$105 per person

Materials: \$0 per person

Total Course Price: \$105 per person

Deposit due upon registration: \$75

Registration Deadline: Saturday, February, 25th, 2012

Tuition Balance Due Deadline: Monday, February 27th, 2012

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