

The
ENGLISH GARDENING SCHOOL
AT THE CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN

Founded in 1983 by Rosemary Alexander, The English Gardening School provides an unrivalled range of professional and amateur courses concentrating on the more serious aspects of gardening. Most classes are held in the world-famous Chelsea Physic Garden, one of Europe's oldest botanic gardens, in central London. Although based in London, courses are held in many countries around the world.

Australian Landscape Conference: Masterclasses.

Following the Conference, Rosemary Alexander will provide a two day Masterclass for delegates at the University of Melbourne's Burnley Campus. The course is applicable to a wide range of applicants but assumes some experience in garden making.



The Course: The aim of this intensive course is to provide participants with an overview of the garden layout and planting processes while encouraging them to work up a draft plan for a given garden. By the end of each day, the group will discuss and analyse the work. A certificate will be awarded on completion of the course.

Monday 14th September

9.30am Introduction to the Course. Rosemary Alexander's own background. Students background - who, where from, what participants want to get from the course.

10.00am-11.15am Illustrated lecture - slides or digital – Principles of Garden Design – from client brief through surveying, site surroundings, analysis and appraisal, spatial elements, themes (rectangular, circular, diagonal), mass and void, to choosing hard landscaping materials for horizontal and vertical surfaces including water.

11.15am–11.45am Refreshment break

11.45am-1.00pm Working up a concept plan using a grid. Each participant will be given a site plan and will be asked to experiment with using the grid as a design tool - demonstration and exercise to complete in class in pencil on tracing paper overlays.



1.00pm–2.00pm Lunch break

2.00pm-3.30pm Mass and void, choosing horizontal and vertical materials. Steps, water and other hard landscape features. Drafting and setting out a garden layout plan.

3.30pm-4.00pm Student presentation of work and examples of work from students at The English Gardening School, London UK. Setting of homework.

Tuesday 15th September

9.30am–10.00am Review of previous evening's homework.

10.00am–11.15am Illustrated lecture - Looking at planting, soil, aspect, natural conditions, structure planting, form and texture, matt and shiny foliage, colour combinations and other elements of planting design.

11.15am–11.45am Refreshment break

11.45am–1.00pm Demonstration of working up a planting plan. Class room exercise - planting a structure and foliage border. Labelling and plant schedules.

1.00pm–2.00pm Lunch break

2.00pm–3.30pm Class room exercise – planning a theme or colour border. Participants to choose different themes or colour ways. Drafting and setting out a planting plan.

3.30pm–4.00pm Student presentation of work and examples of work from students at The English Gardening School, London, UK. Question and answer session.

Course finishes.



Rosemary Alexander

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