

Magnificent Pots at Perch Hill with Sarah Raven

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Based on trials over the years Sarah will also highlight top families of plants (and which varieties within the families) to give you what we consider to be the crème de la crème of container plants for this time of year. In the afternoon, Josie will talk about the functional side of container growing – which compost to use, watering, feeding, dead-heading and so on.

There will also be a practical demonstration showing you some key relevant skills for this course, how to take cuttings of the best tender perennials, dahlias, scented leaf pelargoniums, arctotis, salvias etc and Josie will plant up a good-sized pot – however basic that is – to show you how we do it. Plus how to make nice looking plant supports to hold the taller things as they grow. We'll discuss pot shapes, materials and sizes – which work best.

- * This course is taught by Sarah and Josie Lewis (head gardener at Perch Hill) with a practical demonstration in the afternoon.
- * It is held at Perch Hill Farm TN32 5HP
- * The day lasts from 10.30am till 3.30-4pm including tea/coffee on arrival, morning tea/coffee break with home-made biscuits and a 2 course lunch using fresh produce from the garden at Perch Hill where possible. You will also get a detailed course hand-out covering all the information of the day.

Booking

Tuesday 26th March 2019 600199	£185.00	SOLD OUT
Wednesday 10th April 2019 600199	£185.00	SOLD OUT
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Itinerary

Arrival between 10 and 10.30 am *coffee/tea and home-made biscuit served from 10am*

Session 1: 10.30-11.30

- * Meet Sarah and Josie —Perch Hill's head gardener who designs all the pot combinations with Sarah and (with the other Perch Hill gardeners) looks after them day-to-day
- * Overall the course will include ideas for whopper pots down to small table top pots and window boxes, giving you different ideas for pots spring to winter, with recipes for combinations to follow/replicate
- * **Design session 1:** Sarah will give you her colour rules for good design combinations — and as pots are not just about colour but also about growing habits and forms, Sarah covers that as well.

11.30-11.50 coffee/tea/tisane and home-made cake

Session 2: 11.50-13.00

- * **Design session 2:** Sarah will discuss colour palettes and how we use these to guide what we put in our pots from one season to the next, what goes well with what and what does not and the best plants to deliver that palette with minimal TLC.
- * Based on trials over the years Sarah will also highlight top families of plants (and which particular varieties within the families) to give you what we consider to be the crème de la crème of container plants for this time of year.

13.00-14.15 2 course lunch in the barn (using recipes from Sarah's cookbooks) and produce from the garden wherever we can. This is served with home-made cordial (not wine). Shopping after lunch for those who want it.

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Session 3: 14.15-15.00

- * **Garden tour and practical demonstration:** Josie (and the other Perch Hill gardeners) will take over in the afternoon. They will take you to the parts of the garden relevant to pots at Perch Hill – the Oast garden, Dutch yard and the rose and herb garden to look at some of the pot ideas we have this season. In March and April there won't be very much to see!
- * Josie will also talk about the functional side of container growing – which compost to use, watering, feeding, dead-heading and so on. There will also be a practical demonstration showing you some key relevant skills for this course, how to take cuttings of the best tender perennials, dahlias, scented leaf pelargoniums, arctotis, salvias etc and Josie will plant up a good-sized pot – however basic that is – to show you how we do it. Plus how to make nice looking plant supports to hold the taller things as they grow. We'll discuss pot shapes, materials and sizes – which work best

Session 4: 15.00-15.30

- * Sarah will talk through pots for shade and a few ideas for edible pots we have succeeded with at Perch Hill.
- * Q&A with Sarah and Josie to clear up any queries you might still have.

15.30- 16.00 Shopping in the Perch Hill shop for those who want, or wandering in the garden to see it again on your own

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Directions and further information

[Click here](#) for more information and directions to Perch Hill Farm.

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Parking at Perch Hill Farm

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Sarah Raven's Cutting Garden at Perch Hill Farm, which is the home of Sarah Raven, Adam Nicolson and their family. Parking for courses, garden visits and garden open days will be in the grass field next to the Cutting Garden, as the family car park does not fit a large number of cars. Please do wear suitable shoes or boots, particularly at the wet times of year, as the grass may be muddy. The paths are sometimes slippery and a little uneven, so please take care.

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