

GARDENS OF SCOTLAND

Scots Garden History: People, Plants, Ideas

June 25, thru
July 6, 2024

An 11-day study and travel abroad experience exclusively for Extension Master Gardeners and their guests.

This class will expand Master Gardeners' knowledge in ornamental horticulture, landscape, and garden design in a historical context. We'll visit and learn about Broughton House, Elizabeth MacGregor's Walled Garden, Threave Garden, The Garden of Cosmic Speculation, Little Sparta, Royal Botanic Garden – Edinburgh, King's & Queen's Knot Garden site in Stirling, Drummond Castle Garden, Branklyn Garden, Rodney Gardens & Riverside Heather Gardens (Perth), Pitmuies Garden, Edzell Castle (tentative based on scheduled re-opening), Crathes Castle and Gardens, Pitmedden Garden, the Glasgow Botanic Garden, and the world-famous Inverewe Garden.



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). Purdue Extension Master Gardeners will receive priority access to space in the class. Advanced Master Gardener Training hours will be credited to those Purdue Extension Master Gardeners who complete the required reading assignment. Master Gardener participants may also earn volunteer service hours upon their return by sharing what they've learned with others.

Program Leaders / Instructors from the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture:

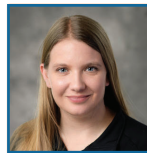
Dr. Michael N. Dana
Professor

Mike developed and co-teaches an undergrad summer course on History, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture in England.



Ms. Karen Mitchell

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Karen led the Tippecanoe County Master Gardener program for 10 years.



Required Reading (distributed to participants just prior to commencement of course) :

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Scots Garden History: People, Plants, Ideas - A Study Guide

Many volumes of general Scottish history are available at libraries or for purchase. It is recommended that participants read to develop a contextual understanding of Scotland in which to place the period gardens we will study. As we will see, there is more to Scotland than kilts, bagpipes and tales of Highland warriors!

What's Included:

- Two full-time Purdue instructors
- Transport in Scotland via motor coach
- 3 to 4 star accommodations in Edinburgh, Kirkcubright, Perth, Aberdeen, Inverness, and at Edinburgh International Airport
- Breakfast daily, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners
- Admission to 16 gardens and sites
- Coach and group meal gratuities
- Study guide, group discussions
- Travel health and accident insurance (*this is not trip cancellation 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 (highly recommended!) Available online or through a local agent.

NOTE:

1) Due to the historical nature of the sites visited, full accessibility at these sites cannot be guaranteed. Each day, there will be substantial walking and often, the climbing of steep stairs and/or slopes without handrail.

2) Participants must be able to function independently on free days and at public events. (see itinerary).

Presented by:

Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture
Master Gardener Program
International Programs in Agriculture
Purdue Cooperative Extension



Projected 2024 Itinerary (may be subject to change):

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

Tuesday, June 25 – Travel toward Edinburgh.

Wednesday, June 26 - Arrival at Edinburgh International Airport, shuttle to airport Doubletree Hotel. Independent flexible time. Tram access from airport to central Edinburgh is fast, cheap and easy. Dinner, meet & greet in the early evening. Then early to bed. (D)

Thursday, June 27 - We head south to visit Kirkcubright, home of Broughton House with its "townhouse garden" followed by a visit to the garden of local nurse & garden celebrity Elizabeth MacGregor. (B,L,D)

Friday, June 28 - In the morning, we enjoy Threave Garden, site of Scotland's National Trust School of Heritage Gardening, then later the contemporary, cerebral Garden of Cosmic Speculation by architect and post-modern theorist, Charles Jencks. Then, off to Edinburgh. (B,D)

Saturday, June 29 – Little Sparta, the world famous garden of plants, words and ideas created by Scottish poet, artist and gardener Ian Hamilton Finlay is our morning destination. Later, we return to Edinburgh, spending the afternoon at the Royal Botanic Garden - Edinburgh. (B)

Sunday, June 30 – FREE DAY in Edinburgh to shop, or take in Edinburgh Castle, Old Town, the royal yacht Britannia, Holyrood Palace, museums, the Scotch Whiskey Experience (!) or spend more time at the Royal Botanic Garden. (B)



Garden of Cosmic Speculation

Monday, July 1 – We reach back in time at Stirling, passing the famous Stirling Bridge and Bannockburn battlegrounds before briefly visiting the King and Queen's Knot Garden site below Stirling Castle. We then take in the continental, French-style grandeur of Drummond Castle Garden. Later, we'll enjoy Branklyn Garden, a true "plantsman's garden" (or "a hobby that got out of hand!") Finally, we connect with "Beautiful Perth" a Master Gardener-like volunteer organization that helps maintain the rich horticultural history of Perth. (B,D)

Tuesday, July 2 – Pitmuies, a charming country garden enchants our morning. If available, we'll briefly explore the remnants of the Edzell Castle walled garden. Later, we explore Crathes Castle Garden, an ancient walled garden that was redesigned in the style of Gertrude Jekyll in the early 20th century. (B,L,D)



Crathes Castle "Red" Garden

Wednesday, July 3 - A leisurely start to our day takes us to Pitmedden, a gloriously re-imagined 17th century formal sunken garden. In addition, we'll enjoy the nostalgic Museum of Farming Life presented by the National Trust of Scotland, before we set off for Inverness. (B,L,D)

Thursday, July 4 - We spend the day travelling to, exploring, and returning from Inverewe Garden, perhaps Scotland's most well-known garden. (B)

Friday, July 5 – We head back south, through the Highlands, enjoying the views as we travel to Glasgow. After lunch, we'll explore the Glasgow Botanic Garden including its Victorian-era glasshouses. (B,L,D)

Saturday, July 6 – Transport on your own to return home or continue your travels. (B)

Accommodations:

Doubletree by Hilton, Edinburgh International Airport
Cally Palace Hotel & Golf Course, Gatehouse of Fleet,
Dumfries & Galloway
Doubletree by Hilton, Edinburgh City Centre
Mercure Perth Hotel, Perth
Holiday Inn Aberdeen–West, Westhill, Aberdeen
Mercure Inverness Hotel, Church Street, Inverness

Questions?

Contact Pam, Karen or Mike and we'll be happy to answer your questions and fill you in on the most up to date details.
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Land Package Only Program Costs:

- Hotel Single Occupancy: \$5400/person
- Hotel Double Occupancy: \$4200/person

Single Travelers:

We encourage all participants to travel with a companion. Program leaders cannot assist participants during free time or independent activities. Hotel roommates must be determined by individual participants; program leaders will not assist.

Payment Schedule (subject to change):

Full payment of the course fee is due by March 1, 2024. Payment must be made by credit or debit card.

Refund Policy:

Fees, once paid are NOT REFUNDABLE. Registrants are STRONGLY encouraged to purchase commercial trip insurance.

Reservation / Registration Process:

Reservations will be managed by the program leaders. Space in the program will be allocated via lottery, firstly (Round One) from among Purdue Master Gardeners (& interns) and their guests. If space permits, (Round Two) Master Gardener (& intern) applicants (plus their guests) from other states who have participated in a previous program in the Purdue Master Gardener Garden History Study/Travel Program will be allocated space in the class. MGs may sponsor one guest. Each person seeking a space in the program (MG or not) should submit an application. Once space is allocated, payment and subsequent communications will be individualized.

The application site for both lottery rounds will go live at 8:00 am EST on Monday, November 6, 2023. No priority will be given to early applicants. To be considered, applications must be received by 8:00am, Friday, November 17, 2023. The random selections for space allocation will be made that day, and applicants will be promptly notified via email of their status (space allocated or placed on Wait List).

Access the Application Form at:

<https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/MGStudyAbroad/>

Required Information:

Be prepared to provide the following for each reservation:

- a. name, phone, email
- b. Indiana county of MG training
- c. name, phone, email of guest or sponsor

Your **reservation** will become a confirmed **registration** once the course fee is paid. About February 1, 2024, you will be notified via email that payment is due. The email will direct you to Purdue Conferences' secure payment website and you must pay online, by credit or debit card, by March 1, 2024.

Wait List:

A Wait List will be established once all 25 spaces are reserved. Should a reservation be cancelled, an offer of the available space(s) will be extended to those on the Wait List according to initial lottery-determined priority.