

Wild Gardening

Sunday 2nd July and Sunday 13th August 2023

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.

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!

Booking a place

Places are limited to 10 to ensure maximum opportunity for discussion and sufficient social distancing.

Cost £75 (plus booking fee)

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 43 years!