

SATURDAY GARDEN LECTURE GL0302

TITLE: MAKING WINDCLIFF – THE STORY OF A GARDEN

TUTOR: DAN HINKLEY

LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL

DATE: 25 APRIL 2009

COURSE CONTENT:

Dan will tell the story of his latest garden Windcliff, a windswept south-facing bluff overlooking Puget Sound. He will describe how it's planted to tolerate the extreme coastal climate and successfully compete with the commanding views of sky and water on the Pacific coast.

TUTOR: Dan Hinkley is one of America's foremost plantsmen and creator of Heronswood Nursery. Author, plant hunter and lecturer he was recently awarded the RHS Veitch Memorial Medal. His latest garden is Windcliff, situated on the west coast of America in Oregon.

OUTLINE TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

9.45 am Arrival and registration with coffee available at the Sussex Barn

10.30 Welcome and brief introduction (West Dean garden courses organiser)
MORNING SESSION (2 ½ hours with a mid-morning break)
Dan will tell the story of Windcliff his latest garden on the Puget Sound.

1.00 Lunch – with time to visit West Dean gardens

2pm AFTERNOON SESSION (1½ hours)
Dan will talk about drought tolerant plants that provide structure, texture and seasonal interest. Many of which he has used to great effect at Windcliff.

3.30 End of course

ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

- Students should use the **West Dean Gardens entrance and car park**
- Please arrive **by 10.15 am** for registration

HOW TO GET TO WEST DEAN

ROAD: West Dean College and Garden is situated six miles north of the historic city of Chichester (this journey normally takes 15 minutes) and 12 miles from the south coast. There is convenient road access from London (65 miles). West Dean Garden is signposted off the A286. The Sussex Barn is the first building on the right as you drive in.

RAIL: Trains to Chichester leave from London Victoria via Gatwick and from London Waterloo via Havant. Trains to Haslemere also leave from London Waterloo. A taxi from Chichester should cost £12.

BUS: Number 60 bus runs half-hourly on Mondays to Saturdays from Chichester Bus Station (opposite the railway station) to West Dean.