



Programme* for the workshop “Hedges and topiary cultivation in Historic Gardens”

Introduction:	<p>Hedges have been used for centuries in gardens throughout Europe to provide shelter, structure and formality, while the refined art of topiary can turn both historic and contemporary gardens into living sculpture galleries. Now we ask even more of our hedges in our search for wildlife habitats and protection from the impacts of climate change. Can we learn anything from how hedges have been managed in the past and how should we be adapting those practices for more sustainable gardens in the future?</p> <p>Join the team at Gunnebo gardens in Sweden for a two-day practical workshop in which we investigate the impact of historical techniques and tools on both the aesthetic and horticultural development of hedges. Topiary experts from the UK will also train us in the secrets of their art, showing how neglected specimens can be brought back to their full glory and kept in the best of health.</p> <p>We encourage sustainable travel by train to the workshop and we will only serve vegetarian food at the workshop to minimize our carbon footprint. There are night trains from Berlin or Hamburg to Malmö and then you can go on by train to Gothenburg or Molndal. https://www.bahn.com/en Or you can travel by ferry from Kiel to Gothenburg: https://www.stenalinetravel.com/</p> <p>To make it worthwhile to travel all the way to Gothenburg we can recommend staying some more days and discover the local gardens, the city, and the archipelago of Gothenburg. https://www.goteborg.com/en/</p> <p>One garden really worth a visit is Gothenburg Botanical Garden celebrating 100 years this year. https://www.botaniska.se/en/</p> <p>Another wonderful garden in the city is The Garden Society of Gothenburg which is a well-preserved 19th century garden. https://goteborg.se/wps/portal/enhetssida/tradgardsforeningen/english</p> <p>Other beautiful historical sites outside the city are Tjolöholm https://goteborg.se/wps/portal/enhetssida/tradgardsforeningen/english and Äskhult. https://www.askhultsby.se/en/</p> <p>Don't miss the unique archipelago https://www.goteborg.com/en/guides/a-guide-to-the-göthenburg-archipelago/</p> <p>Welcome to a slow adventure!</p>
Time:	28 th – 29 th of June 2023
Host:	Gunnebo slott Christina Halls Vag, 431 36 Molndal, Sweden
Preparation:	As preparation for the workshop, we kindly ask you to watch the recording of the webinar. Please bring notebook and pen/pencil for writing and sketching. Bring suitable working clothes and - shoes. And if you also like your favourite hedge shear.
Information:	The workshop will be in English. Parts of the workshop will be filmed and available on the project website. After the webinar we ask you to answer a survey about the workshop

**Changes may occur*

Wednesday 28th of June – High hedges, hedge slashers and pruning hooks	
10:00	Welcome, coffee and registration
10.15	Guided tour of the house and gardens. Johanna Lindén, curator and Joakim Seiler head gardener.
11.15	Presentation of the hedges that we will be practising on. History, working methods and tools. Demonstration and testing. Joakim Seiler and gardener Daniel Lundberg.
13:00	Lunch at the Gunnebo restaurant at own expense.
14.00	Sharpening hedge slashers and pruning hooks. Demonstration by Daniel Lundberg
14.30	Practising with the hedge slashers and pruning hooks on lime hedges.
15.30	Coffee break in the garden
16.00	Practising with the hedge slashers and pruning hooks on hornbeam cones.
17.00	End of day one.

*Optional: Dinner at your own expense at 7 PM in Centrale Trattoria Vinoteca, Bergmansgatan 10C, Mölndal.
Please contact joakim.seiler@gunneboslott.se to participate.*

Thursday 29th of June – Topiary and box	
09.00	Introduction to Topiary: Chris Poole, European Boxwood and Topiary Society (EBTS UK) and Darren Lerigo, topiary artist. Indoor presentation on the tools for topiary, including keeping tools sharp and good cleaning practise for plant health. We will also discuss examples on where and how you might use topiary, basic shapes to begin with and how to compose more complex and interesting topiary from those basic shapes.
10:00	Coffee break
10:30	Learn the right technique for clipping. Look at Boxwood in the garden and how to thin to prevent blight. Get clipping! Practise makes perfect so we will maintain/clip the topiary plants e.g. lollipops in containers.
12:00	Lunch at the Gunnebo restaurant at own expense.
13:00	Into The Woods: To clip Norway Spruce. 20 minute walk into the woods, prune in Peter Lundberg style, 20 minute walk back.
14:15	Eye For Design: Make your own topiary from a plant provided.
15:00	Coffee and final discussion
15:30	Ending of the workshop



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