

## Flower Arranging

This course is suitable for anyone who likes flowers and wants to learn how to arrange them, make the most of a limited selection, to stretch the imagination and present flowers in a new way. The course will cover flower arranging and floristry with a relaxed and fun approach. You will provide your own materials under guidance and be encouraged to select and choose containers, foliage and flowers yourself.

As this course is part of our leisure programme there is no formal assessment or qualification; you will be encouraged to keep a diary of your own progress with notes or photographs of your displays. At some classes you can be creative and make your own containers. Environmental issues are taken into account and alternative eco friendly mechanics are encouraged and introduced.

Our tutor, Katherine Kear is a national demonstrator, stylist, designer, tutor, folklorist and florist extraordinaire. She has been working with flowers for over 30 years. As well as teaching floristry and flower arranging Katherine has been a regular contributor and researcher for BBC Radio Gloucestershire, where her love and passion for folk and life lore is shared with the listeners, her knowledge and expertise has been used on several television programmes, as well as appearing on them herself. She works regularly with several celebrity gardeners in an exciting flower arranging 'hands on'. Her major literary success was the publication of 'Flower Wisdom' in 2000. She was a consultant for The Usborne Little Book of Flowers and has edited Elements and Principles, and Flowers for Grand Occasions for NAFAS and 5 floristry syllabuses for ICS.

Katherine is described as 'Gloucestershire's answer to Joyce Grenfell' and her audiences and students are promised artistic and refreshing presentations filled with humour and repartee. She is also a British Master Florist. Find out more about Katherine [here](#).

On the first session there will be an overview of the course, date and times will be given and a design will be made.

You will need a toolbox if you have one, or a pair of flower cutters. A note pad, pen, hand towel and box to transport the design will also be needed. Bring a camera/phone to capture your results.

The materials for the first class will be provided by the tutor, at cost. Students will pay on the evening for the materials used (approximately £6).

We encourage early enrolments to allow Katherine the opportunity to gather an accurate amount of resources for the first session.

By the end of the course you will be able to:

- create design for the home, gifts, celebrations and events
- choose the materials needed and to condition and buy the flowers
- understand the principles and elements of design
- understand the history of floral designs and the difference between flower arranging and floristry

Dates for the academic year 2021-2022 will be:

Autumn Term 2021 - Evenings @ St Lawrence Church Hall

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Wednesdays, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, 10 weeks

• 8th, 15th, 29th September • 13th, 20th October • 3rd, 17th, 24th November • 8th, 15th December

Thursdays, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, 10 weeks

• 30th September • 7th, 14th, 28th October • 4th, 11th, 25th November • 2nd, 9th, 16th December

Autumn Term 2021- Daytime @ St Barnabas Church Hall

Mondays, 10am - 12 noon, 10 weeks

13th, 27th September

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th October

1st, 8th, 29th November

6th December

The evening classes, 6.30pm - 8.30pm take place at St Lawrence Church Hall, Barnwood, Gloucester, GL4 3JB. Limited parking is available in the Church grounds but there is street parking nearby.

The daytime classes, 10am - 12 noon take place at St Barnabas Church Hall, Stroud Road, Gloucester, GL1 5 LJ. Parking is available outside the hall or in the church car park opposite the hall.

If you would like more information please contact one of our Commercial Administrators on 01452 563278.

## Entry Requirements

There are no specific entry requirements for this course apart from a love of the subject, a wish to have a go and the ability to have fun. The course is suitable for all levels as you will be encouraged to develop at your own speed and to stretch yourself within the design that you are creating. Beginners will be helped to understand the basics and then given the chance to experiment with help.

Katherine will provide an overview and list of designs to be made during the course on the first session which can be subject to change based on feedback from learners who are encouraged to regularly share their expectations and ideas.

Our recreational courses generally appeal to learners aged 19 and older (as at 31st August 2021).

### What's Next

There is no qualification associated with this course. Your tutor will be able to advise you of any progression opportunities as well as other flower arranging courses and events.

### Your Options

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