

Home Garden Design Syllabus

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Location: Phipps Garden Center

Time: Tuesdays, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 2 | 10 am – noon

Objectives:

Students will be able to

- complete a simple site survey of a property and plot it on paper
- use different design approaches to give more interest and continuity to designs
- prepare a conceptual landscape plan suitable for themselves or presentation
- add color to their plan for presentation and display (time permitting)

Description

Home garden design is more than selecting plants for a project, it is the integration of all the elements and spaces that affect our outdoor living environment. In this course you will be introduced to the objectives and principles that are essential to developing a strong design solution for yourself all the while you'll be introduced to new garden and design ideas to help grow your design acumen. Classes will cover how to determine your goals, draw to scale, and complete site analysis and assessment. You will learn how to take these skills, draw your garden design and create a conceptual garden plan for yourself or family.

NOTE: There is a lot to cover in the class and some amount of time spent working on design homework at home will be necessary.

Outline (this is a general plan for the class and is subject to change based on time needs)

Week 1 – Design Process & Assessment- Step by step; from concept to installation, learn about design styles and concepts. Review Site Assessment Questionnaire.

Week 2 – Create a Base Map – Learn measuring techniques and how to scale your measurements down to create a basemap of your property

Week 3 – Site Analysis Survey & Sustainable Design Concepts– Use the base map to conduct a site survey and analyze key factors of your yard. Learn concepts such as right plant/right place and green mulch. Get a list of native plants.

Week 4 – Goals (Wants and Needs) Articulation and Create a Concept Design – Draft design goals, learn how your goals will guide your design and draw a concept design to identify key areas in the garden. Convert the concept design into various preliminary designs

Week 5 – Create a Final Garden Design Plan using the concept of shapes with plant selections.

Week 6 – Finalize Designs and Presentations – share your designs with the class, give and get feedback and discuss next steps

Materials

1. 2B pencil, eraser and sharpener

2. 12-inch ruler

3 – 7. – Pens and Markers with different sized tips, such as:

- 3. Sakura Pigma Micron 05 Black 0.45mm Line Width
- 4. Super Sharpie Marker
- 5. Sharpie, Chisel Tip Marker
- 6. Sharpie, Fine Point Marker
- 7. Sharpie, Ultra Fine Point Marker

8. Circle Master Template

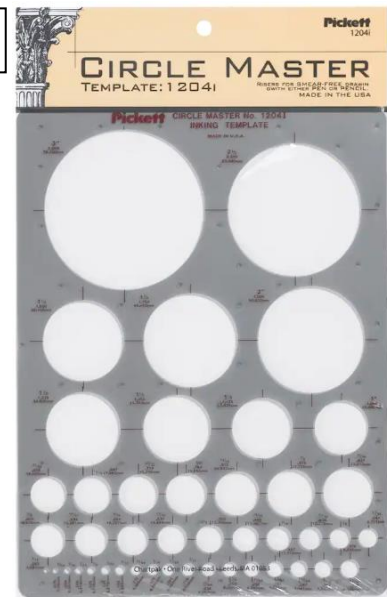
9. Color pencils (optional)

10. Notebook for recording notes (optional)

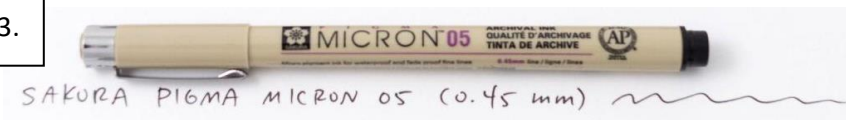
11. Folder for holding designs and handouts (optional)

12. Sketch pad, size 19" x 24", 50 sheets (optional)

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