

# Irish Seed Savers Association Courses

*February-April 2007*

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## **Coppice Management and Rural Crafts**

Tutor: Mark Wilson

*Sat 24th & Sun 25th February (2-day course)*

The course will include coppicing, charcoal production, making rakes, besoms, wattle hurdles, tool handles, tent pegs and dibbers.

**Max. number of participants 10.**

## **Introduction to Garden Design**

Tutors: Ian McGrigor & Niamh Ni Dhuill, Kerry Earth Education

*Sat 3rd March. Repeated on Weds 23rd May*

Create a plan for an edible sustainable garden, for any situation; rural or urban, school or community garden. An ideal course for those starting a garden or for getting more from your existing garden.

**Max. number of participants 20.**

## **Fruit Tree Grafting**

Tutor: Cormac Griffith

*Sunday 4th March*

Introductory course covering the choice of rootstocks, tools for grafting, and an opportunity to practise different grafting techniques. Each person will take home a newly grafted tree.

**Max. number of participants 12.**

## **Native Woodlands - Design and Management**

Tutors: Ted Cook / Bob Wilson, CELT

*Sat. 10th & Sun. 11th March (2-day course)*

Site survey, species identification, options for design, aids and constraints to management. Native trees and shrubs, growing requirements and growth patterns, planting; designs & layout.

**Max. number of participants 12.**

## **Dry Stone and Lime Mortar Walling**

Tutors: Richard O'Gorman & Bob Wilson, CELT

*Sat 24th & Sun 25th March (2-day course) Repeated on Sat 14th & Sunday 15th April*

The course will cover techniques for construction of a strong dry-stone wall and stone-work garden features, plus use of lime mortar for a solid boundary or house wall. Building the base of a roundhouse will be included.

**Max. number of participants 8.**

## **Beginners Organic Gardening**

Tutor: Jo Newton

*Saturday 31st March*

Simply getting started: caring for the soil, composting & cultivation, and choosing what to grow.

**Max. number of participants 12.**

## **Woodlands & Wetlands - Flora and Fauna Identification**

Tutor: Bob Wilson CELT

*Sat 21st April. Repeated on Saturday 26th May*

Use of identification keys and books to check out all the flora and fauna of the woodlands, hedgerows, & wetlands.

**Max. number participants 12.**

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The ISSA is a voluntary organisation dedicated to the location and preservation of traditional varieties of fruit and vegetables. The Association maintains a seed bank which distributes seed of these non-commercially available vegetables, as well as a network of heritage potatoes. We pass them on to members so that they can learn to save them and in this way ensure a living agricultural legacy.

A primary goal of the ISSA is to bring Ireland's cultural and genetic heritage into the hands of ordinary people. One of the unique aspects of seed saving networks, which exist all over the world, is the opportunity to share in the responsibility and joy of conserving the planet's diminishing genetic resources in a real and practical manner.

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