



The Historic and Botanic Garden Bursary Scheme
Working to strengthen the UK's horticultural industry

HBGBS Master Class Programme:
Introduction to Taxonomy

With Susyn Andrews

Programme

Morning 10am Start

Nomenclature

- Common or vernacular names
- International Codes of Nomenclature
- Basic definitions – nomenclature, taxonomy, taxon
- The taxonomic hierarchy and my shortened version
- Categories of my shortened version
- Alternative family names
- Hybrids and graft-hybrids
- Authorities

Problems with Plant Names

- Uncertain names
- Synonyms, homonyms and priority
- Why plant names are changed
- Plant labels and their relationship to databases
- APONAT and the *RHS Plant Finder*
- HORTAX and its relevant publications

Plant Identification

- Plant structure – leaves, stems and roots
- Flower structure and variations
- General tips on identification and what features to look out for
- Recommended books

Afternoon

The afternoon will be spent identifying plants in the gardens with Susyn Andrews

4pm End

Please note: Refreshments will be provided but in order to keep the costs of this event down we would advise you to bring a packed lunch.