
Rejuvenating Your Landscape

OSHER 746-001**Dates:** Thursdays, 4/02/15-5/07/15**Times:** 3:15PM-4:45PM**Location:** Commander's House, Fort Douglas**Instructor:** Bev Ashby**Course Overview**

Whether you have an established landscape that needs a facelift or want a new design, this course will provide valuable insight so you can get the most out of your time and budget. Topics include goal-setting, understanding micro-climates and soil, analyzing your current garden, picking a style, and developing a plan. We will analyze common landscaping pitfalls to avoid, learn about picking the right plants, and master the basics of drip irrigation. You will learn how to enhance your yard through the use of containers and planters, structures, and other finishing touches.

WEEK ONE

- Analyzing your current garden
- Getting started
- Developing goals - in class activity with pictures of local yards
- Developing a plan to follow
- o Creating "rooms" in your garden
- Homework – make a scale model on graph paper of an area (room) in your yard as it currently looks – one that needs an update

WEEK TWO

- Principles of design
- Color and texture in the landscape
- Landscape styles
- Common mistakes
- In class activity – (20 minutes) – using your scale model, begin exploring your design ideas – What needs to be removed? – Hard scape added or removed? Are there microclimates and soil issues? Sprinklers needed?
- Homework – What is a favorite plant that you like? Be prepared to take 30 seconds to name the plant and give a couple of its favorable characteristics

WEEK THREE

- In class activity - List of "favorite" plants
- Plant selection
- o Location, location, location



- o Annuals and perennials
- o Hardiness
- o Size at maturation and lifespan
- o Purpose – color, screening, edible, water wise, etc.
- o Degree of maintenance
- o Plant collections
- Before/after inspiration
- Homework – looking at your scale model, develop a list of possible plants for your area

WEEK FOUR

- Basics of drip irrigation
- o Advantages and benefits
- o Parts and design
- In class activity – (10 minutes) begin the process of selecting and placing plants and or irrigation on your design

WEEK FIVE

- Enhancing your garden room with containers and planters
- o Focal points
- o Splashes of color
- o Show your personality
- In class activity – (10 minutes) – continue to refine your design

WEEK SIX

- Finishing touches
- o Lighting
- o Arbors/Trellises/Gazebos
- o Water features
- o Benches, birdbaths, etc.