



Stacie Crooks' garden, © Charles Needle

“Gardening Through the Lens” Workshop *May 21, 2011*

Come spend the day in one of the most photogenic private gardens you'll encounter overlooking the Puget Sound. This half-acre landscape has been published in numerous national publications and features inspiring design using exciting color, rich textures and sophisticated plant combinations.

You'll gain a fresh perspective on how to design and photograph your garden, or someone else's garden, in this hands-on workshop. Your instructors will be Stacie Crooks, a nationally recognized garden designer and Charles Needle, an award-winning garden photographer. Stacie will offer tips on how to create a photogenic garden, while Charles will teach you how to best capture that garden using your camera.

Cameras are great tools to help you view the garden better. Whether you're creating a showcase garden or a personal meditative retreat, by looking through the lens of your camera, you'll begin to experience your garden in new ways. Using different lens combinations, lighting, and framing/focusing techniques, you will be able to see gardens in a new light and learn the importance of good garden design.

The workshop will begin with a lecture on seeing the garden through the lens, followed by a lot of 1-on-1 individualized instruction in the garden. All skill levels are welcome. Whether you're new to gardening or photography, this workshop will give you the inspiration and confidence to design and photograph your own garden space.

Cost: \$135, which includes handouts and lunch on a terrace in the garden. Hours: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Limited to 14 participants. Registration deadline is May 14, 2011. To register, please mail a check payable to *Crooks Gardens*: “Gardening Through the Lens”
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About the instructors:



Stacie Crooks is a nationally recognized Seattle-based garden designer and educator. Her work has been published the *Seattle Times*, *Sunset* magazine, *Horticulture*, *Seattle Homes & Lifestyles*, *Seattle Metropolitan* and *Fine Gardening*. Her work appears in books written by Valerie Easton, Julie Moir Messervy, Marty Wingate and several *Sunset* books. She specializes in drought-tolerant, low-maintenance, environmentally friendly garden and landscape designs for our ever-changing climate.



Charles Needle is an internationally recognized award-winning garden photographer and educator. He teaches in numerous private and public gardens nationwide and abroad, including Monet's Garden (Giverny, France) and the world-famous Keukenhof tulip gardens in Holland. In 2010, Charles was a finalist in the prestigious International Garden Photographer of the Year photo contest, sponsored by the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, London, England. His work has been widely published in magazines, such as *Nature's Best*, where he won the "Backyard Garden Photography" photo contest in 2008.