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Friday, July 22nd 2022

Adam Frost & James Alexander Sinclair
Arboretum Home and Garden Heaven



carlow garden festival

Friday 22nd July – Monday 1st August 2022



**For novice gardeners to garden connoisseurs
and garden lovers of any age**

www.carlowgardentrail.com t: 059 913 0411



friday 22nd july

melissa culhane
leighlinbridge-the garden village



garden talk

Melissa Culhane, award-winning illustrator of *Naturama*, the number one bestseller in Irish children's non-fiction leads a nature drawing walk along the magical setting of the River Barrow in Leighlinbridge. Bring your sketchpad and pencils and draw what you see along the way. Melissa will show you how she makes her illustrations and give tips and insights that you can apply to your own work. You don't have to be an experienced sketcher to join in - just come along and have fun. Nature and wildlife is a theme relevant to every generation so this is an afternoon for all the family to enjoy. Prepare for your senses to be captivated and explore the flora, fauna, plants, animals and birds along the River Barrow. Expect to go rooting in hedgerows and spotting birds! Afterwards return to Leighlinbridge Parish Centre where you can spend more time in the company of Melissa and complete your drawings.

Venue: The Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow, R93 KR83 **Time:** 2 p.m.

Adm: Free. Remember to wear suitable walking shoes.



OPENING EVENT

friday 22nd july

adam frost & james alexander sinclair
arboretum home & garden heaven



The Design Off - Choose Between Garden Designs
by Adam Frost and James Alexander Sinclair

A very special start to mark the 20th anniversary celebrations of the Carlow Garden Festival. Two of the UK's most respected garden designers - Adam Frost and James Alexander Sinclair - come together to present two design concepts for an outdoor space. Adam and James will present two previous garden designs they have worked upon, providing lots of information and advice and helpful hints to create your own outdoor space. Expect to hear about key design principles that guide the creation of an average sized modern garden that can then be applied to any sized garden. Friendly banter yet serious gardening information and advice will be the focus for this garden talk along of course with a steely determination to capture the audience's imagination and their votes!

Adam Frost is an award-winning British garden designer, having amassed seven gold medals at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, and is a television presenter. Adam is passionate about inspiring adults and children alike to create their own gardens and watch hedgerows spring to life appreciating each one of our distinct seasons as they unfold.

James Alexander Sinclair is a well-known writer, contributing to many of the British horticultural publications (*Gardens Illustrated*, *English Garden*, *Country Life*, *The Garden*) and was voted the Garden Media Guild Garden Journalist of the Year in 2019. He has had a varied career as a television presenter and is a long-term member of the team for coverage of the Chelsea Flower Show.

Venue: Arboretum Home and Garden Heaven, Old Kilkenny Road, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow R93 P9F4
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Adm: €25 p.p. / Groups 10+ 10% discount.

Contact: 059 972 1558 or e: info@arboretum.ie

Warm clothing recommended for this evening event.

Enjoy late shopping in Arboretum Home and Garden Heaven until 10 p.m.
Two course buffet meal with tea / coffee in Rachel's Garden Café €19.95
5 - 7 p.m. Choice of three main courses and choice from the dessert counter.

saturday 23rd july

leonie cornelius
delta sensory gardens



planting yourself better in a sensory garden

Leonie Cornelius, gold medal winner at Bloom, shows you how to plant yourself happy with sensory garden ideas that will stimulate all the senses. Against the backdrop of Delta Sensory Gardens visitors will have the opportunity to learn from one of the leading sensory gardens in Ireland where planting patterns encourage rest and relaxation, while allowing visitors to truly indulge their senses of sight, sound, touch, smell and taste. From adding the sound of water for tranquility to designing a layout that encourages total immersion in the garden, Leonie promises useful tips and tricks with on-site examples that will make your garden a sanctuary with wellbeing and joy at its heart.

Venue: Delta Sensory Gardens and Garden Centre, Strawhall Estate, Carlow, R93 Y959

Time: 11 a.m. **Adm:** Adults €10. The on-site Café Thyme serves delicious light lunches, tea, coffee and snacks.

Contact: 059 913 1354

w: www.deltasensorygardens.ie



saturday 23rd july

fionnuala fallon
huntington castle and gardens



cut flowers – from garden to vase

There is nothing more pleasant than cutting flowers from your own garden allowing you to appreciate the scents and joy of your garden indoors as well as outdoors. Fortunately starting a cut flower garden is surprisingly easier than you think. In this hands-on workshop Fionnuala Fallon, *Irish Times* gardening correspondent explains the key principles of cut flower gardens from the best floral picks to plant, to caring and cutting tips. Helpful advice will demonstrate how to have a year-round supply of flowers with spring, summer, autumn and winter choices while Fionnuala will also cover areas including growing flowers from seeds, planning ahead and adding variety. Fionnuala's talk will be followed by a practical demonstration showing how to create a lovely flower arrangement to decorate your home, available to one lucky winner.

Venue: Huntington Castle and Gardens, Clonegal, Co. Carlow Y21 K237
Time: 3 p.m. **Adm:** €12

House tours at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Cost €10 per adult. Teas, coffee, cakes and light snacks from the on-site tea rooms and gift shop.
Contact: 053 937 7160

sunday 24th july

shirley lanigan
BEAM barrow experience gardens



being energy aware matters

Being Energy Aware Matters – the code by which The Barrow Experience project operates. It is a code by which we could all stand. This is a garden that is admirable in so many ways: Built for and worked by people with special intellectual needs, it is exactly the sort of positive creation we should be seeing everywhere. Shirley will lead a walk and talk, through the ten small, organically worked, interlinked gardens, nestled into the one-acre site on the banks of the River Barrow. Horticulture and history, local lore, tradition and organic methodology all weave together in this admirable project. Shirley will speak about generous gardening, planting for the senses, better use of gardens, gardening responsibly and remembering that we owe the world.

Venue: The Barrow Experience Gardens, Regent Street, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow R21 AH73 **Time:** 12 noon **Adm:** €8
Contact: John Murphy 087 122 3453
www.carlowgardentrail.com/venue/beam



sunday 24th july

joe swift
duckett's grove house & gardens



20 years of TV gardening

Joe talks candidly about his experiences being a TV gardener. Having presented *Gardeners World*, most of the RHS flower shows and many other programmes for 15 years he has some great behind-the-scenes stories and anecdotes of working with Alan Titchmarsh, Monty Don and Carol Klein as well as others. Joe will chart the gardening trends that have come and gone over the years and talk about some of the gardens he designed for TV.

Once a grand mansion, Duckett's Grove now features two restored walled gardens, Georgian pleasure grounds and a stunning ruin at its heart.

Venue: Duckett's Grove, Kneestown, near Carlow Town, R93 RF80
Time: 2.30 p.m. **Adm:** €19.50
Take-away teas, coffees and light snacks available.
Contact: 059 913 0411

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monday 25th july

arthur shackleton
delta sensory gardens



garden tour

In a career spanning more than 40 years, designer Arthur Shackleton has nurtured many of Ireland's botanical gems including Ashford, Dromoland and Glin Castles, Lyons Demesne, Coolmore Stud, Airfield House in Dundrum and Butler House in Kilkenny as well as his own wonderful garden, Fruit Lawn in Abbeylisk, County Laois. Arthur leads an interesting and informative tour of Delta Sensory Gardens exploring the delights of these beautiful surroundings while sharing his passion for planting, and drawing on his extensive knowledge of good garden design principles. Have your notepad ready for some valuable advice and tips on different planting combinations to ensure your garden continues to look great all year round.

Venue: Delta Sensory Gardens and Garden Centre, Strawhall Estate, Carlow, R93 Y959
Time: 11 a.m. **Adm:** Adults €10. The on-site Café Thyme serves delicious light lunches, tea, coffee and snacks.
Contact: 059 913 1354
www.deltasensorygardens.ie

monday 25th july

arthur shackleton
the meadows



garden tour

Renowned garden designer Arthur Shackleton leads this tour around the garden of the great artist and painter Philippa Bayliss. The concept for this garden was based largely on 17th century Chinese landscape paintings so you can expect lots of jagged rocks, planting between rocks and into gravel, small trees and a recently installed stunning sculpture of a seed head. Visitors are promised lots of ideas that can be recreated in different contexts in a small space of a ¼ acre.

The Meadows is positioned in a small estate in Myshall village with views extending to the Wicklow Mountains, the Carlow Ridge and Mount Leinster. The plot slopes steeply into the hillside with the back shaded by sycamores. The back garden is planted with an informal hedge of shrub roses and some interesting trees interspersed with mostly herbaceous plants, set into gravel.

Venue: No. 7, The Meadows, Myshall, Co. Carlow, R21 CF43
Time: 3 p.m. **Adm:** €8
Contact: 059 915 7530

tuesday 26th july

turtle bunbury
altamont gardens



a talk on altamont – the creation of an important irish garden

Turtle Bunbury charts the story of Altamont through the centuries from its reputed beginnings as a riverside retreat for Augustinian nuns through the development of the house and gardens under the families who lived there between the 18th and 20th centuries – Doyle, St George, Borrer, K'Eogh, Lecky-Watson and North.

With over 40 acres of lush gardens and riverside walks, Altamont Gardens is one of Ireland's most beautiful botanical attractions and a must-see for anyone who enjoys the greener things in life.

Venue: Altamont Gardens, Tullow, Co. Carlow, R93 N882

Time: 11 a.m. **Adm:** €10. Car park fee of €2 applies – payable on arrival.

Contact: 046 942 386

w: www.heritageireland.ie / www.opw.ie



tuesday 26th july

arthur cole
hardymount gardens



the gardens of the newt – a journey spanning three centuries

Travel back in time to discover the origins of an exceptional garden nestled in the ancient landscape of Somerset. The seed of the story germinates in 1690 and grows through the centuries blossoming in the mid-20th Century during Penelope Hobhouse's time (still known as Hadspen during that period), up until the present where the story continues to evolve as 'The Newt in Somerset'. This talk explores the past, describes the present and touches on the future of arguably one of the most exciting horticultural projects of the 21st Century. "The garden looks to the future, while never forgetting its past."

There are few places that you will enjoy a more delicious afternoon tea than at Hardymount Gardens, where a sumptuous spread is enjoyed by all on the lawn area following the talk.

Venue: Hardymount Gardens, Tullow, Co. Carlow, R93 XN24

Time: 3 p.m. **Adm:** €15 incl. afternoon tea

Contact: 059 915 1769 / m: 086 124 2801

wednesday 27th july

orlaith murray
burtown house



petal to plate

As the interest in unusual edibles continues to grow, this workshop provides helpful information and advice allowing you to pick plants that make maximum use of plots in environmentally sustainable ways. Organic gardening teacher Orlaith Murray, who has a background in forest gardening and permaculture, takes us on a botanical gastro-journey, showing us the bounty that's been hiding all along, growing right under our noses, in our gardens. You won't look at plants in the same way again! Top of the list are dahlias and hostas, that serve multiple uses in the garden, and there are lots more tips for plants that not only look good but also taste good too.

Venue: Burtown House and Gardens, Athy, Co. Kildare, R14 KF63 (exit 3 off M9 motorway) **Time:** 11 a.m.

Adm: €10 **House Tours:** €10

The Green Barn Restaurant and Shop is open Wednesday to Sunday for lunch, evening dinner available Friday and Saturday – booking is essential.

Contact: 059 862 3865
w: www.burtownhouse.ie



wednesday 27th july

stephanie hafferty
shankill castle



Delivered by Stephanie Hafferty, this afternoon of talks and supper is a must for anybody interested in growing their own food.

➤ 3 p.m. No Dig Gardening €10
How to set up a no dig garden in home gardens, allotments and smaller market gardens, looking at different methods and techniques.

➤ 5 p.m. The Creative Kitchen – seasonal plant-based recipes for everyone €10
A practical talk on how to use seasonal produce from the garden in the kitchen.

➤ 6.30 p.m. Garden Supper Club €40
A three-course farm-to-fork seasonal supper club in an al-fresco setting (or under cover if necessary!). The menu is inspired by Hafferty's *Creative Kitchen* book using produce from Shankill Castle's organic farm.

Venue: Shankill Castle, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny, R95 T8X7

Time: Talk 1: 3 p.m. Talk 2: 5 p.m.
Supper: 6.30 p.m.

Adm: All three events at Shankill €55

Contact: 086 397 1748 / 087 780 2437

w: www.shankillcastle.com



thursday 28th july

belinda jupp
borris house



search and rescue; bringing gardens back to life

In this special 20th anniversary programme, garden historian expert Belinda Jupp makes her first visit to the Carlow Garden Festival to speak at Borris House. Ireland is fortunate to have many examples of elegant restored walled gardens and in this talk Belinda discusses some of these gardens, revealing the methods used during her long and distinguished career in reviving and replanting dilapidated gardens.

The lace garden in Borris House is a stunning addition to the Carlow Garden Trail – set within the walls of the original laundry green it illustrates the fascinating story of Borris Lace through its predominantly white colour palette, lace inspired flowers, sculptures and stylised planting.

Venue: Borris House, Gardens and Woodland, Borris, Co. Carlow R95 Y2T1

Time: 11 a.m. **Adm:** €10 incl. admission to the Lace Garden. For details of house tours visit www.borrishouse.com

Craft gallery and lace garden on-site.

Contact: 059 977 1884 / 089 233 2470

w: www.borrishouse.com

thursday 28th july

james wong
kilgraney house & herb gardens



horticultural happy pill

James Wong is a Royal Botanic Garden, Kew-trained botanist, international author and one of the UK's top garden designers and Chelsea Flower Show gold medal winners. In this talk James explains the mental and physical benefits of gardening, not only do we make the world a more beautiful place, we also improve local biodiversity and address pollution issues, all the while improving our own health and well-being. James reveals the surprising science behind how simply being around plants can reduce feelings of pain, boost mood, even improve physical endurance. Talking frankly about his own experience with houseplants and mental health, he explains simple ways in which anyone (even those with no garden at all) can experience the benefits of horticultural therapy.

Venue: Kilgraney House & Herb Gardens, Borris Road, Kilgraney, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow R21 W527

Time: 3 p.m. **Adm:** €19.50

Contact: 059 977 5283

w: www.kilgraneyhouse.com

thursday 28th july

james wong
VISUAL, carlow town



the great indoors

Sharing his tiny central London flat with over 500 houseplants, Kew-trained botanist James Wong knows a thing or two about creating indoor jungles. From tiny moss terrariums and planted tanks, to indoor lily ponds, fern-encrusted fountains and lush living walls, James will take you on a virtual tour of his experiments with houseplants and reveal the tips and tricks of how to create them. This is a great opportunity to view *Future Light from Distant Stars* – a partnership between artist David Beattie and VISUAL Carlow to create a colourful greenhouse installation powered by solar panels, emitting light, and acting as a growing space and meeting place.

Venue: VISUAL, Old Dublin Road, Carlow R93 A3K1

Time: 7.30 p.m. **Adm:** €16

Contact: 059 917 2400

w: www.visualcarlow.ie



friday 29th july

tom coward and jim gardiner
altamont plant sales



talk 1: continuing the magic at graveye

Head Gardener Tom Coward gives us an insight to Graveye Manor, the home place of internationally renowned gardener William Robinson, the inspiration behind many of Ireland's best known gardens including those at Altamont. This is a rare and excellent opportunity to delve inside the mind of Robinson and his naturalistic approach to gardening.

talk 2: shrubs – always the bridesmaid, never the bride

Jim Gardiner, Curator of RHS Gardens Wisley for over 25 years, uses his deep pool of knowledge to talk about some of the most wonderful plants he has come across in his career. Jim argues for a more prominent role for shrubs in the creation of outside garden spaces.

Venue: Altamont Plant Sales, Tullow, Co. Carlow R93 N882

Time: Talk 1: 11.30 a.m. Talk 2: 3 p.m.

Adm: €35 day ticket. The Walled Garden Café is open for tea, coffee and light snacks.

Contact: Robert Miller 087 982 2135

saturday 30th july

ken cox
huntington castle and gardens



woodland gardening

Kenneth Cox presents his most popular and spectacular talk, a one hour visual feast of his 2018 publication *Woodland Gardening*. The talk covers the history and evolution of the woodland gardening style from China and Japan to Europe and around the world. It covers many inspiring woodland gardens and the gardeners who made them – gardens large and small, from Australia, New Zealand to North America and Japan to Britain, France and Italy. The talk includes advice on designing, managing and restoring woodland gardens and selecting plants for them.

House tours at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. bookable via www.carlowgardentrail.com

On-site tea room which serves delicious speciality teas, coffees, cakes and light snacks. To get the full Huntington experience stay the night in one of their beautiful castle rooms or self-catering properties.

Venue: Huntington Castle and Gardens, Clonegal, Co. Carlow Y21 K237

Time: 11 a.m. **Adm:** €19.50

Contact: 053 937 7160

w: www.huntingtoncastle.com

saturday 30th july

finola reid
burtown house and gardens



garden tour

Finola Reid is a well-known consultant specialising in conservation and restoration projects in historic gardens, walled garden complexes and demesnes throughout Ireland. She trained in horticulture in the National Botanic Gardens, Dublin and subsequently worked on the staff there. Finola promises an interesting and informative tour of the gardens of Burtown exploring the delights of these beautiful surroundings while sharing her passion for planting.

Finola also explores succession throughout the year and how to ensure there is colour and interest for as long a season as possible.

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w: www.burtownhouse.ie



sunday 31st july

fiann ó nualláin
an gairdín beo



2 p.m. community gardens health and wellbeing benefits

4 p.m. plant safari walk

Venue: An Gairdín Beo, Old Dublin Road, Co. Carlow, R93 E1HF **Adm:** FREE

monday 1st august

éanna ní lamhna
myshall village

tree trail

Éanna Ní Lamhna, President of the Tree Council of Ireland promises an informative Tree Trail walk while also explaining biodiversity and sustainability in simple, no jargon terms.

Venue: The Community Centre, Myshall, Co. Carlow, R21 P797

Time: 2.30 p.m. **Adm:** FREE

