

carlow garden festival

Saturday 28th July – Sunday 5th August 2012



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gardens



tv and radio gardeners | free events
workshops | leading garden designers | nature trails
garden visits | music and entertainment

www.carlowgardentrail.com



From bulbs to borders and woodland to wildlife, Carlow's Garden Festival is a great opportunity for budding and experienced gardeners and nature lovers to obtain practical advice from some of Ireland's most respected gardening personalities.



saturday 28 | 07 | 12

altamont gardens with thomas pakenham
meet some 'remarkable trees'



Join Thomas Pakenham, world famous author and tree-expert, on a tour through Altamont Gardens. This tour ends in Altamont Plant Sales with a display and discussion of Robert Miller's *Top 10 Trees for Irish Gardens*.

venue: meet at the carpark, altamont gardens, tullow, co. carlow
time: 11.30am admission: FREE



huntington castle with thomas pakenham
more 'remarkable trees'



Experience the magnificent gardens of Huntington Castle with Thomas Pakenham, exploring its many rare and unusual great trees including a number of Irish champions. Discover the scenic avenue with its amazing lime tree collection and the famous Yew Walk. Enjoy the 'Wilderness' woodland paths which lead to the newly restored ornamental lakes.

venue: meet in the courtyard, huntington castle, clonegal, co. carlow time: 2.30pm admission: Adults €5; OAP's/concs. €4; under 12's €2.50 which includes access to all garden areas and playground. Tea rooms open, tea, coffee, snacks and light lunches



For those wishing to while away an afternoon there are numerous other activities available at Huntington including guided tours of the castle, craft demonstrations featuring basket weaving, hedge laying and fruit and flower pruning and a brand new adventure playground suitable for all ages from toddlers to adults. Recent additions to the range of facilities at Huntington include the newly restored 17th century carp and stew ponds and ornamental lakes.



Daily ticket valid as above for thomas pakenham tour, playground & craft demonstrations; €3pp extra for house tour



sunday 29 | 07 | 12

burtown house & gardens with helen dillon garden tour of burtown house

Visit this unique artists' garden, in the company of festival favourite Helen Dillon. The recently opened gardens are made up of several areas which include glorious herbaceous borders, shrubberies, a rock garden and a walled organic vegetable garden.



venue: burtown house and gardens, athy, co. kildare

time: 12 noon admission: €10



The Gallery Café at Burtown House is open for snacks and lunches using seasonal produce from the organic kitchen garden. The Gallery is showing a retrospective of acclaimed botanical artist, Wendy Walsh.



duckett's grove teddy bears' picnic and guided tours with helen dillon



A fun day for the whole family. Take Teddy on a wonderful day out in this magical setting. Dress him in his Sunday Best and win a prize. Bring a rug and picnic and enjoy a relaxed Sunday afternoon. Helen Dillon will conduct guided tours around the beautifully restored gardens from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. This is a great opportunity to visit the newly opened Duckett's Grove Design – Craft and Gift Emporium, a craft retail area and four individual craft workshops producing products on-site, including stained glass, jewellery and wood turned items.



venue: duckett's grove walled garden & pleasure grounds

time: 2.00 – 4.00pm Garden tours 2.30pm & 3.30pm

admission: FREE Pre-registration for teddy bear picnic required
to T: 059 913 6205



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The summer show of art and craft at Kilgraney Gallery
June 10th - August 19th

Exhibition opens 10th June at 4.00pm
Opening Times Thursday - Sunday 2.00pm - 6.00pm

Kilgraney House, Borris Road, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow
www.kilgraneyhouse.com



monday 30 | 07 | 12

art in the garden at kilgraney house & herb gardens



Take your pencils, pens and paints outside for an afternoon of exploration and sketching from 2pm to 6pm around the Herb Gardens at Kilgraney House. With artists including Gethyn Gibson on hand offering helpful advice and guiding your brush and pen strokes. Event unsuitable for children.

venue: kilgraney house & herb gardens, borris rd., baginbally, co. carlow time: 2.00pm - 6.00pm admission: entry and refreshments FREE – donations welcome for local charities



tuesday 31 | 07 | 12

hardymount gardens with fionnuala fallon



Stroll through the delightful Hardymount Gardens in the company of Fionnuala Fallon, Gardening Correspondent from *The Irish Times* and enjoy a plethora of gardening experiences from the walled garden with its herbaceous border full of unusual plants, to the vegetable and fruit gardens and the great Spanish chestnut, which together all capture the essence of this relaxed country garden. Enjoy a delicious home baked high afternoon tea on the lawns at Hardymount.



venue: hardymount gardens, tullow, co. carlow time: 2.30pm admission: €10 includes afternoon tea [in aid of cancer research]



wednesday 01 | 08 | 12

delta sensory gardens with shirley lanigan garden tour of delta sensory gardens



Well known gardening author Shirley Lanigan takes visitors on a tour of the magnificent Delta Sensory Gardens, featured in her recent book *The 100 Best Gardens in Ireland*. Shirley will help plan your perfect garden in this lively workshop.

venue: the delta sensory gardens and delta garden centre, strawhall estate, carlow time: 12.30pm admission: adults €5, OAPs €4; garden centre open; restaurant open for teas, coffees and lunch, etc.





stealing ideas for small gardens

In this inspiring tour of the Sensory Gardens, Shirley Lanigan gives new planting ideas for every corner of your garden while also providing all the information you need to keep your plants healthy. Pick up some new ideas to ensure maximum impact and seasonal interest throughout the year. The tour will also cover the Waterfalls, Woodland Walk, Sculpture Garden, Musical Fountain and Formal Rose Garden among others.



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thursday 02 | 08 | 12

huntington castle with dr. john mccullen huntington castle garden tour

An informative tour of the formal gardens at Huntington Castle including the 17th century parterre, ornamental lakes and fish pond. John McCullen is retired Chief Parks Superintendent with the OPW and has a great knowledge of the heritage and history of Ireland's great gardens.



venue: meet in the courtyard, huntington castle, clonegal, co. carlow time: 11.30am admission: adults €5; OAP's/concs €4; under 12's € 2.50 [includes access to garden areas and playground] tea rooms open for teas, snacks, etc. tours of the castle available & children's playground now open



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altamont gardens with dr. john mc cullen

garden tour of altamont gardens

An experience to savour! Join John McCullen on a fascinating tour of Altamont Gardens when he points out many rare and unusual features and provides an interesting account of the origins of these Robinsonian gardens. Following this John will pick out his top 10 garden plants from the large collection at Altamont Plant Sales and discuss how many of these can be easily incorporated into your own garden.



venue: altamont gardens, tullow, co. carlow time: 2.30pm
admission: FREE



friday 03 | 08 | 12

rathwood with frances macdonald from the bay garden

Take a walk through the serene woodland trails of Rath Wood, experience the wonders of the birds of prey at Woodlands Falconry or treat yourself in the Chocolate Garden. Two workshops with Frances MacDonald will offer expert advice on achieving the best from your garden and afterwards, pick up a bargain in the special sale at the Garden Centre.



all year interest in your garden

This workshop provides lots of practical ideas to improve your garden and keep it looking well all year round. In a comprehensive discussion Frances MacDonald covers good principles of garden management and container planting. Frances' academic talents, great knowledge of plants and practical experience are evident in the Bay Garden, Co. Wexford where she has created nine garden rooms, each with its own distinct style.



venue: rathwood, rath, tullow, co. carlow time: 12 noon
admission: FREE



late summer colour for your garden

In a hands-on and entertaining demonstration, Frances MacDonald gives tips and tricks to maintain colour in your garden and explains the importance of dead heading, supporting weed control and filling gaps.

venue: rathwood, rath, tullow, co. carlow time: 2.30pm
admission: FREE



saturday 04 | 08 | 12

river walk with dermot o'neill

Join gardening expert Dermot O'Neill for an informative insight into the flora and fauna, wildlife and history of the River Barrow, Ireland's premier inland waterway.

venue: the sculpture garden, riverside, leighlinbridge, co. carlow
time: 12 noon admission: FREE



arboretum lifestyle and garden centre with dermot o'neill

In this inspiring talk Dermot will speak about the origins and development of his walled garden 'Clondeglass' which nestles in the foothills of the Slieve Bloom Mountains in Co. Laois. Dermot traces its journey from a state of abandonment to its return to original productiveness and provides lots of tips and tricks for your own gardening space.



venue: arboretum lifestyle & garden centre, leighlinbridge, co. carlow time: 2.30pm admission: FREE



garden tour of the arboretum inspirational gardens

In a 1 hour tour of the Arboretum Inspirational Gardens, Dermot provides details of easy, low maintenance gardening schemes and solutions. A visit to the garden is a treat for the amateur or the enthusiast who will enjoy seeing the themed planting, use of colour, texture and form.



venue: arboretum lifestyle & garden centre, leighlinbridge, co. carlow time: 3.30pm admission: FREE



sunday 05 | 08 | 12

rathvilly garden centre with gerry daly
gardening made better and easier

Gerry Daly covers all the important aspects of summer gardening including watering, grooming, summer pruning, pest control, adding colour and much more. Bring your questions and learn how to keep your garden looking beautiful throughout the summer and into the autumn.



venue: rathvilly garden centre, baltinglass road, rathvilly, co. carlow time: 12 noon admission: FREE



the energy footprint of gardening

Tips for environmentally friendly gardening from Gerry Daly, Editor of *The Irish Garden* including sustainable gardening, avoiding unnecessary input, re-using, composting and suitable paving.



venue: rathvilly garden centre, baltinglass road, rathvilly, co. carlow time: 3.30pm admission: FREE



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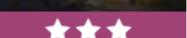


Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow

T: 059-9142002 E: info@dolmenhotel.ie W: www.dolmenhotel.ie

2 nights B&B & 1 Dinner €100pps

Tea/coffee and scones on arrival





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Family packages this summer season 2012 include accommodation and high tea for children:

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T: 051 424936 E: info@mulvarra.com W: www.mulvarra.com

1 Night B&B €35pps – Dinner available €30pp

2 Nights B&B & 1 Dinner €95



Oldgrain Store Self-catering Cottages, The Quay, St. Mullins, Co. Carlow

T: 051 424440 / 087 258 4663 W: www.oldgrainstorecottages.ie

2 Night Self-catering – The Forge (sleeps 2) €200

2 Night Self-catering – The Stables (sleeps 4) €300

2 Night Self-catering – The Coach House (sleeps 4-5) €300



Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow

T: 059 913 1308 E: info@sevenoakshotel.com www.sevenoakshotel.com

Saturday, 28th July – B&B €55.00pps

Sunday to Friday – B&B €45.00pps

Sunday to Friday – 2 B&B & 1 Dinner €99.00pps

Single supplement €15.00 per night



Talbot Hotel Carlow, Portlaoise Road, Carlow

T: 059 915 3000 E: reservations@talbothotelcarlow.ie www.talbotcarlow.ie

2 Nights B&B & 1 Dinner – €119pps midweek

2 Nights B&B & 1 Dinner – €149pps weekend

1 Night B&B & 1 Dinner – €69pps midweek

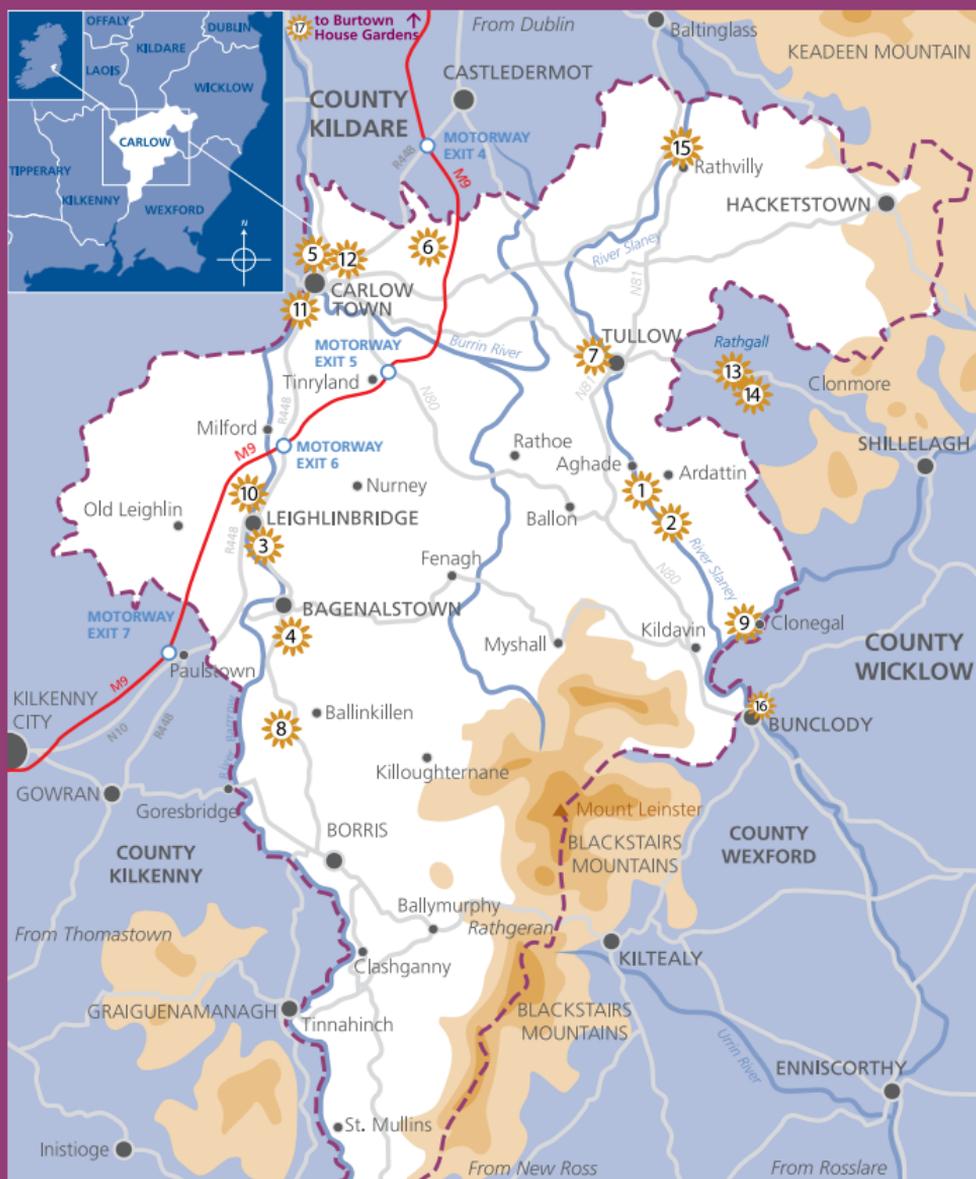
1 Night B&B & 1 Dinner – €89pps weekend

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art exhibition during the garden festival trail featuring local talented artists

venue: the forge restaurant, kilbride cross, ballon, co. carlow
[half mile from altamont gardens] time: 9.30am – 5.00pm daily



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and Gardens |
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Gardens open as normal during the Carlow Garden Festival. For opening times visit www.carlowgardentrail.com

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