

The Horti 'cultural' Festival

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Garden Angels

The Springfields Garden Angels Scheme...

If you're interested in gardening and are looking to learn more about horticulture, you can volunteer to help in the Springfields Horticultural Society Gardens at Springfields by joining the Garden Angels Scheme.

A Garden Angel would join the scheme at Springfields under the supervision of the head gardener and his team. Angels can get involved in many different aspects of gardening, helping to keep the Gardens looking their best. Activities might range from planting and pruning to collecting seeds and composting.

All that would be required would be a regular commitment of at least a few hours a week, fortnight or month. If you would like to spread your wings and help a little, and at the same time enjoy some exercise and good companionship contact Springfields Horticultural Society Ltd.

Tel: 01775 724843
Email: info@springfields.net



How to find us...



For a map and directions please visit:

WWW.SPRINGFIELDSGARDENS.CO.UK

SPRINGFIELDS FESTIVAL GARDENS
CAMELGATE, SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE PE12 6EU
TEL: 01775 764800



in association with Fenscape
The **FREE** Fens Discovery Centre

www.fenscape.org

How do I find Springfields and get to the events?

Why not keep up to date on all of the events by joining the Horti 'cultural' Festival Facebook Group. Just type in 'Springfields Horti 'cultural' Festival' into the search box on your Facebook page and join the group!

On the back of the leaflet you will find a Map or alternatively, you can visit the Springfields Gardens website which has great directions on it. If you don't want to drive, you can call Fenscape on 01775 764800 and we will be able to give you some advice on using Public Transport to get to the events.

Our events will also be listed on the following websites:
Springfields Gardens Website at: www.springfieldsgardens.co.uk
By Design Group (Fenscape Pages) at: www.bydesign-group.co.uk/Horti'cultural'-Festival

On foot: Call into Fenscape the **FREE** Fens Discovery Centre, located in the Festival Gardens at Springfields. Our address is Fenscape – The Fens Discovery Centre, Spalding, Lincolnshire. PE12 6EU

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How can I find out more about the events..?

How... How... How...

To try and give people as much of an opportunity to attend as possible, we'll be holding different events at different times and on different days. Each event will last about an hour. To see when they are taking place, open up the leaflet now.

When will they be taking place?

events will take place in a marquee in the gardens and during the darker and colder months, in the David Bellamy Lecture Room at Fenscape.

How much will it cost?

All of the events are free to attend but we can only fit in about Thirty Five Participants at each event and so it will be on a first come, first seated basis.

How can I come if I have small children?

If you have small children you can book your place at an event in advance. What's more, we've come up with a great way of getting parents with small (pre-school) children to the events. We've contacted a local Nursery and come up with a Free Voucher Scheme so that you can drop your child off at the registered nursery and attend the event of your choice and then collect them afterwards. The voucher will be valid for 2 hours as the nursery is only down the road.



Where will the events be taking place?
All of the events will be taking place in the Springfields Festival Gardens (see the map on the back page). We want to get people involved in some of the activities and so, in the warmer months,

Why would I want to come along?
The idea of the Festival is to engage with adults and encourage them to come along and experience something different relating to Horticulture. We hope that by attending an event, you might want to come along to another one and maybe pursue that interest further in some way. We'll be on hand to help you do this!

What is the Horti 'cultural' Festival?
The Horti 'cultural' Festival is a great way for people to explore horticulture in a variety of ways. The Festival includes a series of events, from talks and demonstrations to hands on activities.

Who? Fens Forward, part of the Fenscape – The Fens Discovery Centre and Springfields Horticultural Society joined together to come up with an exciting and innovative Festival relating to Horticulture, and we've succeeded!

Activities will cover topics including Art, Craft, Garden Design, Flower Arranging and more. Just open the leaflet up to see the list of the events.

October '09

Friday 23rd October 2009

At 1.00pm

LANDSCAPE PAINTING

By Lindis Maria

Paint a Fen landscape in pastel with local artist and tutor Lindis Maria. Capture the big sky and the water which are the epitome of the Fens and Marshes of today.

All materials provided.

Bellamy Room, Fenscape

Thursday 29th October 2009

At 1.00pm

DESIGNING WITH NATURE

By Amanda Stonehouse

How to create gardens using plant combinations which both please the eye and benefit the wider environment.

Marquee in the Festival Gardens

November '09

Tuesday 3rd November 2009

At 1.00pm

FLOWER ARRANGING

By Pat Ashley

Easy ideas for displaying seasonal fresh flowers in an elegant and stylish way.

This demonstration comes with the option to get involved and create your own arrangement.

Bellamy Room, Fenscape

Thursday 19th November 2009

At 1.00pm

HERBS & THEIR USES

A holistic view of herbs from their cultivation to their many uses in cooking and their medicinal benefits.

Marquee in the Festival Gardens

Saturday 21st November

At 2.00pm

BOTANICAL DRAWING

By Angela Rendall

Come along and enjoy the excitement of painting with watercolours. Angela will demonstrate how to choose the right materials, colours and composition.

Bellamy Room, Fenscape

December '09

Thursday 3rd December 2009

At 7.00pm

'ON THE MENU TONIGHT'

By Lynda Hotchkiss

Learn about food and eating habits of the past with samples from various eras, plus free recipes.

Bellamy Room, Fenscape

Tuesday 8th December 2009

At 1.00pm

GARDENING AT SPRINGFIELDS

By Andy Boyton

Come along and learn about the gardens at Springfields, from the history of the gardens to the design and build of the gardens you see today. Find out about how the gardens are cared for and maintained and see if you can get involved.

Marquee in the Festival Gardens

Wednesday 16th December 2009

At 1.00pm

WOAD AND OTHER FENLAND PLANTINGS

By Brian Jones

Many and varied are the plants that have been grown and cultivated in the Fenlands over the centuries. Some had commercial uses and markets, others were for personal and local use. Some are known today, others are only forgotten. Come and discover more about this fascinating aspect of our Fenland past.

Bellamy Room, Fenscape

January '10

Thursday 7th January 2010 - At 1.00pm

VEGETABLE GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS

By Dave Rolfe

An easy start guide to growing vegetables at home in your garden or in containers. Learn about seed sowing, preparation, care and much more.

Marquee in the Festival Gardens

Sunday 17th January 2010 - At 2.00pm

FLOWER GIRLS: WOMEN AND THE INDUSTRY AROUND SPALDING

By Abi Hunt

Abi Hunt examines the roles that women took in the horticultural industry, in and around Spalding during the 19th and 20th Centuries.

Bellamy Room, Fenscape

Thursday 21st January 2010 - At 7.00pm

THE JOHN CLARE GARDEN – POETS AND THE SEEDS OF IDEAS

By Richard Donoyou

An introduction to the life and times of the poet John Clare and his legacy today. Learn how the landscape inspired his work and how the Clare Cottage Project has recreated a traditional Cottage Garden at his family home in Helpston. Explore and hear about how the garden was created, where the inspiration came from and what comes next.....

Bellamy Room, Fenscape

February '10

Thursday 11th February 2010

At 1.00pm

LOW MAINTENANCE GARDENING

By Andy Boyton

A lazy guide to gardening.

Marquee in the Festival Gardens

Sunday 14th February 2010

At 2.00pm

THE USE OF PLANTS IN MEDICINE

By Andrew Sankey

Discover what common plants were widely used for and why someone would roll in a bed of nettles? Hear about "simples" - one plant curing one ailment.

Bellamy Room, Fenscape

Sunday 28th February 2010

At 2.00pm

BEE KEEPING

By Barry Perkins

Bee Keeping in your garden.

How to take care of the bees on a monthly basis.

Bellamy Room, Fenscape

March '10

Saturday 6th March 2010 - At 2.00pm

FLOWER ARRANGING

By Rosemarie Green

Helpful tips and advice on creating flower arrangements for your home. Ideas for designing a special gift for Mother's Day and an option to create a decorative bow.

Marquee in the Festival Gardens

Wednesday 17th March 2010 - At 1.00pm

HISTORY OF THE COTTAGE GARDEN

By Andrew Sankey

The development of the cottage garden from a medieval hovel to the present day. Discover the history of plants, their country names, sayings and old wives tales. Find out about "pot luck" and whether carrots were orange and which plants protected the cottage from the local village witch.

Bellamy Room, Fenscape

Friday 26th March

At 11.30am & 2.00pm

and

Saturday 27th March

At 11.30am & 2.00pm

WILLOW WEAVING

By Richard & Suzanne Kerwood

An opportunity to "get to grips" with the ancient art of willow weaving.

Marquee in the Festival Gardens