

# Dates for your DIARY

Explore beautiful gardens and immerse yourself in plants this spring to restore the senses! Check websites and social media for up-to-date info

## GARDEN EVENTS

### YORK GATE GARDEN Leeds

A one-acre gem and must-visit garden, managed by the charity Perennial. ✦ Garden and Plant Nursery Open 11am-4.30pm Wed-Sun until 31 October. Cafe and Gift Shop open 10am-5pm Wed-Sun. Adult £7, under 16s free; Back Church Lane, Adel, Leeds LS16 8DW. To pre-book Tel 0113 267 8240; perennial.org.uk/gardens

### RHS GARDENS 29 May-6 June

For May half-term, the four Royal Horticultural Society Gardens celebrate pollinators and the types of flowers and colours they find attractive. Visit rhs.org.uk/gardens/whats-on-at-rhs-gardens

### GUIDED WALK Dumfries and Galloway, 8 June

Join a tour of Logan Botanic Garden to see the summer flowers in Scotland's most exotic garden. ✦ 10.30am-12midday. Adult £7, under 16s free; Port Logan, Stranraer, DG9 9ND. Tel 01776 860 231; rbge.org.uk/visit/logan-botanic-garden/



Claire Austin is a National Collection holder of bearded iris and hybrid herbaceous peonies

**CLAIRE AUSTIN'S GARDEN  
Powys, 25 June**  
Wander around a plant collector's garden, belonging to nurserywoman and writer Claire Austin. ✦ Open 10am-4pm in aid of the National Garden Scheme. Adult £5, children free. White Hopton Farm, Wern Lane, Sarn, Newtown SY16 4EN; to pre-book visit ngs.org.uk

### DRIFTWOOD GARDEN East Sussex, 21 June-12 August

This stunning award-winning garden is open daily by appointment for eight weeks during summer. ✦ Entry £8.50 inc. talk by owner, all proceeds to Macmillan. Open

11am-5pm; Driftwood Garden, 4 Marine Drive, Bishopstone, Seaford, BN25 2RS. Tel 01323 899 296. The garden also opens for the National Garden Scheme on 29 June, 13 July and 1 August. Entry £6, pre-booking essential: ngs.org.uk; driftwoodbysea.co.uk

### SWEET PEA SEASON From 23 June

You can find 50 types of heritage, modern, scented,

### Towering tree ferns in the majestic Logan Botanic Garden



Rose lovers will enjoy Peter Beales Gardens

**PETER BEALES ROSE GARDENS  
Norfolk, daily**  
All rose lovers will enjoy these beautiful two-acre rose display gardens. ✦ Open 9am-5pm. Sunday and Bank Holiday opening 10am-4pm. Nursery and free entry to garden; London Road, Attleborough NR17 1AY. Tel 01953 454707; classicroses.co.uk

striped, flake and bicolor sweet peas on display. ✦ Open Wed-Sun, 11am-4pm. Adult £8, child £4; Easton Walled Garden, Easton, Grantham, Lincs NG33 5AP. Tel 01476 530063; visiteaston.co.uk

### MORLEY OPEN GARDENS Derby, 3-4 July

Morley is a rural parish with approximately 20 private gardens open to the public. ✦ Open 11am-5pm. Adult £5, children free. Follow the signs for tickets. Morley, north of Derby, DE7 6DE; opengardens.co.uk/open\_gardens.php?id=1864

### BRAMBLEWOOD GARDEN TOUR Sheffield, 11 July

Garden tour and lecture by horticulturists and designer Nigel Dunnett at his hillside garden. Fascinating garden based on sustainable principles. ✦ Open 11am-4pm. Adult £15; Bradfield, Sheffield S6 6HX. Pre-book via ngs.org.uk

## SHOWS & FAIRS

### BBC GARDENERS' WORLD SPRING FAIR Hampshire, 28-30 May

A brand new BBC Gardeners' World outdoor spring event in the grounds and gardens of Beaulieu. Explore Hilliers' walk-through garden exhibit, visit the BBC Good Food Market and stock up on plants and essentials. ✦ Open 10am-6pm. Adult £21.50, child 5-16 £10; Beaulieu, New Forest SO42 7ZN. For tickets: bbcgardenersworldfair.com

### TOBY'S GARDEN FESTIVAL Devon, 11-12 June

Toby Buckland's show in the picturesque setting of Powderham Castle promises to celebrate the great outdoors, bringing together specialist nurseries, quality plants, artisans food, crafts, talks and demos, and more. ✦ Advance ticket £11 (on the gate £13.50), under 12s free. Open 10am-5pm; Powderham Castle, Kenton, Nr Exeter EX6 8JQ. For details: tobygardenfest.co.uk

### ABERYSTWYTH SUMMER PLANT FAIR Aberystwyth, 12 June

Specialist nursery and growers will be selling plants in the Farmers Market site. ✦ Open 10am-3pm; free entry; Aberystwyth Farmers Market, North Parade, Aberystwyth. Tel 01570 471571; ceredigiongrowers.co.uk Please check before travelling.

### RHS ORCHID & PLANT SHOW Essex, 18-20 June

Previously held in London the show is moving to RHS Garden Hyde Hall for 2021. Browse the plant fair and enjoy a dazzling display of orchids. ✦ Open 10am-5pm. Adult £13.50, child 3-16yrs £6.75; Creephedge Lane, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford CM3 8ET. Tel 01245 402019; rhs.org.uk/hydehall

Enjoy a dazzling display at RHS Garden Hyde Hall



There's something for everyone at Blenheim Palace Flower Show



### BLENHHEIM PALACE FLOWER SHOW Oxfordshire, 25-27 June

New Floral Street for plants and flowers exhibit, plus Grand Floral Pavillion and nursery stands. ✦ Open 10am-5pm. Adult £18.50, concession £17.50, child £9 (advance prices online until 19 June); Woodstock OX20 1PP. Tel 01993 810530; blenheimflowershow.co.uk

### THE GARDEN SHOW Hampshire, 11-13 June

A great opportunity to browse specialist plant stalls and garden and home accessories stands. ✦ Open 10am-5pm. Adult £10, child 3-16 yrs £3; Stansted Park, Rowlands Castle PO9 6DX. Tel 01243 538456; thegardenshowonline.com

### RHS HARLOW CARR SUMMER GARDEN SHOW North Yorks, 24-27 June

Delectable plants for sale from specialist nurseries, as well as inspiring talks and demos. Event includes entry to the RHS garden. ✦ Pre-book slots from 8.30am-4.30pm

(garden closes 6.30pm). Adult £13.50, child 3-16yrs £6.75 (Gift Aid prices); RHS Harlow Carr, Crag Lane, Beckwithshaw, Harrogate HG3 1QB. Tel 01423 565418; rhs.org.uk/gardens/harlow-carr

### RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE GARDEN FESTIVAL Surrey, 6-11 July

Set in the magnificent grounds of Hampton Court Palace, enjoy a vibrant day out exploring the Festival of



Enjoy vibrant flowers of every kind in the Floral Marquee

Roses, Floral Marquee and spectacular Show Gardens. ✦ Open 10am-7pm; RHS members 6-7 July, public days 8-11 July, from £24.75. Tel 0344 338 7501 to book; rhs.org.uk/shows

### BELVOIR CASTLE FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW Lincs, 17-18 July

Take inspiration and ideas from the stunning show gardens and specialist grower displays. Floral designer Jonathan Moseley will be there, and David Domoney will speak on Sunday. ✦ Open 9.45am-4.30pm. Adult £15, under 16s free with full paying adult (early bird discounts available until 31 May); Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PE. Tel 01476 871001; Facebook.com/BFGFJuly; belvoircastle.com

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