



carlow garden festival

Friday 25th July - Monday 4th August 2014

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Carol Klein
Gardeners World 25th July

For novice gardeners to garden connoisseurs,
grandparents to grandchildren and family fun for all

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carol klein at the woodford dolmen hotel



▶ life in a cottage garden

Carol Klein will chronicle a year in her own Glebe Cottage Garden in Devon, as seen in the book and series "Life in a Cottage Garden", followed by a chance to pick her brains with Q&A's.

The Organisers are delighted to welcome Carol Klein to the Carlow Garden Festival for the first time. Carol is the popular presenter of "Gardeners World" and "Open Gardens" and author of many books

Venue: Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow **GPS:** 52.813953, -6.951482 **Time:** 7.30 p.m.

Adm: €24.50 Tickets available from Carlow Tourism t: 059 913 0411, Delta Sensory Gardens t: 059 914 3527 or Altamont Plant Sales m: 087 982 2135. All major debit and credit cards accepted.

Woodford Dolmen Hotel special accommodation rates:
25th July: €50 pps B&B, €70 pps DB&B
2 course meal, with tea/coffee €18.50

dermot o' neill at arboretum home and garden heaven



▶ 1: container gardening

Container plants add versatility to gardens large and small, lending instant colour and providing a focal point. If you would love to plant garden containers but don't know where to start, then Dermot O' Neill will introduce you to its basic principles including planting and best container options.

Time: 12 noon

▶ 2: low maintenance gardening

This workshop covers all the important aspects of summer gardening including watering, grooming and summer pruning, pest control and much more. With Dermot's valuable advice and tips you can ensure that your garden continues to look great from summer into autumn.

Time: 2.30 p.m.

▶ 3: tour of the arboretum inspirational gardens

In a one hour tour of the Arboretum

Inspirational Gardens, Dermot O' Neill provides details of easy, low maintenance gardening schemes and solutions. A treat for the amateur or enthusiast who will enjoy seeing the themed planting, use of colour and texture. **Time:** 3.30 p.m.

Dermot O'Neill, author, presenter of RTÉ's "Dermot's Secret Garden" and editor of "Garden Heaven", is one of Ireland's best loved gardening experts.

Venue: Arboretum Home and Garden Heaven, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow **GPS:** 52.742832, -6.975890

Adm: FREE admission to all three workshops. Rachel's Garden Café is open for snacks, light lunches and main meals.

sunday 27th july

helen dillon at huntington castle and gardens



▶ garden history

The history of gardening is explored in this lecture using the formal gardens of

Huntington Castle as a case study. View the 17th century parterre, ornamental lakes, fish ponds and Yew Tree Walk, one of the oldest in the country in the company of Helen Dillon, world renowned plants expert, broadcaster and garden author.

Venue: Huntington Castle and Gardens, Clonegal, Co. Carlow **Time:** 12 noon

GPS: 52.690404, -6.649131

Adm: €5. Tea rooms open for teas, light snacks and cakes. Tours of the castle available and children's playground open.

▶ helen dillon at newtownbarry house and gardens

▶ garden tour of newtownbarry house and gardens

Tour these charming gardens in the informative company of Helen Dillon, covering everything from the lake to the Rose Garden and onto the recently renovated 19th century sunken garden.

Venue: Newtownbarry House and Gardens, Bunclody, Co. Wexford

GPS: 52.65673, -6.65035

Time: 2.30 p.m.

Adm: €5. Tea rooms open for tea, coffee and homemade scones and cakes. House tours.



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paul martin at delta sensory gardens

seamus o' brien at altamont gardens and altamont plant sales

robin lane fox at hardymount gardens

ross hennessy & marina kesso at kilgraney house & herb gardens



Join Paul Martin, Gold Medal Winner RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, on a journey through the series of multi-sensory gardens, including the Celtic Walk, the formal Rose Garden, the Five Senses Garden, the Circle of Life, the Stolen Child Garden and his own award-winning garden designed for Bloom (pictured below).

Seamus O' Brien will offer his unique insights into the enchanting Altamont Gardens. A gifted plantsman, O' Brien is Curator of the National Botanic Gardens at Kilmacurragh and author of "In the Footsteps of Augustine Henry" which took him on plant hunting expeditions across China, Nepal, California, Chile, Australia and New Zealand.

Stroll through these delightful gardens with herbaceous borders full of unusual plants, and onto the vegetable and fruit gardens and the great Spanish chestnut, accompanied by Robin Lane Fox. Fox is the Financial Times Garden Columnist, Garden Master of New College, Oxford and author of "Better Gardening" and "Thoughtful Gardening". Round off the afternoon with a sumptuous afternoon tea featuring all kinds of delicious home baked goodies and sandwiches on the lawn of Hardymount Gardens.

1: growing medicinal herbs with ross hennessy of blu herbal and bareroot botanicals

This workshop covers the sowing, propagation, cuttings, caring, harvesting, drying and seed saving of medicinal plants including unusual herbs that can be grown in Ireland. There will be demonstrations on each of these aspects and an overview of the medicinal uses of the plants throughout.

2: making herbal remedies with marina kesso of iona herbal

This workshop covers 3-4 different remedies that can be made at home from home grown medicinal plants and Irish wild plants. The medicinal properties and uses of the herbs will be discussed at length including common conditions they treat.

Venue: Kilgraney House and Herb Gardens, Kilgraney, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow
GPS: 52.653691, -6.954276
Time: Talk 1: 2 - 4 p.m. Talk 2: 4 - 5.30 p.m.
Adm: €10 to include both talks

Venue: Delta Sensory Gardens, Strawhall Estate, Carlow. **GPS:** 52.844988, -6.924546
Time: 12 noon and 2.30 p.m
Adm: €5. Tea, coffee, lunch and snacks available in the on-site restaurant.

Venue: Altamont Gardens, Tullow, Co. Carlow
GPS: 52.735129, -6.720966
Time: 11 a.m.
Admission: FREE

Venue: Hardymount Gardens, Tullow, Co. Carlow. **GPS:** 52.798787, -6.762269
Time: 2.30 p.m.
Adm: €10 includes afternoon tea on the lawn.



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june blake at burtown house



June Blake, creator of the exciting, varied and contemporary June Blake's Garden in Wicklow will escort you around the enticing gardens at Burtown which includes splendid herbaceous borders, shrubberies, a rock garden and a walled organic vegetable garden. Venue: Burtown House, Athy, Co. Kildare GPS: 52.996672, -6.870744 Time: 12 noon Adm: €10 The Gallery Café serves tea, coffee, snacks and light lunches from seasonal homegrown produce.

matthew jebb at altamont gardens & altamont plant sales



The bewitching gardens of Altamont are the backdrop for a fascinating walk and talk led by Matthew Jebb, botanist, taxonomist and Director of the National Botanic Gardens. Matthew will point out many rare and unusual features associated with the gardens before finishing his talk at Altamont Plant Sales where he will pick out his top 10 plants which can be easily incorporated into your own garden.

Venue: Altamont Gardens, Tullow, Co. Carlow GPS: 52.735129, -6.720966 Time: 2.30 p.m. Adm: FREE The Walled Garden Café is open for tea, coffee and light snacks.

art in the garden with gethyn gibson & kilgraney herb gardens



Take your pencils, pens and paints outside for an afternoon of exploration and sketching. Artist Gethyn Gibson is on hand to offer helpful advice and guide your brush and pen strokes. Event unsuitable for children.

Venue: Kilgraney House and Herb Gardens, Kilgraney, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow GPS: 52.653691, -6.954276 Time: 2 - 6 p.m. Adm: Donation to charity welcomed

shirley lanigan at rathwood



Shirley Lanigan, garden journalist and author of "100 Best Gardens in Ireland", shares her extensive garden know-how in two enlightening workshops.

1: all year interest in the garden

Shirley gives new planting ideas for every corner of your garden to create year round interest while also providing all the information you need to keep your plants healthy. Pick up some new ideas and practical tips to ensure maximum impact and keep your garden looking its best all year round.

2: golden rules for buying plants

Shirley introduces 10 golden rules for plant and vegetable purchases focusing on areas including soil composure, repotting, planting, watering and plant grouping.

Venue: Rathwood, Rath, Tullow, Co. Carlow GPS: 52.796597, -6.660739 Time: Talk 1: 12 noon Talk 2: 2.30 p.m. Admission: FREE. Country style restaurant with fresh, wholesome food and home baking.

dick warner at newtownbarry house and gardens



Wander through the glorious grounds of Newtownbarry along with Dick Warner, environmentalist, broadcaster and Irish Garden columnist, as he highlights aspects of the natural habitat in lush woodlands and around the tranquil lake.

Venue: Newtownbarry House and Gardens, Bunclody, Co. Wexford. GPS: 52.656673, -6.65035 Time: 11.30 a.m. Adm: €5. Tea Rooms open for tea, coffee, homemade scones and cakes.

dick warner at huntington castle

tree trail of huntington castle

Discover some rare and unusual trees including the amazing lime tree collection, hickory, Siberian crab, buckeye chestnut, as well as the impressive Yew walk with Dick Warner, acclaimed tree expert as your guide.

Venue: Huntington Castle, Clonegal, Co. Carlow GPS: 52.690404, -6.649131 Time: 2.30 p.m. Admission: €5 Childrens playground and Tea Rooms open for teas, snacks, etc. Castle tours available.

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éanna ní lamhna in leighlinbridge

duckett's grove teddy bear's picnic

fionnuala fallon at rathvilly garden centre

garden. Advice will focus on the most suitable plants taking soil, height, light, space and exposure into consideration.



Venue: Rathvilly Garden Centre (on N81), Rathvilly, Co. Carlow
GPS: 52.898476, -6.697363
Time: Talk 1: 2.30 p.m. Talk 2: 4.00 p.m.
Admission: FREE

river walk with éanna ní lamhna

Éanna Ní Lamhna, environmentalist and RTE personality, leads a leisurely walk along the lovely banks of the River Barrow in Leighlinbridge, highlighting the history and heritage of this great river while identifying a wide variety of local flora and fauna. Éanna also provides practical, easy steps to garden for wildlife. Find out which plants attract songbirds, butterflies, frogs and other interesting wildlife.

Venue: Meet at the Garden of Remembrance, The Quayside, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow
GPS: 52.735586, -6.973691
Time: 3 p.m. **Admission:** FREE



Bring a rug and picnic and enjoy a fun day out for the whole family in Duckett's Grove. Take Teddy and dress him in his Sunday Best and win a prize. A great opportunity to visit Duckett's Grove Design – Craft and Gift Emporium selling high quality artisan products and three craft workshops featuring a jeweller, felter and stained glass artist. Face painting, together with teddy bears workshops, bouncy castle and games complete the line up for this fun packed afternoon. Tea Rooms on site. Organised by County Carlow Sports Partnership.

Venue: Duckett's Grove, Historic House and Walled Garden, near Carlow Town.
GPS: 52.858748, -6.812787
Time: 2 - 6 p.m. **Admission:** €5 per car



Fionnuala Fallon, Irish Times Gardening Columnist and author of "From The Ground Up", offers her considerable expertise while delivering two informative and entertaining workshops.

► 1: summer maintenance and top ten plants for august

Fionnuala chooses her top 10 plants for August that everybody should find room for in their gardens. Fionnuala also highlights key lessons for successful border and flowerbed planting including pruning, deadheading, second flowerings, delayed flowering, watering and feeding.

► 2: planning flowerbeds and borders / health checking your plants

Heralding the changes of each new month, flowers provide seasonal variation in colour, form and texture. Fionnuala introduces key lessons for successful border and flower bed planting while also highlighting the importance of plant health checks to ensure a flourishing



For more information on the Carlow Garden Festival and special accommodation packages visit www.carlowgardentrail.com

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		TIME	ADM.	Garden Connoisseur	Novice Gardener	Nature Lovers	Art in the garden	Great Gardens Estate Houses and Castles	Garden Tours	Family Fun
FRI 25th July	Launch of Carlow Garden Festival – A year in a cottage garden with CAROL KLEIN of “Gardeners’ World”. Venue: Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Rd., Carlow	7.30p.m.	€24.50	✓	✓	✓				
SAT 26th July	Dermot O’Neill, author and broadcaster. Venue: Arboretum Home and Garden Heaven, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow. FREE admission	12, 2.30p.m. & 3.30 p.m.	FREE	✓	✓	✓				
SUN 27th July	Helen Dillon, world renowned plants expert and gardener Venue: Huntington Castle, Clonegal, Co. Carlow	12 noon	€5	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
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MON 28th July	Paul Martin, Gold Medal Winner RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show Venue: Delta Sensory Gardens, Strawhall Estate, Carlow	12 noon & 2.30 p.m.	€5	✓	✓	✓			✓	
TUES 29th July	Seamus O’ Brien, Director National Botanic Gardens at Kilmacurragh Venue: Altamont Gardens, Tullow, Co. Carlow	11 a.m.	FREE	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
TUES 29th July	Robin Lane Fox, Financial Times Garden Columnist Venue: Hardymount Gardens, Tullow, Co. Carlow To include afternoon tea on the lawn.	2.30 p.m.	€10 includes afternoon tea	✓	✓	✓			✓	
WED 30th July	Ross Hennessy, Growing Medicinal Herbs Workshop and Marina Kesso – Making Herbal Remedies. Venue: Kilgraney House and Herb Gardens, Kilgraney, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow	2 p.m. & 4 p.m.	€10 for both talks	✓		✓				
THURS 31st July	June Blake from June Blake’s Garden in Wicklow Venue: Burtown House, Athy, Co. Kildare	12 noon	€10 pp	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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SUN 3rd August	Teddy Bear’s Picnic. Venue: Duckett’s Grove, off R418 Castledermot - Tullow Rd, near Carlow Town	2 - 6 p.m.	€5 per car			✓		✓		✓
MON 4th August	Fionnuala Fallon, Irish Times Gardening Correspondent Venue: Rathvilly Garden Centre, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow. FREE admission	2.30 p.m. & 4 p.m.	FREE	✓	✓	✓				