

## COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY COTSWOLD GROUP SEPTEMBER 2023



### SMALL GROUP VISIT

**2.40pm on Tuesday 26th September is the date for our next small group visit which is to Court House, Stretton on Fosse nr Moreton in Marsh GL56 9SD**

Court House is a continually evolving, 4-acre garden with year-round interest and colour. It has a wide range of planting divided into garden rooms with herbaceous borders; a fernery; and a rose garden. The walled kitchen garden has recently been redesigned and restored and the winter garden newly planted. There is also a pond area and paddocks which are gradually being established with wild flowers.

£8 including tea and cake

***Please book your places with Natalie so we can confirm numbers in advance with the garden owner. Email: [natalie@lestones.plus.com](mailto:natalie@lestones.plus.com) or telephone 01242 602384.***

## **TWO GLOUCESTERSHIRE GARDENS OPEN FOR THE NGS IN SEPTEMBER**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 11 - 6**

**Trench Hill, Sheepscombe, Gloucestershire, GL6 6TZ**

Approx 3 acres set in a small woodland with panoramic views, Trench Hill has herbaceous and mixed borders; a rose garden; extensive vegetable plots; a woodland walk; two small ponds; a waterfall; and a larger conservation pond. There are interesting wooden sculptures, many within the garden. It is cultivated using organic principles.

Come again in the spring for bulbs and hellebores and the wildflower meadow!

Home-made teas, with gluten and dairy-free usually available.

Adult £5; child free.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2- 6**

**Brockworth Court, Court Road, Brockworth, Gloucestershire, GL3 4QU**

The period manor house is surrounded by an intense yet informal, tapestry-style garden. It is organic and naturalistic, with informal cottage-style planting areas that seamlessly blend together. A natural fish pond has a “Monet” bridge leading to a small island with a thatched Fiji house. The kitchen garden was once cultivated by monks. Enjoy too the views to Crickley and Coopers Hill.

Home-made teas

Adult £6; child free.

### **GARDEN VISITS BY COACH**

If you don't drive, remember that local coach firms run trips to gardens and flower shows. Marchants offer a varied programme, including in September Kew Gardens on 9<sup>th</sup>; the Lost Gardens of Heligan on 17<sup>th</sup>; and the Malvern Autumn Show on 23<sup>rd</sup>. Look at their website [www.marchants-coaches.com](http://www.marchants-coaches.com) or ring 01242 257714 or call in to their Clarence Street office in Cheltenham or your local Tourist Information Centre.

### **COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY SEED EXCHANGE**

You will find the details for this on page 29 in the latest national CGS magazine which you should have received in August. Seeds you are donating need to be with Margaret Mason by the end of October; requests for seed lists by 15<sup>th</sup> November; and orders for seeds by mid January 2024. All enquiries to Margaret at Nye's

Cottage, Southwater Street, Nr Horsham, West Sussex RH13 9BN; email:  
[louismen68@gmail.com](mailto:louismen68@gmail.com)

### **NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CARD**

You will find your national membership card on the back cover of the Autumn 2023 edition of the Cottage Gardener magazine. Cut it out before you forget! If you have mislaid it, your membership number is usually to be found on the envelope the magazine comes in. Any queries to Clive Lane: Tel. 01270 820940 or email [clive\\_lane\\_cgs@hotmail.com](mailto:clive_lane_cgs@hotmail.com)

### **MALVERN SHOW**

The Autumn RHS show at Malvern takes place from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at the 3 Counties Showground. It not only offers plant displays but also plants for sale and giant vegetables, celebrities and cookery workshops.

Visit [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk) for more information and to book tickets.

The national Cottage Garden Society is keen to be represented at Malvern's Spring Show in 2024. National Chairperson Sue Clarke has asked if there are Cotswold Group members who would be interested in helping to organise this. It is only feasible if there are sufficient volunteers to help design, set up and staff the stand.

Let us know if you think you would like to be involved in doing this.

### **THE MUSEUM IN THE PARK, STRATFORD PARK, STROUD**

Once again, the Museum and its walled garden are offering events which may be of interest to Cottage Gardeners. The Museum is always free entry, but some events charge.

There are Autumn Textile Workshops for Adults, a series of explorations in stitch of the Museum and Walled Garden, with each themed workshop focusing on different display rooms or the garden, and a variety of textile skills.

For more information <https://museuminthepark.org.uk/autumn-textile-workshops>

All workshops are suitable for adults (18+) with some experience of sewing or crafting. All materials and tea/coffee are provided in these relaxed and friendly sessions. The tutor will be Sue McNamara, an experienced and enthusiastic 'maker and mender' and textile tutor.

The first of 3 sessions is on Thursday 7 September 2023: **Autumn Appliqué**, inspired by the Walled Garden (10.30am - 12.30pm)

**Cost per session: £20 or £15 for Museum in the Park Members** – but it is free to become a member, so sign up for free information and discounted tickets for any priced events. Register online or call 01453 763394.

Catch up with the walled garden volunteers' blog. The latest considers the most admired plant in the garden, harvesting, and another secret garden.

<https://museuminthepark.org.uk/walled-garden-volunteers-blog/2023/8/22/walled-garden-volunteers-blog-august-2023>



### **NATURE IN ART**

From Sep 19<sup>th</sup> – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> you can enjoy a unique exhibition to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Society of Wildlife Artists at Nature In Art in Twigworth. It includes both 2D and 3D works by members who have played an important role in the journey of the Society thus far, including work by all its past-presidents. The SWLA continues to be a hugely influential organisation delighting in the natural world through fine art.

Nature in Art, off the main A38 in Twigworth, GL2 9PA. (Postcode for SatNav GL2 9PG.) Tel. 01452 731422

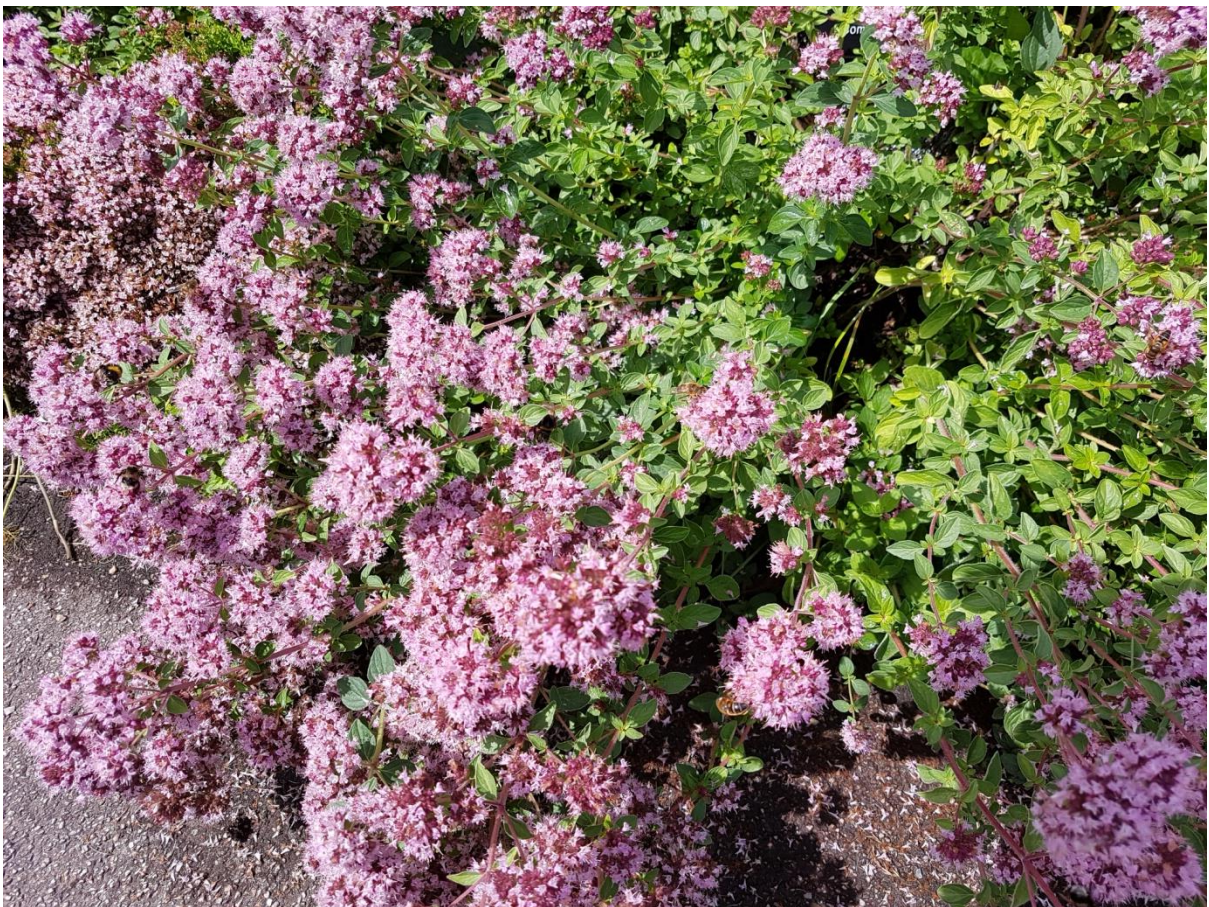
**DON'T FORGET!**

**HERBS, HEALING & THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT** at the Museum of Gloucester continues into October.

You can book multiple workshops/walks on the same transaction. All events cost just £1.00 each for a ticket.

Museum of Gloucester Brunswick Rd, Gloucester GL1 1HP Tel. 01452 396131

<https://museum-ofgloucester.arttickets.org.uk/museum-of-gloucester/2023-08-05-healing-herbs-exhibition-workshops>



***Please let us know of topics of interest to you and gardens you would like to visit as part of a small group to help us plan future programmes and newsletters.***