

carlow garden festival

Saturday 30th July – Sunday 7th August 2011

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carlow
gardens



tv and radio gardeners | free events | workshops
leading garden designers | nature trails | garden visits
music and entertainment | duckett's grove country fair

www.carlowgardentrail.com



we are 10 years old!

Celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2011 Carlow's Garden Festival is a flora, gardening and nature extravaganza. We continue to bring you informative gardening and environmental workshops hosted by some of Ireland's best known TV and radio experts, and leading garden designers. Flora and nature fun and facts feature strongly throughout the 9-day event which also includes a country fair at Duckett's Grove Historic House and Walled Gardens featuring a large craft and food fair, musical performances, traditional craft demonstrations and fun for the entire family.



saturday 30 | 07 | 11

delta sensory gardens with paul martin
health and wellness in a garden

Paul Martin, designer of the 16th garden at the Delta Sensory Gardens will conduct an interactive workshop providing practical tips to maximise the health and wellness opportunities within your own garden.



venue: the delta sensory gardens and delta garden centre, strawhall estate, carlow **time:** 11.30am

admission: Adults €5; OAPs €4 garden centre open, restaurant open for teas, coffees and lunch etc.



creating raised beds with suitable planting

There are many fine examples of raised beds within Delta Sensory Gardens. Paul Martin will demonstrate how raised beds can be created, on normal path levels or through sunken areas and will advise on the most suitable planting and herb options. Workshop attendees will be able to see how plants like thyme, chamomile and oregano adapt in raised beds. Paul Martin will also give advice on the many types of paving suitable for the Irish climate.



venue: the delta sensory gardens and delta garden centre, strawhall estate, carlow **time:** 2.00pm

admission: Adults €5; OAPs €4 garden centre open, restaurant open for teas, coffees and lunch etc.



sunday 31 | 07 | 11

duckett's grove country fair with helen dillon

Enjoy Summer fun and entertainment in the magical setting of Duckett's Grove Walled Gardens and Pleasure Grounds close to Carlow Town. A hive of family fun and activity can be enjoyed in this truly spectacular setting, just 10 minutes from Carlow Town. Duckett's Grove, the 18th, 19th and early 20th century home of the Duckett family, was formerly at the centre of a 12,000 acre estate that has dominated the Carlow landscape for over 300 years. Even in ruin, the surviving towers and turrets of Duckett's Grove form a romantic profile making it one of the most photogenic historic buildings in the country.

Activities on display include:

- ✦ local artisan food market;
- ✦ local craft market;
- ✦ FREE garden tours with Helen Dillon;
- ✦ FREE kids entertainment show;
- ✦ FREE musical entertainment;
- ✦ FREE traditional craft demonstrations – butter making, thatching, blacksmith and weaving;
- ✦ FREE pet farm area and treasure hunt of Duckett's Grove.



venue: duckett's grove walled gardens & pleasure grounds, rainestown, co. carlow (close to carlow town)

time: 11.00am – 5.00pm admission: €5 per car



monday 01 | 08 | 11

rathvilly garden centre with brian cross

right plant, right place

Brian Cross, columnist with *The Irish Garden*, highlights the key principles of good herbaceous and tree planting focusing on issues such as soil suitability, timing, size and labelling.



venue: rathvilly garden centre, baltinglass road, rathvilly, co. carlow

time: 2.00pm admission: FREE



getting the most from your garden - simple improvement steps

This workshop covers all aspects of summer gardening including watering, grooming, summer pruning and much more. Brian will also show how to maximise summer colour right into autumn.

venue: rathvilly garden centre, baltinglass road, rathvilly, co. carlow

time: 3.30pm **admission:** FREE



tuesday 02 | 08 | 11

hardymount gardens with
senator david norris

what makes a good garden

A personal reflection by Senator David Norris on the pleasing aspects of good garden design. With David's entertaining and witty style and vast knowledge of gardening, this workshop is guaranteed to be a highlight of the 2011 festival.

venue: hardymount gardens, tullow, co. carlow

time: 2.30pm **admission:** €10 including refreshments
in aid of cancer research



wednesday 03 | 08 | 11

herb gardens at kilgraney house
with dermot o'neill

herbs for health and harmony

Opening of the new Physics Bed in the Medicinal Courtyard by Dermot O' Neill, followed by a reflective talk on the healing properties of plants and the therapeutic benefits of gardening.

venue: herb gardens at kilgraney house, bagenalstown, co. carlow

time: 2.00pm **admission:** day ticket €10 in aid of Friends of Wexford General Hospital; refreshments served at 4.00pm



herbal walk and talk

Dermot will lead visitors through the gardens identifying herbs that are commonly used for culinary, medicinal and aromatherapy purposes. Dermot will also collect plant cuttings for the propagation demonstration during this talk.

venue: herb gardens at kilgraney house, bagenalstown, co. carlow

time: 3.30pm; refreshments served at 4.00pm



propagating herbs and plants

This hands-on demonstration by Dermot O'Neill will discuss the propagation of herbs and plants from the garden.

venue: herb gardens at kilgraney house, baginastown, co. carlow
time: 4.30pm

blooming art

competition and exhibition

29th July to
14th August 2011

venue: kilgraney house gallery, baginastown, co. carlow
details: www.kilgraneyhouse.com



thursday 04 | 08 | 11

huntington castle and gardens

tree trail with éanna ní lamhna

Join Éanna Ní Lamhna as she discovers some superb trees in the grounds of Huntington Castle including hickory, oak and Siberian crab.

venue: meet in courtyard, huntington castle, clonegal, co. carlow time: 11.00am admission: adults €5.00; children 12-18 €3.00; under 12 FREE. Tea rooms will be open for teas, coffees, lunch etc. Tours of huntington castle also available.



altamont gardens

with éanna ní lamhna

gardening for wildlife

Éanna Ní Lamhna provides practical, easy steps to garden for wildlife. Find out which plants attract songbirds, butterflies, frogs and other interesting wildlife.

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



garden and nature tour of altamont

Walk through the ancient oak woods of the Ice Age Glen to the River Slaney and along its banks and be prepared for a unique insight into the informal and wild side of Altamont Gardens. Strong footwear required.

venue: meet at the carpark, altamont gardens, tullow, co. carlow time: 3.30pm admission: FREE



friday 05 | 08 | 11

leighlinbridge – the garden village with dermot o'neill

Led by gardening expert Dermot O' Neill, this tour focuses on four gardens built and designed by the local community to commemorate various aspects of village life over the years including the Millennium Garden, Vivaldi Garden, Sculpture Garden and the Garden of Remembrance.



venue: the sculpture garden, riverside area, leighlinbridge, co. carlow **time:** 12.00pm **admission:** FREE



arboretum lifestyle and garden centre with dermot o'neill

maximising colour in your garden – late-summer flowering plants

Ireland's first five star garden centre and winner of the coveted Bord Bia Garden Centre of the Year for a record nine years. Gardener extraordinaire Dermot O' Neill will be hosting a lively presentation on late-summer flowering plants. Coupled with Dermot's enthusiasm and vast knowledge on all things associated with gardening, this is guaranteed to be an enthralling afternoon for all. Dermot will also share his in-depth knowledge growing roses and recommend some of his favourites. P.S. don't forget to bring a notebook and pen for great tips and advice!



venue: arboretum lifestyle & garden centre, leighlinbridge, co. carlow **time:** 2.00pm **admission:** FREE



garden tour of the arboretum inspirational garden

A one hour tour of the amazing Arboretum Inspirational Gardens, a new and exciting display garden in the company of Dermot O' Neill. The garden is designed to help visitors create their own dreams while showing them that gardening is both stylish and fun and can be enjoyed in any busy lifestyle.



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



saturday 06 | 08 | 11

rathwood with bernadette doran

Bernadette Doran has over 30 years experience designing gardens in Ireland, England and America. She had the recent pleasure of winning 3 top awards in the Bloom Garden Festival.



good garden design

Bernadette Doran believes that when a garden is planned and arranged with mindful attention and respect of nature, it will grow in harmony with you. Bernadette will demonstrate her award winning steps and guidelines to achieve the balanced garden for your personal needs.

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



planting for future seasons

Learn from Bernadette about a better choice of plants for your garden for the coming seasons, being mindful of the colder winters which Ireland is now experiencing.

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

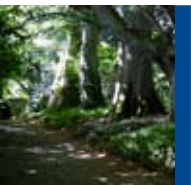


sunday 07 | 08 | 11

altamont gardens with dick warner

tree trail

Ever wondered about the names and identification of some of our native Irish and more exotic tree species? The Altamont Estate, which gains much of its character from its mature trees and exotic specimens is the perfect starting place. This tour, in the company of Dick Warner, one of Ireland's foremost tree experts, is guaranteed to be a revelation.



venue: meet at carpark, altamont gardens, tullow, co. carlow
time: 11.00am admission: FREE



sunday 07 | 08 | 11

huntington castle with dick warner
nature trail



Learn about the spectacular ecology and scenery of these woodlands and meadows in the company of Dick Warner, one of Ireland's renowned environmentalists. Savour the sight of the magnificent trees, learn about the history of one of Ireland's earliest water turbine houses, smell the fresh fragrance of its wild flower meadows and listen for the sounds of the resident ravens and buzzards.

venue: meet in courtyard, huntington castle, clonegal, co. carlow
time: 2.00pm & 4.00pm admission: adults €5.00; children 12-18 €3.00; under 12 FREE. Tea rooms will be open for teas, coffees, lunch etc. Tours of huntington castle also available.

blooming great offers



Avlon House, Green Lane, Dublin Road, Carlow

T: 059 9174 222 E: info@avlonhouse.com www.carlowbedandbreakfast.com

Midweek Rate – €35.00 per person sharing.

Weekend Rate – €40.00 per person sharing.

Carlow's only AA & Fáilte Ireland 4 star accommodation



Barrow Lodge B&B, The Quay, Carlow

T: 059 914 1173 E: reservations@barrowlodge.com W: www.barrowlodge.com

B&B €35 per person sharing. Enjoy 10% discount on stays of three nights or more when booked by phone or email.



Clanard Court Hotel, Dublin Road, Athy, Co. Kildare

T: 059 8640 666 E: info@clanardcourt.ie W: www.clanardcourt.ie

2 night break with dinner 1 evening – €99 per person sharing
(Monday – Thursday)

Young at Heart (over 50's) 3 nights B&B with dinner each evening
€150 per person sharing

Room only €59



Coolanowle Country House and Organic Farm,
Ballickmoyler, Co. Carlow

T: 059 862 5176 E: info@coolanowle.com W: www.coolanowle.com

2 nights B&B & 1 Dinner €115 per person sharing.

1 nights B&B & 1 Dinner €80 per person sharing.

Self-catering from €250 weekend to €400 weekly rental.



Knockrigg House, Wells, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow

T: 059 972 2555 E: knockrigghse@eircom.net W: www.knockriggghouse.com

Midweek/weekend rate – €35 per person sharing.





Lord Bagenal Hotel, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow

T: 059-9774000 E: info@lordbagenal.com W: www.lordbagenal.com

1 night B&B & 1 Dinner €70 per person sharing

2 nights B&B & 1 Dinner €115 per person sharing

B&B only €50 per person sharing



Lorum Old Rectory, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow

T: 059 977 5282 E: info@lorum.com W: www.lorum.com

2 nights B&B & 1 Dinner €225 per person sharing.



Mount Wolseley Hotel Spa & Country Club, Tullow, Co. Carlow

T: 059 9180100 E: info@mountwolseley.ie W: www.mountwolseley.ie

2 nights B&B & 1 Dinner – €139 per person sharing midweek

2 nights B&B & 1 Dinner – €179 per person sharing weekend

1 night B&B & 1 Dinner – €89 per person sharing midweek

1 night B&B & 1 Dinner – €110 per person sharing weekend



Mulvarra House, St. Mullins, Co. Carlow

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

Midweek/weekend rate €35 per person sharing B&B

2 nights B&B – €65 per person sharing

3 nights B&B – €100 per person sharing

Dinner available €30 per person. Ref Garden Festival when booking.



Orchard Grove B&B, Wells, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow

T: 059 972 2140 E: orchardgrove@eircom.net www.orchardgrovebb.com

Midweek Rate – €32.50 per person sharing

Weekend Rate – €35.00 per person sharing



Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow

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

2 nights B&B & 1 Dinner – €99 per person sharing

Sunday – Friday B&B – €45 per person sharing

Saturday, 6th August B&B – €55 per person sharing

Single supplement €15



Southern County Fishing & Family Resort, Garryhill, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow

T: 059 915 7773 E: info@southerncounty.ie W: www.southerncounty.ie

All day fishing €20 per adult, €15 12 – 16 years and €10 per child.

Entry into the wild life park, pet farm and picnic/barbeque areas absolutely free. Train ride around the resort €3.



Weeping Thaiger Restaurant, Castle Hill, Carlow

T: 059 913 7000 W: www.weepingthaiger.ie

New dine-in menu. Main courses including side dishes €10 and appetisers €5.



Chocolate Garden of Ireland, Rath, Tullow, Co. Carlow

T: 059 648 1999 W: www.chocolategarden.ie

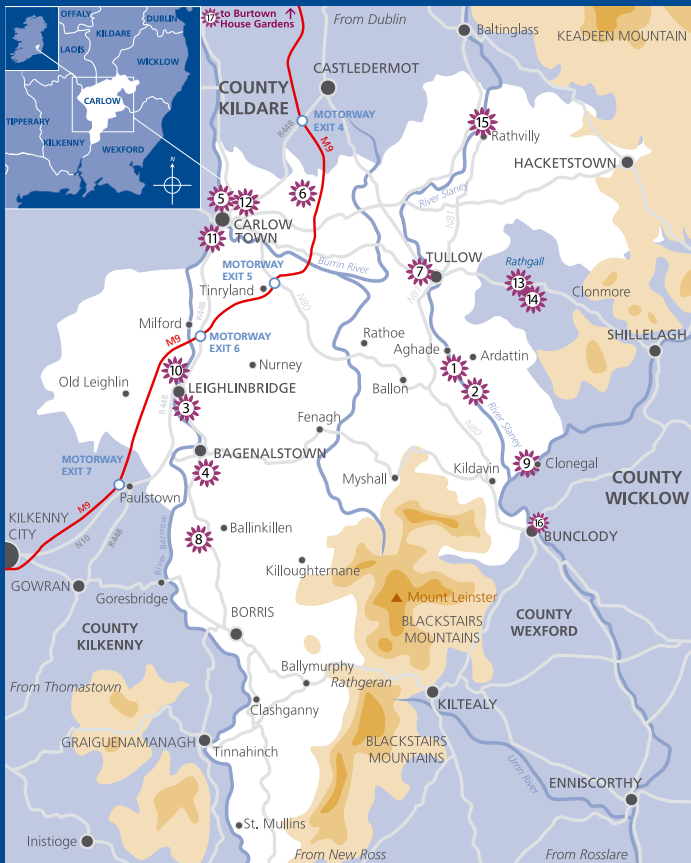
The Chocolate Garden has a delicious coffee shop and an ice cream parlour, all located at its chocolate and ice cream factory.

GARDEN FESTIVAL OFFER: two scoops of ice cream for the price of one



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 – 5.30pm daily



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