

carlow floral festival trail

Saturday 1st – Sunday 9th August 2009



carlow
gardens



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

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welcome to carlow's floral festival trail 2009

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From bulbs to borders and woodland to wildlife, Carlow's Floral Festival Trail is a great opportunity for budding and experienced gardeners and nature lovers to obtain practical advice and tips from some of Ireland's most respected gardening and nature personalities. Now in its 8th year the festival is widely recognised as the South-East's premier gardening event.



famous TV and radio faces



Helen Dillon is a renowned plants woman, writer, lecturer and broadcaster. With her inimitable style, Helen's workshops are guaranteed to appeal to everyone from the reluctant gardener to the green fingered enthusiast.



With over 20 years experience in broadcasting and lecturing, **Dermot O' Neill** is one of Ireland's best-loved gardening experts. Dermot writes for the RTÉ Guide and is the gardening contributor to the Weekend Magazine in the *Saturday Independent*.



As a panelist on RTÉ 1's wildlife programme *The Mooney Show* each Friday, **Eanna Ní Lamhna** is one of the best known voices on Irish radio.



Environmentalist, writer and broadcaster **Dick Warner** will guide you on a voyage of discovery along the River Barrow on **Sunday 9th August**.



Ciara O' Meara is a practising Medical Herbalist and produces herb medicines from her own garden. She is a regular contributor to the RTÉ 1 TV programme *The Afternoon Show*.



Finola Reid was Historic Gardens Consultant on the Duckett's Grove restoration project and will lead guided tours around the gardens on **Sunday 9th August 2009**.

saturday 01 | 08 | 09

arboretum lifestyle and garden centre with dermot o'neill

The Arboretum Lifestyle and Garden Centre is Ireland's first five star garden centre and winner of the coveted Bord Bia Garden Centre of the Year for the past seven years.

developing a fruit garden

Fruit adds colour and variety to your garden, not to mention delicious taste and flavour to your kitchen. Surprisingly simple to grow, once established it requires only a little maintenance. Dermot O' Neill highlights the main principles of fruit gardening and provides lots of practical advice on growing fruit covering areas such as soil preparation, planting and best fruit varieties.

venue: arboretum lifestyle & garden centre, leighlinbridge

time: 12.00pm FREE admission

straight from the garden – growing your own food

There's nothing quite as satisfying or tasty as eating vegetables grown in your own back garden. This workshop introduces you to key principles of vegetable gardening including soil preparation, planning, sowing and harvesting. Dermot will discuss various space options from vegetable plots, to allotments and container gardening while also outlining the benefits of "edging" crops.

venue: arboretum lifestyle & garden centre, leighlinbridge

time: 2.30pm FREE admission

garden tour of the arboretum inspirational gardens

In a 1 hour tour of the Arboretum Inspirational Gardens, Dermot O' Neill provides details of easy, low maintenance gardening schemes & solutions. A visit to the garden is a treat for the amateur or the enthusiast who will enjoy seeing the themed planting, use of colour, texture and form.

venue: arboretum lifestyle & garden centre, leighlinbridge

time: 4.00pm FREE admission





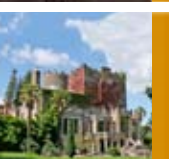
sunday 02 | 08 | 09

huntington castle with eanna ní lamhna

Huntington Castle Gardens were mainly laid out in the 17th century by the Esmondés who also built Huntington Castle in 1625. These include the French limes on the Avenue, the terraced lawns and fountain to the side of the house, the fishponds and the Yew Tree Walk.

guided tours – huntington castle

An insightful tour of one of Ireland’s most unusual castles featuring a visit to the Temple of Isis and many items of absorbing interest from Africa, Egypt and ancient Ireland.



venue: the courtyard, huntington castle gardens, clonegal

time: 2.00pm, 2.50pm, 3.40pm, 4.30pm and 5.25pm.

admission: adults €6, children €4.



nature walk in the company of eanna ní lamhna

Learn about the spectacular ecology and scenery of these woodlands and meadows in the company of Eanna Ní Lamhna, 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 and smell the fresh fragrance of its wild flower meadows.



venue: front entrance gate, huntington castle gardens, clonegal

time: 2.00pm **not suitable for the physically impaired or children in buggies** FREE admission



tree trail

Join Eanna as she discovers some superb trees in the grounds of Huntington Castle including hickory, oak, siberian crab and buckeye chestnut.

venue: front entrance gate, huntington castle gardens, clonegal

time: 3.30pm FREE admission



monday 03 | 08 | 09

rathvilly garden centre with dermot o’neill

Rathvilly Garden Centre is a family run business, operated by Dermot and Caroline Byrne who pride themselves on offering a comprehensive range of home grown bedding plants and shrubs.

golden rules of buying plants

The plants that you choose for your garden can make or break its overall appearance. Dermot O' Neill highlights the key principles of good plant and vegetable choice focusing on issues such as soil suitability, timing, size and labelling.



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

time: 2.00pm FREE admission

getting the most from your garden - simple improvement steps

This workshop covers all the aspects of summer gardening including watering, grooming, summer pruning, pest control and much more. Dermot will also outline how to maximise summer colour right into the autumn.



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

time: 3.30pm FREE admission

tuesday 04 | 08 | 09

hardymount gardens with helen dillon

Hardymount is a wonderful walled garden containing many unusual plants in its herbaceous borders and is surrounded by magnificent beech and oak trees.



planning flowerbeds and borders

Heralding the changes of each new month flowers provide seasonal variation in colour, form and texture. Helen Dillon introduces key lessons for successful border and flowerbed planting.



venue: hardymount gardens, tullow, co. carlow **time:** 2.00pm

admission: €10 including refreshments

health checking your plants

From the time of initial purchase Helen explains the importance of plant health checks. With plants subject to all of the elements in Ireland from strong winds to heavy rain and hot sun, constant attention to their well being is essential for a flourishing garden.



venue: hardymount gardens, tullow, co. carlow **time:** 4.00pm

admission: €10 including refreshments; €15 for both events in aid of cancer research



wednesday 05 | 08 | 09

kilgraney house & herb gardens with ciara o'meara, medical herbalist

Consisting of a series of interconnecting herbal gardens Kilgraney features a large kitchen garden, a tea walk, a medicinal herb courtyard, a medieval monastic herb garden and a garden of aromatic and fragrant herbs.

walk and talk

Herbs are attractive plants with a wide range of uses. Ciara will lead visitors through the gardens identifying herbs that are commonly used for culinary, medicinal and aromatherapy purposes. Many of the best healing plants can be grown within your garden and this talk is ideal for those wishing to expand knowledge in this area.



venue: kilgraney house & herb gardens, bagenalstown, co. carlow
time: 2.00pm admission: day ticket €10, OAPs €5. In aid of Hope Centre, Enniscorthy



herbal teas and tonics to prepare at home

The Chinese have been drinking tea since around 3,000 BC and regard it as essential for a healthy mind, body and soul. Using examples from the Tea Walk at Kilgraney, Ciara outlines the benefits of herbal teas and tonics in alleviating common symptoms such as colds and flu infections, insomnia, sore throats and stress. This workshop will conclude with a questions and answers session.



venue: kilgraney house & herb gardens, bagenalstown, co. carlow
time: 3.30pm (day ticket as above applies)

thursday 06 | 08 | 09

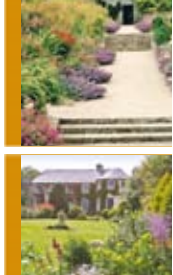
altamont gardens with helen dillon

Helen Dillon, Ireland's most beloved gardener returns to Altamont Gardens. Experience a fantastic floral feast with lots of useful tips and information on all gardening matters. Open day in Altamont is hosted by the OPW as part of the Carlow Floral Festival Trail.



bigger and better borders

This workshop covers all important aspects of border gardening including pruning, deadheading, second flowerings, delayed flowering, watering and feeding using case examples from the Corona North Commemorative Border at Altamont Plant Sales.



venue: the walled garden at altamont gardens **time:** 12.00pm **FREE**

smelling of roses – rose trail of altamont gardens with helen dillon and paul cutler, head gardener at altamont

This rose workshop is an unmissable opportunity to view many of the rare roses growing in the gardens and gain valuable advice on rose maintenance.



venue: meet at the carpark, altamont gardens **time:** 2.00pm **FREE**

garden tour of altamont

Helen Dillon explains why Altamont is one of her favourite gardens and points out some of her favourite features, many of which can be easily incorporated into your own garden on a smaller scale. A fascinating tour of this most beautiful garden, widely respected as the jewel in Ireland's gardening crown.



venue: meet at the carpark, altamont gardens **time:** 3.30pm **FREE**

friday 07 | 08 | 09

rathwood home & garden world with dermot o'neill

Rathwood is a multi-award winning family owned centre with a fashionable gift and garden shop, elite furniture and interiors shop, a bright busy restaurant with home baking and a lovely well-stocked garden centre.



dermot o'neill's top plants

Dermot O' Neill selects his top plants from the Rathwood selection that everybody should find room for in their gardens.



venue: rathwood home & garden centre, tullow, co. carlow
time: 12 noon **FREE** admission



right plant, right place

Right plants are the key to any successful garden design. Choosing plants to cater for those shady, windy or cool areas of the garden will become a whole lot easier following this practical workshop. Advice will focus on the most suitable plants taking soil, height, light, space and exposure into consideration. Dermot will also give tips on planting varieties for year round colour & foliage.



venue: rathwood home & garden centre, tullow, co. carlow
time: 2.30pm FREE admission



saturday 08 | 08 | 09

delta sensory gardens with helen dillon creating mystery and drama

All the best gardens have a sense of drama and mystery that invites the visitor to explore more. A perfect example is the Delta Sensory Gardens where a range of 14 gardens feature a mix of formal and informal landscaping and special features including sculptures, splashing fountains, glass items and a waterfall. Helen Dillon outlines how a similar approach can be created in your own garden by adding mirrors, creating concealed areas within the design and “rooms” within your garden.



venue: delta sensory gardens, strawhall estate, carlow
time: 12.00pm admission: adults €5; OAPs €4



testing the 5 senses

Many gardens are created to test 1 or 2 of our 5 senses. Rarely are all 5 senses planned into a garden from the outset. Visitors to this workshop are in for a treat however as Helen Dillon explains how all 5 senses – sight, smell, touch, taste and sound – are incorporated into the gardens at Delta. Helen will also provide practical examples of how these senses can be included in your garden with minimal effort.



venue: delta sensory gardens, strawhall estate, carlow
time: 2.30pm admission: adults €5; OAPs €4
garden centre open, restaurant open for teas, coffees, lunch etc.

sunday 09 | 08 | 09

Duckett's Grove Country Fair 11am – 5pm

Enjoy Summer fun and entertainment in the magical setting of Duckett's Grove Walled Gardens & Pleasure Grounds close to 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. Two interconnecting walled gardens have now been completed, the old paths revealed and beds and borders reinstated.

Activities on the day include:

- Display and Plant sales area from members of the I.S.N.A (Irish Specialist Nursery Association,) a collection of smaller, more specialised nurseries in Ireland who will offer a large variety of plants for sale and assist you with your gardening queries.
- Walk and Talk around Duckett's Grove Gardens with Finola Reid, Historic Gardens Consultant. Finola will lead tours every hour on the hour (last tour 4pm) covering the history of the estate, the type of gardens to be found at that time and the current garden structure.
- Mobile animal farm with live commentary by Darragh McCullough of RTÉ1's *Ear to the Ground*
- Woodland falconry featuring birds of prey, red kites and golden eagles.
- Horse drawn carriage rides.
- Teddy Bear Picnic featuring face painting, balloon making and Punch & Judy Show.
- Local artisan food market & craft market.
- Display of traditional crafts – butter making, bread making, thatching and blacksmith.
- Tea room with Askea Country Markets
- Jazz Band and musical entertainment throughout the day.



venue: duckett's grove walled gardens & pleasure grounds, duckett's grove, close to carlow town **time:** 11am – 5pm

admission: €5 per car

one way traffic system in place, please observe signs



bagenalstown festival

friday 07 | 08 | 09 – sunday 09 | 08 | 09



friday, 7th august

12pm – 4pm Disabled Fishing Competition on River Barrow

8pm Festival Factor and Official Opening of Festival in McGrath Hall.



saturday, 8th august

9am – 12pm Country markets, St. Mary's Hall

10am – 8pm French Market, Bachelor's Walk

2pm – 6pm Arts & Crafts Exhibition, Credit Union

2pm Autism Walk to Leighlinbridge along River Barrow

2pm – 6pm Classic Vintage Car Display, St. Mary's

8pm Returning Emigrants Festival Ball, McGrath Hall



sunday, 9th august

10am – 8pm French Market, Bachelor's Walk

2pm – 6pm Arts & Crafts Exhibition, Credit Union

2pm & 4pm Dick Warner! Join river expert Dick Warner on the quayside in Bagenalstown for an informative insight into the flora and fauna, wildlife and history of the River Barrow, Ireland's premier inland waterway.

2pm – 4pm Town Park Events; brass band, meggars competition

2pm – 5pm Open Day at the Fire Station

2pm – 5pm Music by the River, Richie Kavanagh and local bands

4pm Puppet show, venue TBC

9pm Elvis Show, McGrath Hall



For more information

visit www.bagenalstownfestival.com

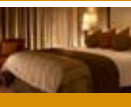
special festival accommodation offers



Barrowville Townhouse, Kilkenny Road, Carlow

t: 059-9143324 e: barrowilletownhouse@eircom.net www.barrowville.com

Mid week: B&B from €39 pps / Weekend B&B from €49



The Carlton Millrace Hotel & C Spa, Carrigduff, Bunclody, Co. Wexford

t: 053-9375100 e: info@millrace.ie www.carltonmillracehotel.com

Mid week: 2 Nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal €129 pps

3 Nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal €179 pps / B&B €59 pps

Weekend: 2 Nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal €199 pps

3 Nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal €259 pps / B&B €79 pps



Killerig Resort, Killerig, Co. Carlow

t: 059-9163050 e: info@killerigresort.com www.killerigresort.com

Mid week: 2 Nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal €99 pps

Weekend: 2 Nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal €139 pps

Super Sundays From €79 per room B&B



Kilgraney House & Herb Gardens, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow

t: 059-9775283 e: info@kilgraneyhouse.com www.kilgraneyhouse.com

2 nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal from €180.00 pps



Lorum Old Rectory, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow

t: 059-9775282 e: enquiry@lorum.com www.lorum.com

3 nights B&B and 2 Evening Meals €290 pps

2 nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal €180 pps

B&B only €75 pps / Single supplement €20 per night



Mount Wolseley Hotel, Spa & Country Club, Tullow

t: 059-9180100 e: info@mountwolseley.ie www.mountwolseley.ie

3 nights B&B and 2 Evening Meals €239 pps / 2 nights B&B and 1

Evening Meal €139 pps / 1 nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal €99 pps



Mulvarra House and Body Treatment Centre, St. Mullins, Co. Carlow

t: 051-424936 e: info@mulvarra.com www.mulvarra.com

2 nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal €105 pps

1 night B&B €38 pps / Single supplement €10 per night



Orchard Grove, Wells, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow

t: 059-9722140 e: orchardgrove@eircom.net www.orchardgrovebb.com

2 nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal €90 pps



Seven Oaks Hotel, Athy Road, Carlow

t: 059-9131308 e: info@sevenoakshotel.com www.sevenoakshotel.com

2 Nights B&B and 2 Evening Meals €139 pps

2 Nights B&B and 1 Evening Meal €114 pps

1 Night B&B and 1 Evening Meal €90 pps / 1 Night B&B €55 pps

Single supplement €20 per night



Talbot Hotel, Portlaoise Road, Carlow

t: 059-9153000 e: sales@talbothotelcarlow.ie www.talbotcarlow.ie

3 nights B&B & 2 Evening Meals €165.00 pps

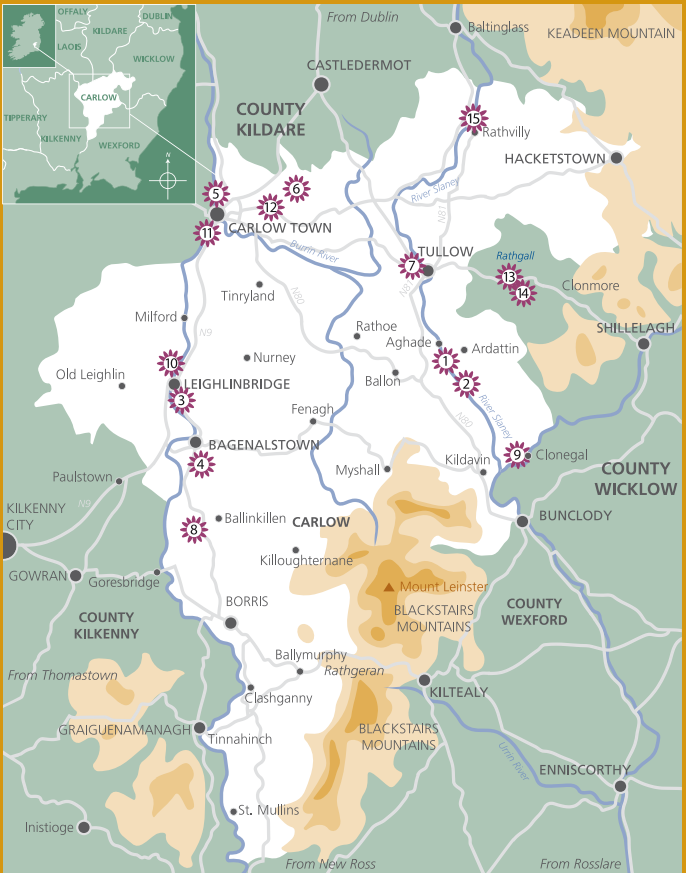
2 nights B&B & 1 Evening Meal €109.00 pps

B&B per night €45.00 pps / Single supplement €25.00 per night



floral & craft exhibition during the festival trail featuring local talented artists

venue: the forge restaurant, art & craft centre, kilbride cross, ballon, co. carlow [half mile from altamont gardens]
time: 9.30am – 5.30pm daily



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| 2 Altamont Plant Sales
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