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HISTORIC GARDEN MANAGEMENT MASTER CLASS



THURSDAY 11 MARCH 2010 – 09.45-15.30

WEMYSS HOUSE, 28 CHARLOTTE SQUARE, EDINBURGH

Tickets £45.00 including lunch, available by booking in advance with

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THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND GARDEN CONSERVATION MASTER CLASSES

MASTER CLASS PROGRAMME

Chairman: David Mitchell, Curator, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh &
Convenor NTS Gardens & Designed Landscapes Advisory Panel

09.45	Arrival & Registration
10.00-10.15	Welcome & Introduction Kate Mavor (Chief Executive, National Trust for Scotland) Paddy Scott (Director, Scotland's Gardens Scheme)
10.15-10.45	Unearthing the Roots of a Historic Garden and Designed Landscape Robert Grant (NTS Head of Gardens & Designed Landscapes)
10.45-11.15	Coffee & Opportunity to look at Exhibition Posters & Display
11.15-11.45	Understanding and Valuing Significance Christopher Dingwall (Garden Historian & Member of the NTS Gardens Advisory Panel)
11.45-12.15	Heritage Protection at a Time of Major Threat Ann Steele (NTS Gardens Adviser, West & Highlands)
12.15-12.45	What do you Grow? Understanding Plant Heritage Benedict Lyte (Former NTS Plant Collections Adviser)
12.45-13.00	Questions
13.00-13.45	Lunch A soup & sandwich lunch will be provided
13.45-14.30	Lost, Hidden, or Just Unnoticed? Locating the 17th Century Designed Landscape Dr Shannon Fraser (NTS Archaeologist, East)
14.30-15.00	Tools of the Trade Melissa Simpson (NTS Gardens Adviser, South & East)
15.00-15.30	Discussion & Questions Chaired by David Mitchell (Convenor NTS Gardens & Designed Landscapes Advisory Panel)
15.30	Conclusion David Mitchell



Castle Fraser Walled Garden

The National Trust for Scotland Gardens

The National Trust for Scotland is Scotland's largest garden owner caring for nearly 70 garden sites of which 32 comprise major gardens & designed landscapes of considerable national significance. Almost every style of Scottish garden history is represented from the model late medieval garden at Culross Palace, through the 18th century picturesque landscapes at Culzean Castle and Newhailes House; Victorian formality at Haddo House and House of Dun and plantsman's gardens at Arduaine, Branklyn, Crarae and Inverewe; with modernist styles being introduced as recently as 2008 to the small garden at the Hugh Miller Museum in Cromarty.

The Trust first came to gardening in 1945 with the acquisition of Culzean Castle and Leith Hall gardens and since then has conservation managed some of the best gardens in the country. With over 283 hectares under garden cultivation, supporting 13,500 different sorts of plants our gardens are internationally renowned for their plant collections.

The art and craft of practical gardening – and the continuity of skills training is paramount to ensuring the survival and continued enjoyment of these living works of art. In 2010 the Trust celebrates its 50th anniversary of gardener training at Threave School of Gardening, Castle Douglas and with the continued support of Scotland's Gardens Scheme, it ensures that garden trainees continue to benefit from the Trust's garden heritage and experienced craft gardeners.

Further information on Trust gardens, together with its training opportunities can be obtained through the website www.nts.org.uk or by contacting the Gardens Department on gardens@nts.org.uk

Scotland's Gardens Scheme

Each year some 400 Scottish gardens, most of them privately owned, open their gates to the public under the banner of Scotland's Gardens Scheme. 40% of the funds raised is given to charities nominated by each garden owner whilst 60% net goes to SGS' beneficiaries – Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres; The Gardens Fund of the National Trust for Scotland; The Queen's Nursing Institute (Scotland); Perennial and the Royal Fund for Gardeners' Children.

Many of the Trust's gardens open under the scheme each year and in 2010, as in the past, several will be hosting guided walks, talks and practical workshops to help raise funds for Scotland's Garden Scheme. The Trust's Gardens & Designed Landscapes Advisory team are hosting a Master Class in Garden Conservation Management in March 2010 with the aim of supporting the Scheme still further.

The National Trust for Scotland is forever grateful for the generous financial support it receives from Scotland's Gardens Scheme to support its garden activity through, for example, the sponsorship of student gardeners; purchase of tools and machinery; refurbishment of garden areas and interpretative displays, to name but a few.

Details of garden openings are listed in the annual handbook, available in NTS shops and through other book retailers.





Drum Castle Garden & Policies

Excavation of the 17th Century garden



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