carlow garden festival
Saturday 25th July - Monday 3rd August 2015

For novice gardeners to garden connoisseurs, grandparents to grandchildren and family fun for all
www.carlowgardentrail.com
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Monty Don, UK Gardener
Aubriana House & Garden Homes, Loughbridge Co. Carlow

9.30 a.m.

Free

11 a.m.

Free

Dr. Matthew Jolly, Director National Botanic Garden Kilmacurragh
Huntington Castle and Gardens, Clongeny, Co. Carlow

3 p.m.

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11 a.m.

Free

Dr. John McCall, retired Chief Superintendent of the Phoenix Park and author of an Illustrated History of the Phoenix Park – Landscapes and Management to 1800
Barrys, Houses and Gardens Woodland, Berlin, Co. Carlow

11 a.m.

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2.30 p.m.

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3 p.m.

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2.20 p.m.

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Duration

two weeks

3.30 p.m.

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In the Footsteps of Augustine Henry - A Unmissable Tour led by Matthew Jebb, Unesco-listed National Botanic Gardens. A gifted plantsman, Seamus O’Brien, Curator of the National Botanic Gardens, who will point out many rare and unusual features containing herbaceous borders full of unusual plants, espaliered fruit and a garden pond. \[Tour] The enchanting surroundings of Altamont, one of Ireland’s most romantic gardens, are the backdrop for an unmissable tour led by Matthew Jebb, botanist, taxonomist and Director of the National Botanic Gardens, who will point out many rare and unusual features associated with these gardens before finishing his talk at Altamont Plant Sales where he will pick out his top 10 plants for your own garden. Venue: Altamont Gardens, Tullow, Co Carlow GPS: 53.134821, -6.72175 Time: 11 a.m. Adm: FREE 

The Curious Gardener - The delightful Hardymount Gardens plays host to Aena Pavord, author of “The Tulip” and “The Naming of Names” and Gardening Columnist for the independent (UK), who will give a talk based on her bestselling book “The Curious Gardener.” Afterwards, stroll through the lovely walled garden containing herbaceous borders full of unusual plants, espalier fruit and vegetable garden while finishing the afternoon tea on the lawn under the splendid Spanish chestnut tree. Venue: Hardymount Gardens, Tulfow, Co Carlow GPS: 53.279876, -6.72629 Time: 10 a.m. Adm: €10 includes afternoon tea on the lawn. Pre-booking necessary Contact: 059 915 9444 m: 087 921 2135 w: www.opw.ie
Rob Smith, winner of the 2015 “Big Allotment Challenge” on BBC, will talk about his gardening successes and, in particular, will focus on the essentials of composting, pest prevention, pollination and crop productivity in the kitchen garden.

Venue: Kilgraney House, Borris Road, Kilgraney, Co. Carlow
GPS: 52.653681, -6.957602
Contact: 059 977 5283
www.kilgraneyhouse.com

Neil Porteous, head gardener at the outstanding Mount Stewart Gardens in Co. Down and worldwide plant hunter will escort you around the enticing gardens at Burtown made up of several areas including splendid herbaceous borders, shrubberies, a rock garden, a rose wall, with dividing perennials, an old orchard, a walled organic vegetable garden and large woodland surrounded on all sides by water.

Venue: Burtown House and Gardens, Tullo, Co. Carlow
GPS: 52.996788, -6.870744
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Contact: 059 917 9730
www.burtownhouse.ie

Dermot O’Neill, one of Ireland’s most popular gardening experts, comes to Altamont’s captivating blend of intimate gardens and a large woodland surrounded by water.

Venue: Altamont Gardens, Tullow, Co. Carlow
GPS: 52.735129, -6.720966
Time: 3 p.m.
Contact: 059 915 9444
www.altamontgardens.ie

Enjoy Summer fun and entertainment in the magical setting of Ducketts Grove, Athy, Co. Kildare (exit 3 off M9 motorway) with kids craft activities including basket making, weaving, and shoe making. A visit to Altamont’s captivating blend of intimate gardens and a large woodland surrounded by water.

Venue: Ducketts Grove, near Carlow town
GPS: 52.735129, -6.720964
Time: 12 noon
Contact: 059 862 3148
www.ducketsgrove.com

Kitty Scully heads a “walk & talk” in a blacksmith’s forge. Visit to Newtownbarry House, Bunclody, Co. Wexford.

Venue: Newtownbarry House, Bunclody
GPS: 52.693884, -6.64658
Time: 12 noon
Contact: 059 916 1594
www.clonegalkildavin.ie