

West Dean College and Gardens Friends

Events Programme Spring 2017

We want you to **experience** all that West Dean College and Gardens has to offer and make the most of your Friend membership. Every year we organise a number of small events that are your chance to get **behind-the-scenes**. Discover more about the College and **meet the people** who look after West Dean house and the glorious gardens that you **enjoy** year round.



Tues 21 March

7.30pm, The Oak Hall, West Dean College

Literary Salon with Stephen May & Martine McDonagh –

Building on our strong tradition of creative writing at West Dean College. Hear Stephen May and Martine McDonagh in discussion on the topic of 'The Family is a Loaded Gun' in literature.

£5 Garden Friend

£2.50 College Friend

Weds 22 March

5.30pm, The King's Room, West Dean College

'The Silver Swan' a conservation project by Matthew

Read – Tutor on our Conservation of Clocks programme, Matthew brings to life the fascinating history of the Bowes Museum's Silver Swan. First built in 1773 the mechanical swan is the only one of its kind in the world and is currently the star attraction at the Science Museum's 'Robots' exhibition.

Free

(booking required)

Tues 11 April

Normal opening hours, West Dean Gardens

Bring a friend for free - Share your passion for West Dean and for this day only, you can bring in a guest free of charge. Enjoy a walk through the Spring bulbs. Then why not treat yourself to a warming drink or soup in the Gardens Restaurant?

£ free

Tues 18 April

7.30pm, The Oak Hall, West Dean College

Literary Salon with Joanna Moorhead – In 2006, Joanna travelled to Mexico in search of her father's cousin Leonora Carrington. Hear how this trip inspired her latest book, *The Surreal Life of Leonora Carrington*, to be published in April 2017 - the 100th anniversary of Leonora's birth.

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Fri 28 April

7pm, The Gardens Restaurant, West Dean Gardens

Whisky Tasting with Rosemary Moon – Rosemary Moon is famous for her home cooking, recipe books and blogs and her love of whisky. Come and enjoy a wee dram and learn about whiskies and whisky tasting. You'll sample five whiskies alongside some seasonal foods that are perfect accompaniments.

£25 *

Tues 9 May

6.30pm, The Gardens Restaurant, West Dean Gardens

An evening with Head Gardeners Jim Buckland and Sarah Wain – Join us for an 'after hours' walk around the gardens with Jim and Sarah, whilst they share their hands-on experience. Enjoy canapes, appetizers and drinks on the Restaurant terrace (weather dependent). The Garden tour will start at approximately 7.30pm.

£15 *

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Weds 10 May 5.30pm, The Old Library, West Dean College	Artist's Talk by Becky Beasley – Hear how British artist Becky Beasley explores relationships between photography and objects, the body and interiority in a way that is highly subjective and developed through the immersion in the thoughts and methods of other artists.	Free (booking required)
Weds 24 May 5.30pm, The Kings Room, West Dean College	Artist's Talk by Lothar Götz – Hear how Götz engages with architectural spaces to create his characteristic art defined by abstract geometric forms, colour fields, and an intense use of line.	Free (booking required)

Future dates for 2017

25 & 26 August From 6.30pm, The Gardens Restaurant, West Dean Gardens	Tasty Tapas – Choose a selection of your favourite tapas from our specially developed menu. Now on for two nights due to popular demand last year. Dine in the Gardens Restaurant or eat al fresco on the terrace.	£10 deposit pp * (balance to be paid on the night)
Tues 5 September 6.30pm, The Gardens Restaurant, West Dean Gardens	An evening with Head Gardeners Jim Buckland and Sarah Wain – Join us for an evening talk with Jim and Sarah whilst they take you for an exclusive walk around the gardens. Enjoy canapés, appetizers and drinks on the Restaurant terrace (weather dependent). The tour of the Gardens will start at approximately 7.30pm.	£15 *
Thurs 14 December 2.30pm, The Oak Hall, West Dean College	Carols by the Christmas Tree - Join us for our annual celebration in the Oak Hall with carols around the Christmas Tree led by a local choir. A festive afternoon by a roaring log fire, with mulled wine and mince pies to refresh you in the interval.	£10 (max. 4 tickets per booking)
Thurs 14 December 7pm, The Oak Hall, West Dean College	Carols by the Christmas Tree – Come sing with us this festive season at our annual Christmas carols. Join in with the choir as you sing in the Oak Hall by the Christmas Tree. During the interval you can enjoy mulled wine and mince pies.	£10 (max. 4 tickets per booking)

* As a Friend you'll receive priority booking to the events in the Gardens Restaurant. To take advantage of this before the events are open for online booking (approximately 6 weeks prior to the event), complete the Friends booking form or call us on 01243 818256.

Events can be booked online at westdean.org.uk/friends or you can send us a completed booking form.

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