

# Knoll Gardens Foundation

Summer 2017

## What's new in the garden this summer?

We are delighted to have been joined in the garden by two new regular visitors, who in their own way will both be recording a part of Knoll's naturalistic appeal.

### Art meets nature

Inga Street is Knoll Gardens' new Artist in Residence. Inga visited Knoll earlier in the year with a local art group and fell in love with the garden she describes as 'simply magical'. A graduate of Central St Martins, Inga has exhibited extensively and her work is in private collections both in the UK and internationally. Fascinated by the fabric-like layers in nature, particularly branch-like forms and reflections, Inga hopes to create a new range of work, based on Knoll's natural and informal structure, culminating in an exhibition later in the year.

### Stand up and bee counted

Following our Foundation recruitment day in May we now have our own bumble bee surveyor. Rowena Jecock has already mapped out the regular route she will be following and is looking forward to finding out more about the bumble bees in Knoll's four-acre garden.

To help get her started we welcomed Stuart Roberts, distinguished entomologist



and chair of the UK Bee, Wasp and Ants Recording Society to Knoll last month. His extensive knowledge and enthusiasm for our wildlife work at Knoll was really encouraging and we are delighted that he will also be joining us for the Annual Garden Survey on 8 August.

**You can meet Stuart and other wildlife experts at our annual Garden Wildlife Survey on 8 August - more information inside . . .**

# 2017 summer event highlights



Beautiful butterfly walk

## JULY

### Herbal Medicine Walk and Workshop - with Kate Scott

Saturday 15 July, 10.30am until 1pm, £35, very limited numbers

Take a gentle walk as the secrets of Knoll's natural medicine chest are revealed before joining a workshop and making your own herbal potions to take home. Booking essential, call 07969 882439 or email [kscott703@btinternet.com](mailto:kscott703@btinternet.com)

### Guided Walk - Beautiful butterflies with Keith Powrie

Saturday 29 July, 11am until 12.30pm, free but booking essential

Locate and identify Knoll's many butterflies with the expert help of Keith Powrie who has been recording butterfly sightings at Knoll for many years.

Pre-booking essential and donations to the Knoll Gardens Foundation will be welcome on the day.



Dragonfly egg laying in the Dragon Pond

## AUGUST

### Annual Garden Wildlife Survey

Tuesday 8 August, 10am - 3pm, normal garden admission charge which will be split between the participating wildlife charities. Free admission for members and volunteers of local wildlife charities. No booking required.

Join wildlife volunteers and experts in the garden for our annual survey as we discover more about the wildlife in the garden. Suitable for all ages, beginners and experts alike, come along and get involved and find out about your garden wildlife.

### Knoll Gardens Foundation Volunteer Recruitment Open Day

Friday 11 August, 10am - 4pm

A special day to welcome potential volunteers to the garden. Find out about our charity and the volunteering opportunities we can offer you.

### Wild about Herbs - Children's workshop, walk and potion making - with Kate Scott

Saturday 19 August, 10.30am until noon, £15, to include one adult, very limited numbers.

A great way for children (age 6 - 12) to connect with nature and learn about the amazing herbs growing around them in a fun and creative way before making simple and safe lotions and potions to take home. Booking essential, call 07969 882439 or email [kscott703@btinternet.com](mailto:kscott703@btinternet.com)

### Other visitors to the garden this summer...

Alongside our 'public' events we are also welcoming local groups and societies to the garden this summer. In July and August these include:

7 July - Art Groups

14 July - Camera Clubs

21 July - Hardy Plant Society

28 July - Butterfly Conservation

8 August - National Trust

We look forward to sharing the garden with them.

Details of all events with booking information can be found online at [www.knollgardens.co.uk](http://www.knollgardens.co.uk)



Bee hunting



Potion making on a herb workshop



Join our volunteers!

*A huge 'thank you' is due to our many volunteers whose help in looking after our visitors and providing answers to their many questions is so essential and genuinely valued. Without them it would be impossible to run such an interesting programme of events.*

# Can you help?

## Join us for our annual garden survey - 8 August

Every August the Knoll Gardens Foundation hosts a very special Garden Wildlife Survey. In 2016, sixty-one species were identified in a single day and this year, with the help of a team of experts and an army of volunteers, the garden charity's trustees hope to find even more. Can you spare the time to help out?

The 2017 Garden Wildlife Survey runs from 10am – 3pm on Tuesday 8 August and everyone is welcome. It is suitable for all ages and for beginners as well as those with more knowledge and offers a wonderful opportunity to find out more about the creatures you may see in your own garden and re-engage with nature.

Our 2017 team of experts includes:

**Keith Powrie**, who has been recording butterfly, dragonfly and damselfly sightings as Knoll for many years. Keith will be leading two identification walks, in the late morning and early afternoon.

**Mark Spencer**, President of Bournemouth Natural Science Society, who having been moth trapping the night before will be there with his finds for close examination and identification on the day.

**Stuart Roberts**, distinguished entomologist and chair of the UK Bee, Wasp and Ants Recording Society, who will be helping out Rowena Jecock, Knoll's new bumble bee surveyor.

**The RSPB**, who will be continuing work already undertaken at Knoll earlier in the year surveying our birds, and helping to organise and identify the many other creatures that visit and make Knoll Gardens their home.

Peter Gear, Chairman of the Knoll Gardens Foundation said, " Our annual garden wildlife survey is an important part of the charity's work at Knoll. The picture we build up helps us to find out more about the relationship between our plants, our naturalistic planting style and Knoll's wildlife, and creates a clear record of which species thrive in our Wimborne garden".

If you can make some time we'd love your help. You do not need to book, and the normal garden admission charge will be divided between all participating charities. And... everyone already volunteering with RSPB, DWT, BNSS and BWARS and wanting to help out on the day will be admitted free of charge.



## Why not join us?



In the late spring we had a rather successful recruitment day. As well as some new garden volunteers, we were also delighted to gain our new bumble bee surveyor. Jenny Cotton signed on to help with our toddler group and we also found a new administrator, Anna King. Anna is working her way through our 'systems' but we hope she will soon be in charge of making sure we all know what we are doing and when we should be doing it! With a background in primary education, an organised mind and a love of wildlife we think she will fit right in.

Our next recruitment day is on Friday 11 August and we are hoping to fill three other important roles:

- a communicator with both traditional and social media skills to help raise our profile
- a community links volunteer to attend local events and network with other local organisations and
- an all important fundraiser.

We would also welcome anyone interested in a 'meet and greet' role. If you, or anyone you know is interested in joining the Knoll Gardens Foundation as a volunteer please email Anna:

foundation@knollgardens.co.uk or download an application form: [www.knollgardensfoundation.org/pdf/volunteer.pdf](http://www.knollgardensfoundation.org/pdf/volunteer.pdf)

The Knoll Gardens Foundation is dedicated to refining and promoting a wildlife friendly naturalistic gardening style, using the garden at Knoll as a practical example and base for experimentation.

The Foundation relies on donations, legacies, fundraising events and grants to finance its work and welcomes contributions from those who share a passion for gardening and wildlife.

The Knoll Gardens Foundation is Registered as a charity in England and Wales: 1159390.

## Toddler club success

Our new monthly Saturday toddler club, Bugs and Buds is a hit with young families. Created especially for youngsters aged 2 - 5, its aim is to inspire a love of nature from a young age, and the first two sessions



were fully booked! Bugs and Buds runs on the last Saturday of each month.

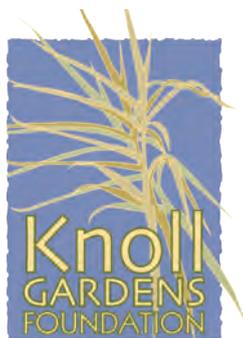
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- If you'd like to get regular updates by email do let us know so we can add you to our mailing list.

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## Garden opening times

The gardens open from 10am - 5pm Tuesday to Saturday and Bank Holiday Mondays - just follow the brown signs. More details at [www.knollgardens.co.uk](http://www.knollgardens.co.uk)

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