

# What's happening at Knoll Gardens?

Our 2018 event programme includes 50+ wildlife, horticultural and lifestyle events suitable for everyone with an interest in the natural world as well as those with specialist knowledge. Many of our events are listed here, but do check our website for details of new events, and any changes to our published programme.



Discover more about our events and book online:  
[knollgardens.co.uk](http://knollgardens.co.uk)

## 17 March: Preparing for Spring with Neil Lucas

Led by Knoll's owner, this practical mini-masterclass will help ensure your grasses are ready to produce the 'wow factor' this summer. 10.30am – 12 noon, £15. *More details and booking.*

## 24 March: Willow workshop – plant climbers with Tracy Standish

Learn simple willow weaving techniques as you create a plant support to use in your garden this spring. 10.30am – 1pm, £30. *More details and booking.*

## 24 April: Guided Walk – Local Landscapes, Knoll Gardens and Ferndown Common

Discover more about east Dorset's horticulture and wildlife as Knoll Gardens' owner Neil Lucas teams up with the Dorset Wildlife Trust for this guided walk across Ferndown Common to Knoll Gardens. 2pm, £5. *Book direct with DWT.*

## 26 April: Bat Walk with Jan Freeborn

Enjoy a special evening stroll as you search for Knoll's most elusive night-time visitors. Using the latest technology and years of experience, Jan will help you identify the bats you see and hear. Mark Spencer of Bournemouth Natural Science Society will also be in the garden moth trapping. 7.45pm, normal garden admission charge which will be divided between the charities involved. *Call the nursery to book on 01202 873931.*

## 28 April: Music in the Garden with Gerauschersteller

Performing as part of Bournemouth Emerging Arts Fringe (BEAF) festival, Dorset-based musical ensemble, Gerauschersteller use amplified pods, cacti and other plant materials in this sound performance of John Cage's Child of Tree, and Branches. Listen to amplified sound through radio headphones in this new meditative experience. 2pm, normal garden admission charge which will be donated to the Knoll Gardens Foundation.



## 4 May: Knoll Gardens Foundation Volunteer Recruitment Open Day

The Knoll Gardens Foundation is a charity set up to promote sustainable, wildlife friendly gardening. This special open day is your chance to find out about the charity and the volunteering opportunities it offers. Further details at [knollgardensfoundation.org](http://knollgardensfoundation.org) 10am – 2pm, free.

## 1 June: We value our volunteers

Free garden admission to everyone showing proof of volunteering status, in any capacity, in celebration of National Volunteers Week. Meet up with our own volunteers in the morning or simply relax as you enjoy a stroll around our naturalistic garden. Please bring proof of your volunteering status to gain free admission. 10am – 3pm, free.

## 8 June: Art Day at Knoll

In celebration of Dorset Art Weeks the Knoll Gardens Foundation welcomes individual artists to the garden to be inspired by the Knoll's acclaimed naturalistic style. 10am – 3pm, free.

## 15 June: Sculpture in the Garden – Bath stone carving workshop with Sarah Moore

Join sculptor and fine artist Sarah Moore in the garden at Knoll for this special one-day stone relief carving workshop and learn basic carving skills as you create an original piece to take home. 9.30am – 4.30pm, £75 inc materials. *To book call Sarah on 01202 877183 or email [sarahmoore.sculptor@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sarahmoore.sculptor@yahoo.co.uk)*

## 16 June: Garden Wildlife Walk with Tracy Standish

Reconnect with nature on this special wildlife discovery walk. Suitable for adults and older children, activities could include looking for nectaring insects on the flowering perennials, opening a moth trap, enjoying bird song and even pond dipping. Bring a camera to try your hand at wildlife photography up close. 10.30am – 12.30pm £10. *More details and booking.*

## 21 June: Designing in the Naturalistic Style

Join Neil Lucas for a walk around his acclaimed garden at Knoll as he explains his ethos and some of the concepts and techniques that have gone into the creation of this naturalistic, wildlife-friendly garden then take home some practical advice to help you bring Knoll's stunning year-round effect to your own garden. 10.30am – noon £15. *More details and booking.*

## 22 June: Dorset Wildlife Trust Members' Day

Meet up with representatives of Dorset's largest conservation charity on this special day and discover how Knoll's naturalistic gardening ethos continues to create a garden that welcomes wildlife as well as providing year-round beauty. Free garden admission to DWT members and volunteers or anyone joining DWT on the day. Please show DWT membership card on arrival. 10am – 4pm, free.

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## 14 July: Bee day at Knoll

Open your eyes to the wonderful world of bees! Learn from the experts on guided walks, discover the best plants to attract bees to your garden, meet Knoll's resident bumblebee surveyor and find out about the importance of encouraging solitary bees to your garden. 11am – 4pm, normal garden admission price which will be donated to the Knoll Gardens Foundation.

## 20 July: Guided Walk, Beautiful Butterflies with Keith Powrie

Locate and identify Knoll's many butterflies with the expert help of Keith Powrie who has been recording butterfly sightings in the garden for many years. 11am – 12.30pm, free but booking essential and donations to the Knoll Gardens Foundation welcome. *To book phone the nursery on 01202 873931.*

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## 7 August: Knoll Gardens Foundation Annual Garden Wildlife Survey

Join wildlife volunteers and experts from the Dorset Wildlife Trust to discover more about Knoll's garden wildlife and help survey the garden. Suitable for all ages, beginners and experts alike. 10am – 3pm, normal garden admission charge which will be divided between the charities involved. Further details at [knollgardensfoundation.org](http://knollgardensfoundation.org)



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## 15 September: Better plant and garden photography workshop with Philip Smith

Join professional photographer Philip Smith, founder of International Garden Photographer of the Year on this special course starting with the magic of the early morning light. A tutor with the Royal Photographic Society, Philip will help you gain the skills and techniques to take great pictures. Topics covered include lighting, composition, exposure and macro photography as well as help to get the best out of your existing equipment. All levels of experience welcome. 6.30am – 12.30pm, £70 to include coffee and cake. *More details and booking.*



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## 1 December: Festive Wreath Workshop with Tracy Standish

Embrace the festive season as you learn simple willow weaving techniques to create a natural wreath for your front door. Dress with greenery and garden cuttings and add orange slices and cinnamon sticks for that delicious smell of Christmas. 10.30am – 1pm, £30. *More details and booking.*

