



Knoll Gardens Foundation

Summer 2019

Inside: Last chance to apply for our Annual Community Lecture... Find out about our new Community Open Day especially for teachers ...Join a Wildlife Walk

Every creature counts

Could you spot a Long-winged Conehead cricket? A Batman hoverfly? Do you know the difference between a Fork-tailed Flower bee and a honey bee? Or a Common lizard and a slow-worm? And just what is the confusingly named Beewolf wasp?

Knoll Gardens Foundation Annual Garden Wildlife Survey

If you'd like to know more about the wide variety of creatures that may be living in your garden come along and help us on our Annual Garden Wildlife Survey. Led by experts from the Dorset Wildlife Trust this special day lets us take a snapshot of the wildlife activity in the garden, provides an important year-on-year record, and offers the opportunity for everyone with an interest in wildlife to come together - beginners and experts alike.

This year's Annual Garden Wildlife Survey takes place on Tuesday 6 August from 10am - 3pm. There's no need to book, and £5 of each garden admission ticket will be donated to the Knoll Gardens Foundation.



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ORANGE TIP BUTTERFLY

MALE SLOW WORM

Family Wildlife Safari

Especially for children aged 5 - 10, our new Family Wildlife Safari brings together a range of activities to help inspire children to get out more and interact with our wildlife, trees and flowers.

Led by Tracy Standish, the late morning session takes place on Saturday 17 August from 10.30am - 12.30pm and could include pond dipping, moth trapping and bug hunting.

The Garden Wildlife Safari costs £4.50 per child + £2 per accompanying adult. For more information and bookings email education@knollgardens.co.uk

Current events and ...



July

Bee Walk

Friday 12 July, 11.15am - 12.15pm. £5.50. Book online.

Join our bumblebee surveyor Rowena Jecock to find out more about our bumble, solitary and honey bees. Will you be able to tell the difference?

Willow Dragonfly Workshop

Saturday 13 July, 10.30am - 3pm £50 inc materials. Book online.

Join Tracy Standish in the garden as you learn the basic skills of willow weaving as you create a wonderful dragonfly to decorate your garden or pond.

Butterfly Walk

Friday 19 July, 11am - 12.30pm. £5.50. Book online.

Keith Powrie has been recording Knoll's butterflies for many years. This is your opportunity to join him as you learn more about their lives and how to identify different species.

August

Bat Walk

Monday 5 August, 8.15pm £6.50. Book online.

Join Jan Freeborn as she explains more about these elusive night time visitors and you listen to their calls.

Annual Garden Wildlife Survey

Tuesday 6 August 10am - 3pm. Normal garden admission price, no booking required.

Once a year we offer you the opportunity to join Dorset Wildlife Trust experts and volunteers for our annual wildlife survey. What will you find this year? Suitable for all ages and experts and beginners alike.

Art in the Garden

Saturday 10 August 10am - 2pm. £30. Book online.

A special day of drawing and artwork with Nikki Sheppard.

Family Garden Wildlife Safari

Saturday 17 August, 10.30am - 12.30pm £4.50 per child (5 - 10 years) + £2 per accompanying adult.

Join Tracy Standish for this special family summer event as she gets the children outside and inspired by activities in the natural world. Email education@knollgardens.co.uk to book.

Changing Seasons Walk

Thursday 22 August, 2 - 3pm. £10. Book online.

Join Neil Lucas, Knoll's owner to discover more about Knoll's stunning autumn colour.

Beginners Guide to Close-up and Macro Photography

Friday 23 August 1 - 4pm. £35. Book online.

Find out how to get the best from your camera with Dave Peckham and try out some of his photography kit.



...looking forward



Get involved

If you've got some time to spare and an interest in gardening and wildlife we'd love to tell you more about the work of the Knoll Gardens

Foundation, and explain some more about what we do and how you can get involved.

You'll find a lot of information online at www.knollgardensfoundation.org but if you prefer to talk to someone face-to-face we are holding a Volunteer Recruitment Open Morning from 10.30am - 1pm on Friday 23 August.

The morning offers an opportunity to meet up with charity trustees and volunteers and find out about the volunteering roles available. You are welcome to then stay on and spend some time enjoying the garden.

Calling all teachers

We are inviting teachers to spend some time in the garden free-of-charge on Saturday 19 October.

This new Community Open Day is part of our first autumn Festival of Grasses celebrations, and our way of acknowledging all the valuable work teachers do, every day, inspiring the minds of the future.

Please spread the word to let the local education sector know what we are offering. We hope visiting teachers will in turn get some inspiration from what they see here at Knoll and want to get involved in our drive to promote wildlife-friendly gardening across the generations.

Our Teachers' Open Day runs from 11am - 4pm on 19 October. Please be prepared to show details of your school or college on arrival.

Free horticulture and wildlife lecture

Local community groups have until 31 August to apply to host the annual Knoll Gardens Foundation Community Lecture in 2020.



The lecture is delivered free-of-charge by Neil Lucas, Knoll's owner, RHS Council member and Senior Judge, and the UK's leading ornamental grass specialist.

Any local community organisation with an interest in gardens, conservation and wildlife can apply to host the lecture. Simply choose one of three lecture topics and complete a short application form.

Applications are not restricted to gardening organisations. Any Dorset community group is welcome to apply whose members would appreciate hearing from an internationally acknowledged horticultural expert, completely free-of-charge.

The 2020 community lecture will be the second offered by the Foundation. The inaugural lecture, hosted by the Wimborne branch of the Dorset Wildlife Trust at the Allendale Centre in Wimborne, attracted over 200 people.

Look online for more information and application forms, www.knollgardensfoundation.org



Regular events

Early morning yoga

Our early morning outdoor yoga sessions run in July and September on Thursdays from 9 - 10am. They're a great way to start to the day, and also offer an unusual way to experience the tranquillity of the garden before it opens to the public. Places are limited and each session costs £8. To book call Jackie Hayfield on 07955 587772 or email jackie.hayfield@sky.com



Watch the website

Many of our wildlife sightings can be found online together with some stunning photography so do check in regularly. You'll also find results of wildlife surveys, news and links to our social media feeds - currently busy with requests for help identifying beetles, such as the particularly vibrant blue beastie pictured on the front page.

Find out what's happening in the garden at www.knollgardensfoundation.org



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Bugs and Buds Toddler Group

Our popular monthly Saturday morning toddler club runs from 10.30am til noon on the last Saturday of each month. To check availability email Tracy Standish at education@knollgardens.co.uk



Community Open Days

As part of our programme of special Community Open Days we welcome photography clubs, art groups, wildlife and horticultural organisations to the garden. More details of these special days can be found online.



The Knoll Gardens Foundation

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Garden opening times: The garden is currently open from 10am - 5pm Tuesday to Saturday and Bank Holiday Mondays - just follow the brown signs. More details at www.knollgardens.co.uk



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.

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