

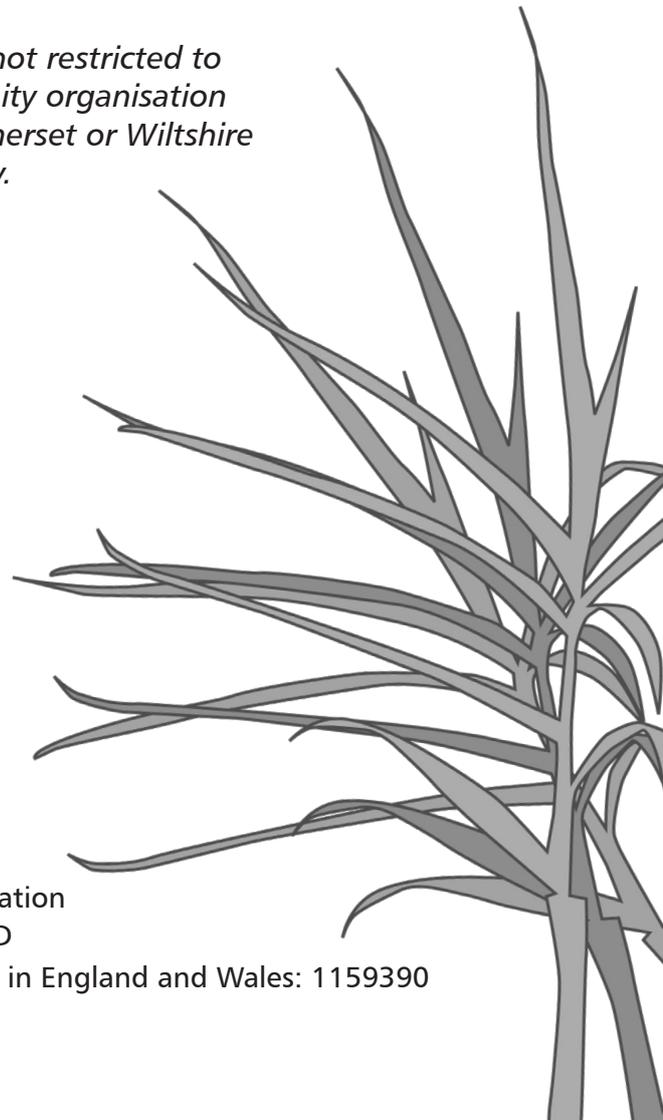


Knoll Gardens Foundation Community Lecture

Dorset-based community groups with an interest in horticulture, conservation or environmental issues are invited to apply to host the third free Knoll Gardens Foundation annual Community Lecture. Awarded in 2020, the lecture must be given before the end of 2022.

**Apply now to host the annual
Knoll Gardens Foundation Community Lecture
completely free of charge!**

Please note that this invitation is not restricted to horticultural groups. Any community organisation from within Dorset, Hampshire, Somerset or Wiltshire is welcome to apply.



The Knoll Gardens Foundation
Wimborne BH21 7ND

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The Knoll Gardens Foundation is a charity that promotes the naturalistic gardening methods used at Knoll Gardens near Wimborne. These methods help gardeners to create beautiful, low-maintenance gardens whilst also providing wildlife habitat, reducing water usage and encouraging biodiversity. It does this by providing practical advice and education to help everyone discover an enjoyable route to responsible gardening without sacrificing beauty. The KGF Annual Lecture is a natural extension of the Foundation's programme of courses for adults and children.

The lecture will be delivered by Neil Lucas, M.I.Hort, the UK's leading ornamental grass specialist and one of the charity's trustees. As well as owning Knoll Gardens, Neil holds ten consecutive Chelsea Gold Medals and is an RHS Council Member and Senior Judge. The best-selling author of 'Designing with Grasses', he lectures widely across the UK and overseas.

How to apply

For the opportunity to host the next KGF sponsored lecture in 2020 you will need to provide up to 250 words explaining why your organisation should be chosen. You must also be able to provide a venue, an audience and a large projector screen.

The subject of your lecture can be chosen from one of the three lecture topics outlined opposite, (*normally costing £550 plus expenses*) which will be presented completely free-of-charge.

To apply, simply complete the short form and return it to:

**Knoll Gardens Foundation Community Lecture
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Completed forms can also be emailed to: foundation@knollgardens.co.uk. Please type Foundation Community Lecture in your subject line.

Applications should be received by 31 August 2020 for consideration by the charity's Trustees. The successful group will be informed by 20 October 2020 and the lecture will take place before 31 December 2022, on a date to suit both parties.

Your sponsored lecture

Neil Lucas

Neil Lucas, M.I.Hort, is the UK's leading ornamental grass specialist, owner of Knoll Gardens, holder of ten consecutive Chelsea Gold Medals, RHS Council Member and Senior Judge, best-selling author of 'Designing with Grasses' and founder of the Knoll Gardens Foundation. A passionate plantsman, he recently celebrated his 25th year of naturalistic gardening at Knoll. His lectures each feature different aspects of his work and are all illustrated with his own stunning photography. All lectures are delivered with humour and the passion and commitment that make Neil such a highly entertaining speaker.

Your choice of topics

Topic 1: More 'wow' and less work; grasses and their place in all our gardens

From large public planting schemes to private courtyards, grasses offer the busy gardener stunning design and easy maintenance, as well as providing hugely enjoyable green spaces. Combining cultural information with Neil's personal gardening philosophy this presentation reveals the story of his work and developments at Knoll Gardens.

Topic 2: Plants, Gardens & Wildlife: the work of the Knoll Gardens Foundation

Neil's twin passions of plants and gardens, have been joined by a third: the associated wildlife that has come to enjoy his naturalistic planting style as much as Knoll's many visitors. He established the Knoll Gardens Foundation to research and promote the many benefits of his approach to gardening. This is the story so far.

Topic 3: Using Perennials in the Modern Garden

Whatever your style of gardening – Naturalistic, Meadow, Prairie, Formal, traditional or Cottage Garden – perennial plants or 'forbs' (herbaceous flowering plants that are not grasses, sedges or rushes) will have a major role to play. Tactile grasses provide movement and lithe beauty while perennials provide 'wow factor' colour and vital food for countless pollinating insects. Neil takes a look at this near perfect partnership and at some of his favourite perennial plants and their uses in both his own garden and elsewhere.

Application form

Name of your organisation

and its purpose

Your name

Address

Tel no. Email

How often do you meet?

Where do you meet?

How many people usually attend your meetings?

Would you be willing to cooperate with another group to host a lecture?

Please indicate which lecture you would like to host. Topic 1 Topic 2 Topic 3

Now, please explain in no more than 250 words why your organisation should be selected to host the next Knoll Gardens Foundation Community Lecture.