

Open Gardens Festival 2020



Individual garden tickets will be £5 and a season ticket will cost £10. They will be available at any of the participating gardens.

Children under 10 will be free.

The gardens will be open between 2pm and 6pm on both days

Please observe social distancing when visiting the gardens. A limit to the number of people in a garden may be put in place at busy times to maintain social distancing. Sanitiser will be available at all gardens.

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This year the actual open gardens is a scaled down event. Our main effort was with the Virtual Open Garden Event which raised its target of over £10,000. But some garden openers have agreed to open their gardens on the week-end of August 8th/9th to maximise the return for the Hospice Emergency Appeal.

August is not the best month for most of our gardens, but we are all making the effort to get things looking as good as possible. Do come and look round our gardens, have a cup of tea or a drink, and support a very good cause. Unless indicated otherwise on the individual entries wheelchairs and dogs on leads are welcome.

BLACKHEATH

30 Morden Road, London SE3 0AA

Svetlana Gilina

Open on Sunday August 9th

Front garden with mixed beds; coniferous border, a cabbage palm and lavender in a circle white roses; buxus square. Some mixed colour roses in that area too. A patch of scruffy hostas, a patch of hucheras + anemones. A line of white agapanthuses.

Back garden: Lawn, Tree house, Decking area; Kitchen garden patch, Raspberry patch, Other Berries patch; Vine pergola, Mixed flower bed; Fruit tree area: trees arranged with wired supports (in developmental stage).

Refreshments; sparkling wine and home grown herb infusion e.g. lemon verbena (hot or cold), will try to get individually wrapped biscuits.

25 Morden Road, London SE3 0AA,

Kathy Piesold

Open on Sunday August 9th

The garden wraps around the whole house in a third of an acre plot. It has a number of herbaceous mixed borders with a strong emphasis on Mediterranean plants such as palms, bananas, cannas etc.

28 Morden Road, London SE3 OAA

Roger and Susan Taylor

Open on Sunday August 9th

Formal front garden leads to spacious open back garden, surrounded by mature trees with interesting planting near terrace and two small ponds. Upper garden has lavender, grasses and hostas. Sculptures around garden. Partial wheelchair access to terrace with good view of garden.

41 Southbrook Road, Lee, London SE12

Barbara Polansk

Open on Saturday August 8th and Sunday August 9th

Developed over 14yrs, this large garden has a formal layout, with wide mixed herbaceous borders full of colour and interest, surrounded by mature trees, framing sunny lawns, a central box parterre and an Indian pergola. Ancient pear trees festooned in June (over by August) with clouds of white Kiftgate and Rambling Rector roses. Discover fish and damselflies in 2 lily ponds. Many sheltered places to sit and relax. Enjoy refreshments (soft drinks and biscuits) in a small classical garden building with interior wall paintings, almost hidden by roses climbing way up into the trees. Orangery. Side access available for standard wheelchairs. Gravel driveway, a few steps in sidepath.

5 Meadway SE3 OUP off Heath Lane, Blackheath

Steve and Mary-Clare Parker

Open on Saturday August 8th and Sunday August 9th

This garden lies on a south-facing slope in a quiet location off Heath Lane. It is surrounded by trees and has a somewhat "hidden away" feel to it.

It is set on three levels down the slope: an upper patio level with flower border; a small intermediate lawn with a broad herbaceous border against a sunny wall; and a lower lawn with a few fruit trees. There is a pretty fish pond and lots of bird life.

There is easy access around the side of the house to the upper level of the garden, but people with restricted mobility may have problems accessing the lower levels.

The Meadway is a gravel drive with an uneven surface and there is very limited parking outside the house; if arriving by car please park on Eliot Vale.

Refreshments; tea and cake; also Pimms if the weather is fine

ELTHAM

The Gatehouse, Eltham Palace, London SE9

Ruth Cornett and Matthew Barnes

Open on Saturday August 8th and Sunday August 9th

A very special large walled garden in Eltham, bounding the gardens of Eltham Palace. Fine mature trees with established shrubs and large borders. Recently planted borders have a summer feel, complemented by a newly planted rose garden.

Refreshments: tea and cake

GREENWICH

The Westcombe Woodlands. Access from the Seren Park Car Park adjacent to Maze Hill Station

Friends of Westcombe Woodlands

Open on Saturday August 8th and Sunday August 9th

4 acres of wild woodlands with paths through the woods to a central glade with bee hives, fruit trees and a pond.

Refreshments; tea and cake

NOT SUITABLE FOR WHEEL CHAIRS

The White House, Crooms Hill, London SE10 8HH

Tim and Trish Barnes

Open Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August

A walled garden around the historic home of the Astronomers Royal. A rather cottagey feel to the garden with a mulberry tree, borders, swing seat and good sized lawn.

Refreshments; cream teas

101 Mycenae Road, SE3 7RX

Stephen and Tina Challacombe

Open on Sunday August 9th

A mature garden designed in the 1930's containing a bridge that one can walk over or under with a small waterfall. A variety of shrubs and trees, paths and herbaceous borders.

Refreshments; teas and cake

Hamilton House, 14 West Grove, London SE10 8QT
Brian and Jane Sullivan

Open Saturday August 8th and Sunday August 9th

This south facing garden has been transformed by the present owners over the last 8 years. The house gives on to a broad terrace, from which a number of pathways lead to groupings of plants and shrubs, providing colour and visual surprises. A wonderful space for children and dogs to escape into.

Refreshments; tea and cake.

5 Angerstein Lane London SE3 7TT

Stephen Whitefield

Open Sunday August 9th

Informally planted garden located in an undeveloped sylvan lane.

There's a mixture of cottage garden favourites, espaliered fruit trees and old fashioned roses. Garden featured in The Guardian

Refreshments; tea, coffee and cake.

9 St Johns Park, London SE3 7TD

Jon and friends

Open on Sunday 9th August

A deep-set front garden with gravel pathways and buxus edged mixed borders. A yew arch and narrow entrance (not suitable for wheel chairs) leads to an extensive rear garden. Vegetable and soft fruit raised beds, mature trees, shrubs and mixed flower beds edge a lawn divided by new espalier trees and a rose arch. A willow hedge and rusty arch leads to a wooded 'dell' with wildlife pond and semi-shaded planting.

WOOLWICH

Woolwich Garrison Church, Grand Depot Road, London SE18

(parking in Woolwich New Road behind the Church)

Open Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August

A restful and atmospheric garden set in the recently restored ruins of the Garrison Church, across the road from the Barracks. Visitors to the Church and garden will also have the opportunity of visiting the partially excavated crypt under the Church with the old boiler and piles of coke which survived the V1 flying bomb attack in July 1944.

Refreshments; teas.

CHARLTON

113 Heathwood Gardens, London SE17 8ET

Martha Oake

Open Saturday 8th August and Sunday 9th August

A country-style garden with a mix of roses, dahlias, lilies, hydrangea, salvia, cosmos, nicotiana and penstemons, with pelargoniums and artemisia on the terrace and little lemon trees and a small fig tree making the most of a south-facing wall. Interspersed in the flowers and shrubs are tomatoes, purple French beans and blue-podded peas plus myrtle, rosemary, thymes and bay.

Refreshments, home-made cakes and lemonade.

Prints of Christophe's watercolours will be for sale and maybe three large canvases of Cayeux irises, with 50% of proceeds to the hospice. Hopefully, crocheted flowers hanging from the washing line will be for sale in aid of the Hospice.

122 Heathwood Gardens, London SE17 8ET

Justin and Natalie Zarb

Open on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th August

A family garden created for the kids to play in and learn. An astro turf lawn surrounded with borders of a variety of fruits including pears, peaches, grapes, gooseberries, blueberries, plums, figs and more.