



The Dorothy Clive Garden Easter Sunday & Monday (4th & 5th April) 10am – 5.30pm each day

Due to the popularity of this event in 2009 we have extended it to two days for 2010. We have more nurseries, with a wider range of specialities, with some who don't normally come to this part of the country. Nurseries will be bringing fresh stock on each day, so there is plenty of opportunity to purchase their wonderful plants on either day. All are happy to bring pre-ordered plants to the fair.

The 12 acre Dorothy Clive Garden is surprisingly intimate and informal. It embraces a variety of landscape features, including a superb woodland garden, alpine scree, damp garden and spectacular flower borders. In spring it is full of blossom, drifts of bulbs, Primulas and fabulous rhododendrons and azaleas. Visitors can rest on the many garden seats provided throughout the grounds and enjoy the tearoom's home-baking on the terrace lawn, whilst taking pleasure from the lovely views of the surrounding countryside.

Admission to Garden and Fair

This is a special fundraising event for the garden and the entrance fee for the day is £2.50 per person. Groups (20+) for entry on Monday **5th April only** can buy tickets in advance for the special price of £2.00 each. Included in this offer is a free garden talk of your choice from one of our enthusiastic and knowledgeable nurserymen. Please contact the Dorothy Clive Garden (01630 647237) to book your group's tickets.

Special Garden Talks for Groups Booking on Easter Monday

As a special "thank you" to groups (20+) booking in advance for Easter Monday, not only is the garden offering a lower entry price of £2.00 but a group can book a talk of their choice from the list below.

Martin Blow: Martin is a self-confessed plantaholic with a passion for collecting and using herbaceous perennial plants in exciting and dramatic ways. Together with his wife Janet he runs SpecialPerennials.com and holds the National Collection of Helenium. Talks are illustrated with Martin's brilliant photographs. Choose from:

- "Heleniums: Late Colour Not to be Sneezed At": Heleniums are one of Martin's passions and this talk is an enthusiastic blend of fascinating facts, practical tips and tricks and colourful planting ideas using these great late flowering plants.
- "Hemerocallis: Beauty for More than a Day": Take a guided tour around the wonderful world of Day Lilies! Fully illustrated with plants from our collection of over 300 types the talk covers: day lily colours and forms, planting associations and growing techniques.

Vicky Fox: Vicky runs Plantagogo with her husband Richard and has won many RHS medals including Chelsea Gold. She also holds the National Plant Collections of Heuchera and Heucherella. Vicky has presented at several major RHS shows. Each talk has a power point slide show or practical demonstration. Topics to choose from:

- "Show Time",
- "Heucheras, Heucherellas and Tiarellas where to use them and get the most from them",
- "Heucheras and their breeders".

Dr Steve Reynolds: Steve as he is known to his gardening friends is one of the Shropshire and West Midlands region's experts on plant problems, principally garden pests, diseases and disorders. Now retired after 35+ years as a research plant scientist / senior University academic, he is very popular speaker, Steve travels widely; lecturing and running "What's Up Doc? plant clinics at flower shows around the UK. He has featured at many of the nations top flower and garden shows. Talks available are:

- "What's up Doc" a plant problem clinic for your group – bring samples of pests and problems along for Steve to diagnose alternatively
- "Effects of Climate Change on Garden Pests" – a fascinating and useful insight into how your gardening practices must adapt to stay on top of new pests and diseases.

If you are unable to come to the event but would like to book one of the speakers for your own club meeting, here are their contact details:
Martin Blow: Phone 01270 811443 email martin.blow@SpecialPerennials.com
Vicky Fox: Phone: 01270 820335 or 07713518271 email info@plantagogo.com
Dr Steve Reynolds: Phone 01746 710101 or 07929303425 email drstevebreynolds@yahoo.co.uk

Nurseries attending

We've brought together nurseries with a tremendous mix and diversity of plants with something for every plant lover. All nurseries are happy to bring pre-ordered plants to the event.

- **Avondale** (Warwickshire): interesting and unusual perennials including specialist ranges of woodland Anemones, Eryngiums and Oriental Poppies.
- **Chris Cooke** (Gloucestershire) will be bringing his award winning range of rare and unusual woodland and spring-flowering plant species including Erythronium, Fritillaria, Muscari, Scilla, Trillium, Uvularia etc. (RHS Gold Medallist)
- **Field House Nursery** (Nottingham) will have plants from their National Collections of Auricula and Aстранtia as well as rare dwarf bulbs on their colourful display (RHS Medal Winner, Hampton Court 2009)
- **Green's Leaves** (Gloucestershire) will feature Prostantera cultivars, choice foliage plants with flowers - Beschornerias, Libertia, Epimediums, Dark Foliage plants, Grevilleas, Ornamental Grasses, Shrub Honeysuckles
- **Hall Farm Nursery** (Shropshire) will bring a wide range of perennials including spring flowering and woodland types. (RHS Gold Medallist including Chelsea Gold)
- **Hillview Hardy Plants** (Shropshire) hold two National Collections - Acanthus and Albuca. They will also be bringing Primulas, Auriculas and early flowering perennials. (RHS Medallists)
- **Holden Clough Nursery** (Lancashire) features a wide range of shrubs, perennials, ferns, ornamental trees and heathers. (RHS Medallists)
- **Packhorse Farm Nursery** (Derbyshire) will bring a range of Trees and Shrubs including a great selection of Acers. (RHS Gold Medallists)
- **Plantagogo** (Cheshire) will feature both new and heritage varieties from their National Collections of Heuchera and Heucherella as well as plants from their proposed collection of Tiarella. (RHS Gold Medallists including Chelsea Gold)
- **Slack Top Nurseries** (Yorkshire) with their award winning range of Alpines. (RHS Medallists)
- **SpecialPerennials.com** (Cheshire) with a range of summer perennials for planting now including the National Collection of Helenium, proposed National Collection of Centaurea, Geum, Phlox, Monarda, hardy Salvia, a great selection of Day Lilies from a range of over 100 varieties, Achillea, Rudbeckia and many more beautiful and garden worthy plants.
- **Waterside Nursery** (Leicestershire) will be displaying their pond and moisture loving plants together with a range of elegant patio pond tubs. (RHS Gold Medallists)
- **Woodfield Nursery** (North Wales) will bring a great range of hardy perennials with many varieties of Geranium plus some interesting shrubs.
- **The Dorothy Clive Garden** will be selling high quality plants grown in the garden's nursery.

How to get there:

The garden is in North Staffordshire, close to the Shropshire and Cheshire borders. It is on the A51, midway between Nantwich and Stone, four miles east of Bridgemere Garden World. Easily accessible from J14, 15 & 16 of M6. If coming by coach please contact the venue in advance to make arrangements.