

What's On

Welcome to the National Botanic Gardens Glasnevin events update. Find out the latest info on all our upcoming tours, lectures, workshops, exhibitions and other events.

Winter Opening Hours

Mon - Fri 9am - 4.30pm

Weekends & Bank Holidays 10am - 4.30pm

Daily Guided Tour

11.30am & 3pm

Join one of our expert guides to explore the Gardens in all its seasonal glory.

January Themed Tour: Biophilia

Wed 15th, 22nd 11am & Sat 18th, 25th Jan 2pm

Engage your senses in the Gardens' beautiful surroundings and learn about how and why spending time in nature can help us stay healthy in our daily lives.

February Themed Tour:

Plant Palaces

Wed 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th & Sat 8th, 15th, 22nd Feb 2pm

Join us for this tour to discover the history and development of the glasshouses here at Glasnevin and discover some of the remarkable plants that live in them.

All lectures free. Workshops and tours are €5 per person. Booking through [Eventbrite](#)

March Themed Tour: Tree Lore - Myths and Legends of Irish Flora

Sat 1st, 8th, 19th, 22nd, 29th & Wed 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Mar 2pm

As the days get longer and spring arrives, celebrate the spring equinox and St. Patrick's Festival with a themed tour exploring the native trees and plants of Ireland.

Lecture: The Phoenix Park:

An illustrated history of its landscape and management 1880 – 1980

Sun 26th Jan 2.30pm

John McCullen's second book on the history of the Phoenix Park covers the period from 1880 to 1980, when exceptional events took place not just for the nation of Ireland but for the whole world. Join John as he shares 100 years of history of the largest city park in Europe.

Book Launch: Spirituality of Flowers

Sat 15th Feb 11am

In this lovely book, Bríd Kennedy describes what flowers do for us and how we are stirred by their mystery and beauty.

Birdwatch Ireland: Birdwatching in Georgia with Rosena McShane

Wed 19th Feb 7.30pm – 9pm

Join us for a talk on Birdwatching in the Republic of Georgia. BirdWatch Ireland's Tolka Branch.

Irish Orchid Society Exhibition

Sat 1st - Sun 2nd Mar 10am - 4.30pm

Join us for the Irish Orchid Society Exhibition.



Brigit: Dublin City Celebrating Women Fri Jan 31st - Mon Feb 3rd

Guided Tour: Brigid's Day History, Mystery and Magic

Sat 1st - Mon 3rd Feb 11am & 2pm

Explore some of the folklore surrounding Brigid's Day / Imbolc while we note the first stirrings of spring in the Botanic Gardens.

Brídeog for Imbolc

Sat 1st Feb- Mon 3rd Feb

Daily 10am - 4pm

Experience the giant Brídeog in Wild Ireland, made from plant materials collected from the gardens.

Demonstration: Brigid's Crosses

Sun 2nd & Mon 3rd Feb

12pm - 12.30pm & 2pm - 2.30pm

Come and see the technique behind making the traditional Brigid's cross with step-by-step guidance, using fresh rushes.

Exhibition: Thin Place

Sat 1st - Sun 23rd Feb

Daily

Peatlands and Bogs are often referred to as the magical 'Thin Place' where the veil between this world and the mystical otherworld becomes permeable. Come and see this amazing abstract series of paintings by artist Bob Speers.

Panel Discussion

Sat 1st Feb 1.30pm

Exploring the biodiversity and amenity value of Irish bogs.

National Tree Week Sun 9th - Sun 16th Mar

IGPS Lecture: Trees in Ireland: some distinguished natives and honoured guests

Sat 8th Mar 11am

The Irish Garden Plant Society welcomes Mary Forrest with her talk on Trees in Ireland: some distinguished natives and honoured guests.

Annual Tree Council of Ireland Lecture: Trees and Woodland Names in Irish Placenames

Mon 10th Mar 3pm

Join us for this special lecture with John McLoughlin from the Society of Irish Foresters.

St. Patrick's Day Themed Tour: Shamrocks and Shillelaghs

**Sat 15th, Sun 16th, Mon 17th, Tue 18th Mar
2pm**

What actually is the shamrock, and where do shillelaghs come from? Join us for this special St. Patrick's Day Tour to find out more!

Annual Augustine Henry Forestry Lecture: Trees and Climate Change

Thu 13th Mar 3pm

Trees and Climate Change with Dr. Matthew Jebb, Director, National Botanic Gardens.

St. Patrick's Day



Adult Workshop: Kokedama

Sat 15th Mar 11am & 2pm

Join us for some seasonally themed Kokedama-making with Shamrock.

National Tree Week Tours: Tree Lore: Myths and Legends of Irish Flora

9th - 14th Mar 11.30am & 3pm

Join us to discover botanical connections found across our native mythology and folklore. This tour will look at some of the most iconic native trees and plants as they wake from their winter slumber.

Kids Drop-by Activity:

Shamrock Seed Bombs

Sun 16th & Mon 17th Mar 11am & 3.30pm

Try your hand at making our special shamrock seed bombs in this children's drop-by activity.

Ár gCrainn Dhúchasacha

Sun 2nd & Sun 16th Mar 12:30pm

Le ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar Sheachtain na Gaeilge agus Sheachtain na gCrann ag tarlú ag an am céanna, tá áthas orainn an turas Gaeilge seo a chur i láthair, faoi ár gcrainn dhúchasacha.