

The Gardens Trust Conference 2017
'Blest Elysium' – Sustainable?

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Conference Speakers Announced

The line-up of Conference and New Research Symposium speakers, and expert guides for The Gardens Trust Conference running from Thursday 31st August to Sunday 3rd September are now available.

Thursday 31 August

- Conference opening
- Lecture Dr Todd Gray, Research Fellow University of Exeter, renowned Devon historian and author including *The Art of the Devon Garden* and *The Garden History of Devon*, will open proceedings with *Garden History and Devon*.
- Lecture Dr Kate Felus, Historic Landscape Consultant and author of *The Secret Life of the Georgian Garden*, will explore the previously little researched aspects of the wider landscape of the 205 hectares Mount Edgumbe estate.
- Visit Drakes Place Guide Dr John Salvatore, Historic Environment Officer, Plymouth City Council
- Welcome Reception and Buffet

Friday 1 September

- New Research Symposium
Dominic Ingram, *The Country Estates of Military Officers in Britain, 1700–1750*

Beryl Saitch, *Blanche Henrey, 1906-1983, Botanical Bibliographer*

Elsie Roulston, *Plantsman vs Place-maker: An analysis of James (Jim) Russell and his work in Co. Donegal, Ireland from 1953 to 1985*

Doreen Wilson, *From a Scottish Shore to an Italian Lakeside: the link between Galloway House, Wigtonshire, and Villa Taranto, Lake Maggiore.*

- Boat tour of Plymouth Sound and Tamar, commentary by Nigel Overton, Curator Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery
- Tours of Mount Edgcumbe with Dr Kate Felus, Park Manager, Head Gardener, Park Ranger and members of the Friends of Mount Edgcumbe
- Talks and Discussion on the conservation and management challenges facing historic designed landscapes:
Kim Auston, Historic England Landscape Architect South West and West Midlands, on the current state of designed landscapes particularly those at risk.

Ian Wright, National Trust South West Gardens Adviser, on balancing of conservation with visitor access and management.

Shaun Kiddell, Parks Policy Adviser for HLF, on the role of HLF in the financial and funding challenges.

Panel Discussion

Saturday 2 September

- Lecture, *'This delightful place': Saltram – a haven of beauty in a changing world*, by Judith Teasdale, a landscape architect who specialises in heritage projects and is currently writing a conservation management plan for the National Trust's property at Saltram.
- Tours of Saltram with Judith Teasdale, Head Gardener, John Clark (Devon Gardens Trust Conservation Officer)
- Tours of Devonport Park with members of the Friends of Devonport Park and Chris Coldwell previously Plymouth City Council officer responsible for the restoration of the park
- The Gardens Trust AGM
- Tour of The Hoe and the Civic Square (Geoffrey Jellicoe)
- Conference Dinner at Plymouth Guildhall Guest Speaker

Sunday 3 September

- Tours of Ford Park Cemetery with the Friends of Ford Park Cemetery
- Visit Endsleigh, introduction by John Phibbs, and tours of the gardens with Head Gardener and Florist

At the Conference

County Gardens Trusts' Show Case

Book stall selling speakers' and others books, CGTs' books and journals.

For conference bookings go to

<http://thegardenstrust.org/event/gardens-trust-annual-conference-2017/>

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