



## SEPTEMBER

- 26 What should a botanical garden look like?**  
Simon Toomer, Curator of Living Collections, RBG Kew

## OCTOBER

- 03 What is Bonsai all about?**  
Peter Chan, founder and CEO of Herons Bonsai Ltd
- 10 Fundraising lecture**  
**Trowel and error**  
Alan Titchmarsh MBE, writer, gardener, poet, broadcaster, and novelist
- 17 Talk 1: French trees for urban landscapes**  
Sam Stapleton, Diploma Student
- Talk 2: Pelargoniums of Southern Africa: Conservation in regions with levels of speciation and hyper-diversity**  
Emily Hazell, botanical horticulturalist
- 24 Grow flowers, save the planet! How and why we should all grow and enjoy flowers throughout the season**  
Marianne Mogendorff and Camila Klich, farmer florists and founders of Wolves Lane Flower Company
- 31 Talk 1: Cultivation and conservation of Costa Rican orchids**  
Svenja Jührend, Diploma Student
- Talk 2: A visit to Florida, the land of flowers**  
Francisco Lopez, botanical horticulturalist

## NOVEMBER

- 07 Getting to the heart of the matter: Decay in standing trees**  
Professor Lynne Boddy MBE, Professor of Fungal Ecology, Cardiff University
- 14 Creating a sanctuary**  
Ashley Edwards, Head Gardener, Horatio's Garden London & Southeast
- 21 More than weeds: Rethinking our relationship with wild plants**  
Sophie Leguil, ecological and horticultural consultant
- 28 Tom Hart Dyke: A plant hunter and gardener with passion**  
Tom Hart Dyke, curator of the World Garden

## DECEMBER

- 05 The Millennium Seed Bank Partnership: Coordinating conservation across continents**  
Dr Aisyah Faruk, Conservation Partnership Coordinator (Europe and Oceania) at the Millennium Seed Bank Partnership, Wakehurst
- 12 Why plants travel: Plant exchange with West Africa during the period of the transatlantic slave trade (c. 1500–1860s)**  
Silke Strickrodt, botanical horticulturalist and historian

## JANUARY

- 09 Fundraising lecture**  
**Online talk: Soils, geology and plant speciation**  
Joey Santore (Crime Pays But Botany Doesn't), filmmaker, botanist, artist, low-brow comic
- 16 Fundraising lecture**  
**Small is beautiful: Gardening in confined spaces**  
Alys Fowler, garden writer
- 23 Talk 1: Ecologically driven horticulture in the north-east of the USA**  
Hattie Moore, Diploma Student
- Talk 2: The hidden flora of the Caucasus: Does Georgia hold the key to the future tree species selection for the changing European climate?**  
Timothy Shaw, Diploma Student
- 30 Talk 1: Fighting on the frontlines of extinction: A Hawaiian journey**  
Cecily Eltringham, Diploma Student
- Talk 2: Climbing the Schachen: Exploring the Alpine Garden and Munich Botanic Gardens**  
Vicki Thompson, Diploma Student

## FEBRUARY

- 06 Integrated approaches for exploring medicinal plants in South Africa, a biodiversity hotspot**  
Dr Nokwanda P. Makunga, Associate Professor of Biotechnology, Stellenbosch University
- 20 Managing Richmond Park, National Nature Reserve, in the 21st century**  
Simon Richards, Head of Special Projects, Richmond Park
- 27 Plants and people: Finding the roots of community across the tree of life**  
Sara Lil Middleton, Doctoral Researcher in Plant Sciences, University of Oxford

## MARCH

- 13 Nymans: Adapting to the times**  
Joe Whelan, Head Gardener, Nymans
- 20 Rhododendrons of India's North East frontier**  
Tom Clarke, Head Gardener, Exbury Gardens
- 27 Talk 1: From the Atacama Desert to the Valdivian rainforest: Exploring Chilean endemics and endangered species at the end of the world**  
Eleanor Edmonds, Diploma Student
- Talk 2: Using endangered orchids in ornamental display – a global partnership to save them**  
Francesco Gorni, Diploma Student

## MONDAYS AT 6PM

**LIVE:** Lady Lisa Sainsbury Lecture Theatre,  
Jodrell Gate, Kew Gardens, Richmond TW9 3DS

Tea and coffee available from 5.30pm

**ONLINE:** Hosted via Zoom

## TICKETS

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