



in association with Spink GAA,
Laois County Council
and Laois Garden Trail



Buds & Blossoms

LAOIS GARDEN FESTIVAL

SUN 12 JUNE

12 - 6pm

Spink Community Grounds

Abbeyleix, Co Laois

Guest Speakers

Dermot O'Neill

Fionnuala Fallon

Hester Forde

Mary Keenan



www.laoisgardenfestival.com



Spink Community Field is situated 5km east of Abbeyleix on the R430 road to Carlow. Travel time from a selection of locations:

Portlaoise – 15 minutes

Carlow – 25 minutes

Kilkenny – 35 minutes

Dublin – 70 minutes

Tullamore – 50 minutes

Newbridge – 40 minutes

Thurles – 40 minutes

Limerick – 75 minutes

Waterford – 75 minutes

Cork – 95 minutes

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Great Day of Gardening Fun!

A RARE
OPPORTUNITY
TO HEAR SOME
OF IRELAND'S
LEADING
GARDENING
EXPERTS,
ONE DAY,
ONE VENUE.

SPEAKERS

DERMOT O'NEILL

One of Ireland's Favourite Gardening TV Presenter and Garden Columnist

HESTOR FORDE

Cosheen Garden, Cork. Gardener and Garden Magazine Contributor

FIONNUALA FALLON

Author, Organic Flower Farmer and Irish Times Gardening Correspondent

MARY KEENAN

Gash Gardens, Castletown, Laois

TANGUY DE TOULGOËT

Dunmore Country School, Laois

ARTHUR SHACKLETON

Fruit Lawn Garden, Laois

JOHN MCCULLEN

Garden Historian and Retired Superintendent of Phoenix Park

MARIE O'LEARY

International Floral Arranger

ENDA THOMPSON-PHELAN

Clonohill Gardens, Coolrain, Laois

KITTY SCULLY

Head Kitchen Gardener, Airfield Estate

TITLE

Dermot's Favourite Plants

The Lazy Hazy Days of Summer

How to Grow your Own Cut Flowers Seasonally and Sustainably

From Blank Canvas to Colourful Border

A Year in Dunmore Country School

A Gardening Life

A History of Heywood Gardens

From Garden to Vase

The Beauty of Nature

Pretty and Productive Vegetable Gardening



ADMISSION

Adults €10

Students €5

Under 12s go free

Group bookings available with a discount for groups of 10 and more.

Contact – Robert 087 982 2135

EXHIBITORS & DEMONSTRATIONS

A variety of local food producers and plant sale specialists will be exhibiting at Buds & Blossoms. Local garden centres will be in attendance, as well as several branches of the Irish Specialist Nursery Association (ISNA).

There will also be talks and demonstrations from various contributors, including the National Beekeeping Association on the importance of bees to the gardening and food markets.



🐾 PONY RIDES

🎨 FACE PAINTING

🎈 BALLOON MODELS

🏰 BOUNCY CASTLE

🎵 MUSIC

AND LOTS MORE TO
KEEP ADULTS AND
KIDS ENTERTAINED!