

Shopping & Eating

Speaker & Supper Evening

Mon 24 March, 7pm – 9pm

A relaxed and informative evening with Hyde Hall's Curator, Ian Le Gros. Enjoy a supper made from local produce and 20% off in the Shop. RHS members £30, non-members £35. Booking essential, call 01245 402 024.

Cheese & Wine Evenings

Fri 28 March & Fri 23 May, 7pm – 9pm Join local company 'We Like Wine' for an informal talk and wine tastings. You can also sample a range of East Anglian cheeses and enjoy 20% off purchases in the Shop. RHS members £10, non-members £15. Call 01245 402 024 to book.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Sun 30 March, served at 3pm

Enjoy the spring highlights of Hyde Hall and a delicious afternoon tea. Includes sandwiches, savoury tarts, fruit scone, cakes, pastries and a selection of teas & coffees. £15.95 per person (excludes Garden entry). As a special treat why not upgrade to an unlimited champagne option for just £33 per head. Booking essential on 01245 402 024.

Flowers for Weddings

Tue 29 April, 7pm – 9pm

Sue Rogers will show you how to create stunning wedding flowers. You can also enjoy 20% off purchases in the Shop. RHS members £10, non-members £12. Call 0845 612 1253.

Spring Planting

Hvde Hall Plant Centre

Welcome spring's arrival: choose from a wide range of plants to add instant colour and interest to your garden. For summer colour, plant now and reap the rewards throughout the season. The Hyde Hall Plant Centre has everything you need to get growing. For more advice on spring planting just ask our friendly Plant Centre team. Check the website for seasonal offers



Enjoy the three other RHS Gardens this spring



Harrogate, North Yorkshire







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RHS Garden Hyde Hall, Creephedge Lane, Rettendon, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 8ET Just 10 miles south of Chelmsford, from the A130 head towards South Woodham Ferrers. Sat Nav CM3 8RA Tel: 0845 265 8071

Wisley, Surrey

The No.3 bus from Southend to Chelmsford now stops at the Garden. All visitors producing a valid ticket for their journey will receive a 25% discount on normal admission prices.

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Great Days Out

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SPRING 2014





FAMILY DAYS, WIDER SMILES

Spend the day with us for fresh air, fun and an exciting new season brimming with family activities.



FRESH PERSPECTIVES

Let us inspire your next project with the colours, shapes and textures of our spring garden. Fresh ideas for photographers and aspiring artists alike.





Spring Highlights

FREE Day Friday

Fri 7 March, 10am – 5pm

Explore the early spring delights of the Garden for free!

Spring Flower Festival

Sat 22 to Sun 23 March, 10am – 4pm

Celebrate the very best of spring blooms! Enjoy stunning bulb and plant displays, expert advice, workshops on bulb care, propagation, seed sowing and herb pots. There will also be floral art demonstrations and tips on caring for blooms indoors.

Mother's Day

Sun 30 March

As a special treat book a fabulous cream tea for you and your mum! See website for details.

Spring Gardening Weekend

Sat 12 to Sun 13 April, 10am – 4pm

Spring heralds the start of the gardening season so come along and pick up advice and inspiration from the experts. Our team will be running a range of mini Learn to Garden sessions to help get you started, and younger visitors can have fun with our sow and grow activities. You can also see stunning vegetable displays and buy local produce.

Easter Weekend

Fri 18 to Mon 21 April

Stroll among carpets of spring bulbs, follow The Lindt Gold Bunny Hunt or relax and take in the beauty of the Garden with family and friends.

Spring Plant Fair

Sat 26 to Sun 27 April, 10am – 4pm

Organised by 'Plant Heritage' this relaxed and informal table-top plant fair gives you the opportunity to stock up on plants for the season ahead. A must for garden lovers.

Essex Craft & Design Show

Sat 3 to Mon 5 May, 10am – 5pm

This well established and high quality show offers a wide range of exhibiting designer-makers and artists, and some will be demonstrating through the weekend. An ideal opportunity to buy a piece of original art or craft and also meet its creator.

'Sprung' by the Sculpt Gallery

Sat 10 May to Mon 26 May

Locally based Sculpt Gallery brings you 'Sprung'; a sculpture exhibition celebrating growth, renewal and fresh spring colours.

Please note normal garden admission applies on all event days unless otherwise stated.

Family Fun

Spring Family Garden Trail

April onwards, 10am - 5pm

What areas of the Garden will you explore? Just follow our easy instructions, hunt for clues and solve the puzzle.

Little Acorns Pre-School Gardening Club

Wed 2 April & Wed 7 May, 10.30am – midday

Encourage little ones to become budding gardeners! This fun and informal club provides a wealth of ideas to help stimulate an interest in gardening. Additional cash payment of £2 per child.

The Lindt Gold Bunny Hunt

Sat 5 to Mon 21 April

Follow in the Master Chocolatier's footsteps with this fun-tastic Easter family Gold Bunny Hunt. Search for clues and solve the puzzle to claim a chocolate bunny.

Easter Family Activities

Mon 7 to Thu 10 April & Mon 14 to Thu 17 April, 10am – 3pm

Get active this Easter and go scavenging for a range of natural materials to turn into new plants and a woodland collage. Additional cash payment of £2 per child.

Why not stay for lunch; free cream egg for children with every hot main course purchased during Easter activity days.

May Half Term Fun – Let's Go Native! Tue 27 to Fri 30 May, 10am – 3pm

Are you ready to Go Native this half term? There's all sorts of fun activities on offer focusing on native insects, bugs and animals. Make earth dumplings, bug hotels and insect hats. You can also explore the Garden with our native tree spotter trail. Additional cash

payment of £2 per child.

Everyday, you can explore our Higgledy Hyde play tower or see how many birds you can spot from the Bird Hide.

National Chrysanthemum Society

Sat 19 to Sun 20 April, 10am – 4pm Join members of the Southern Group for talks, slideshows and plant sales.

Gardening Inspiration & Workshops

Garden & Flower Photography at Hanningfield & Hyde Hall Sat 31 May

Join Daniel Bridge for an enlightening one-day workshop concentrating on garden and flower photography in the beautiful surroundings of Hanningfield Reservoir and Hyde Hall; looking at composition, lighting, choice of subject and more. Booking essential on 01268 711 001.

Friendly Gardening Advice

If you're thinking about how to plant, prune and preen your garden, why not get in touch with our friendly gardening advice team. They can offer help whether you are starting from scratch or tackling an old problem. Free service for RHS members – just call 0845 260 8000 Mon – Fri or email gardeningadvice@rhs.org.uk

Workshops

Be inspired by our courses and workshops. For prices and further information visit our website or pick up a brochure at Hyde Hall. rhs.org.uk/workshops

- What Now Your Garden in March & April Sat 8 March
- Spring Basket Thu 13 March
- Grow Your Own Veg Spring
 Wed 19 March
- **Early Spring Pruning** Wed 26 March
- Vintage Floral Flower Crowns
 Sat 29 March
- Vintage Floral Easter Sat 5 April
- Gardening in Difficult Conditions
 Wed 16 April
- **Spring Propagation** Thu 24 April
- **Perfect Perennials** Wed 30 April
- Watercolours with John Harrison
 Thu 1 May
- What Now Your Garden in May & June
 Sat 10 May
- Papermaking for Textiles Fri 16 May
- Botanical Art Sat 17 May
- Creative Containers Fri 23 May