# 5 things not to be missed this season

#### 1. Small but perfectly formed

Admire the abundance of colourful crab apples You'll find a number of crab apple trees throughout the garden. Outstanding varieties for autumn colour include Malus 'Butterball' which is covered in orange/yellow fruits and Malus 'Evereste' which is covered in red-flushed fruit.



#### 2. Standing tall

Add height and colour with red hot pokers Kniphofias add drama to the late summer and early autumn border working well with a wide range of shrubs and grasses.

#### 3. Delightful dahlias

A multitude of shapes and colours

Dahlias are invaluable for the autumn border, often flowering until the first frosts. They offer a wide range of flower types, many with showy, double forms in warm vibrant colours.



#### 4. A blaze of colour

Vibrant reds and oranges
Just as some summer perennials are beginning to look past their prime, crocosmias provide a splash of colour to the early autumn border.

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#### 5. Autumn Workshops

Learn something new
If you're looking to brush up on your skills or
fancy learning something new there's a great
range of workshops to choose from:

Creative Plant Photography – 1 Oct
What now? Your Garden in Oct/Nov – 3 Oct
Autumn Floral Arrangement – 6 Oct
Grow Your Own Veg: Autumn – 14 Oct
Rose Pruning – 15 & 21 Oct
Painting with Watercolours – 3 Nov
Hyde Hall Past & Present – 11 Nov
Compost Making – 25 Nov
Rustic Christmas Wreath – 11 Dec

# Christmas Shopping at Hyde Hall

Browse our range of Christmas gifts, decorations, specialist foods, china, kitchen accessories and books. And to help you with your shopping here's a special money off voucher that is valid in any of the RHS shops.



# Enjoy the three other RHS Gardens this autumn and winter



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Rosemoor Great Torrington, North Devon rhs.org.uk/rosemoor



Wisley Wisley, Surrey rhs.org.uk/wisley

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From the A130 head towards South Woodham Ferrers on the A132.

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# What's on this autumn and winter

#### **Chilli Pepper Weekend**

Sat 26 – Sun 27 September, 10am – 4pm Enjoy cookery demos, music, talks and the chilli challenge (if you dare).

#### Woodfest

Sat 10 – Sun 11 October, 10am – 4pm A weekend full of exciting things for the whole family that celebrate woodcraft including carving demos and wooden products to buy. There's also a range of tasty autumnal food treats, a ukulele band and talks.

#### An Exhibition of Art by Paul Butcher

Sat 17 – Sun 18 October, 10am – 4pm A celebration of Paul's artistic talent and his amazing ability to create works of art with nothing more than a humble Biro pen. Enjoy a collection of his work depicting castles, portraits and townscapes.



#### **Gourmet Fish Evening**

# Sat 24 October, 7.30pm

Enjoy a fish-themed gourmet supper. Each course will be presented by the chef, and served with an appropriate wine introduced by our supplier, 'We Like Wine'.

Soft drinks also available. Cost: £45.95 per head. Booking essential on 01245 402 024.

#### Winter Warmers Meal Deal

# Sun 1 November – Wed 30 March, between midday & 2pm\*

When it's cold outside there's nothing better than a comforting plate of piping hot food. Come and warm up with a two-course lunch for just £10.95 per person.

\*Deal not available during Christmas Lunch period (9 – 24 December) and February half term (15 –19 February).

#### **Woodland Walks**

## Tue 3, 10, 17 & 24 November Tue 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 December

A chance to blow away the cobwebs as we take you on a guided tour of Hyde Hall's woodlands. Afterwards enjoy a hearty bowl of soup and a roll for just  $\pounds 4.00$ . Walks start at 11am.

## Free Day Friday

#### Fri 6 November, 10am – 3pm

A chance to explore the garden free of charge.

#### Made in Essex Show

Sat 7 – Sun 8 November, 10am – 3pm Celebrating all things Essex. The Made in Essex Show will showcase wonderful talent from across the county, including a wide range of craft and food producers.

## **Christmas Shopping Evening**

## Thu 19 November, 5pm - 9pm

An exclusive shopping evening with 20% off all purchases. There's also a market, a choir, a special visitor from the North Pole and tasty treats in the cafe.

\*conditions apply and sale items not available in conjunction with any other offer





#### **Christmas Tree Decorating**

#### Sat 28 November, 10am – 3pm

Christmas is right around the corner and here's your chance to come and add a bit of sparkle and shine to our seasonal display of trees. Simply bring along your own decorations and unleash your festive spirit. We'll also be running a People's Choice award whereby visitors will also be able to vote for their favourite tree. Cost £8 per tree. Booking essential on 020 3176 5830.



#### Christmas Sparkle

# Sat 5 – Sun 6 December, 10am – 3pm

Join us as we celebrate the festive season and discover a range of gifts, decorations, food and drink.

#### **Christmas Lunches**

#### Wed 9 – Thu 24 December, between mid-day and 1.30pm

Enjoy a delicious festive lunch in the magical surroundings of Hyde Hall where you can be sure of a warm welcome, delicious food and a cosy atmosphere. Perfect for a pre-Christmas catch up with family and friends.

This three-course Christmas lunch and all-day entry to RHS Garden Hyde Hall costs £37.90 per person. RHS members £28.95. Booking essential on 01245 402 038.

## **Woodland Walks**

# Tue 5, 12, 19 & 26 January Tue 2, 9, 16 & 23 February

A chance to blow away the cobwebs as we take you on a guided tour of Hyde Hall's woodlands. Afterwards enjoy a warming bowl of soup and a roll for just £4.00. Walks start at 11am.

Normal garden admission applies on all event days, unless otherwise stated.

Buy garden tickets online at rhs.org.uk/hydehall

# Family days, wider smiles

Spend the day with us for fresh air and fun. Say hello to autumn and winter; an exciting new season brimming with family activities.

# Little Acorns Pre-School Gardening Club

# Wed 7 Oct, 4 Nov & 2 Dec 10.30am – midday

Encourage your little ones to become budding gardeners.
This fun and informal club will provide a wealth of ideas to help stimulate an interest in gardening. Cost £2 per child plus normal garden admission.

# Spooky Woodlands Half Term Fun

Mon 26 – Fri 30 October, 10am – 3pm

Time for some spooky woodland art and craft fun. There will also be a seasonal garden explorer trail to enjoy. Cost £2 per child plus normal garden admission. Bookable on arrival.

Twit twoo! Pop along on Wednesday and you can say hello to our owl friends. On Friday you can also enjoy face painting.

# Children's Pumpkin Carving

Sat 31 October, 10am – 3pm

Halloween fun for children and adults alike. Whether scary or fun, get creative and carve your own pumpkin to decorate your doorstep. Come in fancy dress and you'll receive a treat. Don't forget to

book in for one of our special trick or treat storytelling trails when you arrive.

Pumpkins available to buy from the garden (while stocks last).

#### Magic of Christmas

#### Fri 4 – Sun 6 December, 10am – 3pm

Good news – the big man himself will be making a special stop-off at the garden so be sure come and say hello to Santa and his elf and then listen to a special Christmas story that's never been told before! The fun continues afterwards with a glitter and glue arts and craft workshop.

Santa, story, arts & crafts - £6 per child. Booking essential on 020 3176 5830. Arts & crafts only - £2 per child. Bookable on arrival. Normal garden admission applies.

#### February Half Term Activities

#### Mon 15 – Fri 19 February

A fabulous range of insect themed children's art & craft activities. Cost £2 per child plus normal garden admission. Bookable on arrival.

# **Scarecrow Making Weekend**

# Sat 20 – Sun 21 February

A great opportunity for the whole family to get together and have fun making a scarecrow. Book your scarecrow kit on 020 3176 5830. A large scarecrow kit is £8 and a small scarecrow kit £6. Normal garden admission applies.

Hyde Hall is a spectacular garden made for fun and adventure for families.
Climb the Higgledy Hyde woodland tower, fly a kite, roll down a hill, spot feathered friends from the bird hide or count the fish in the pond.

Activities vary visit rhs.org.uk/hydehall for full details