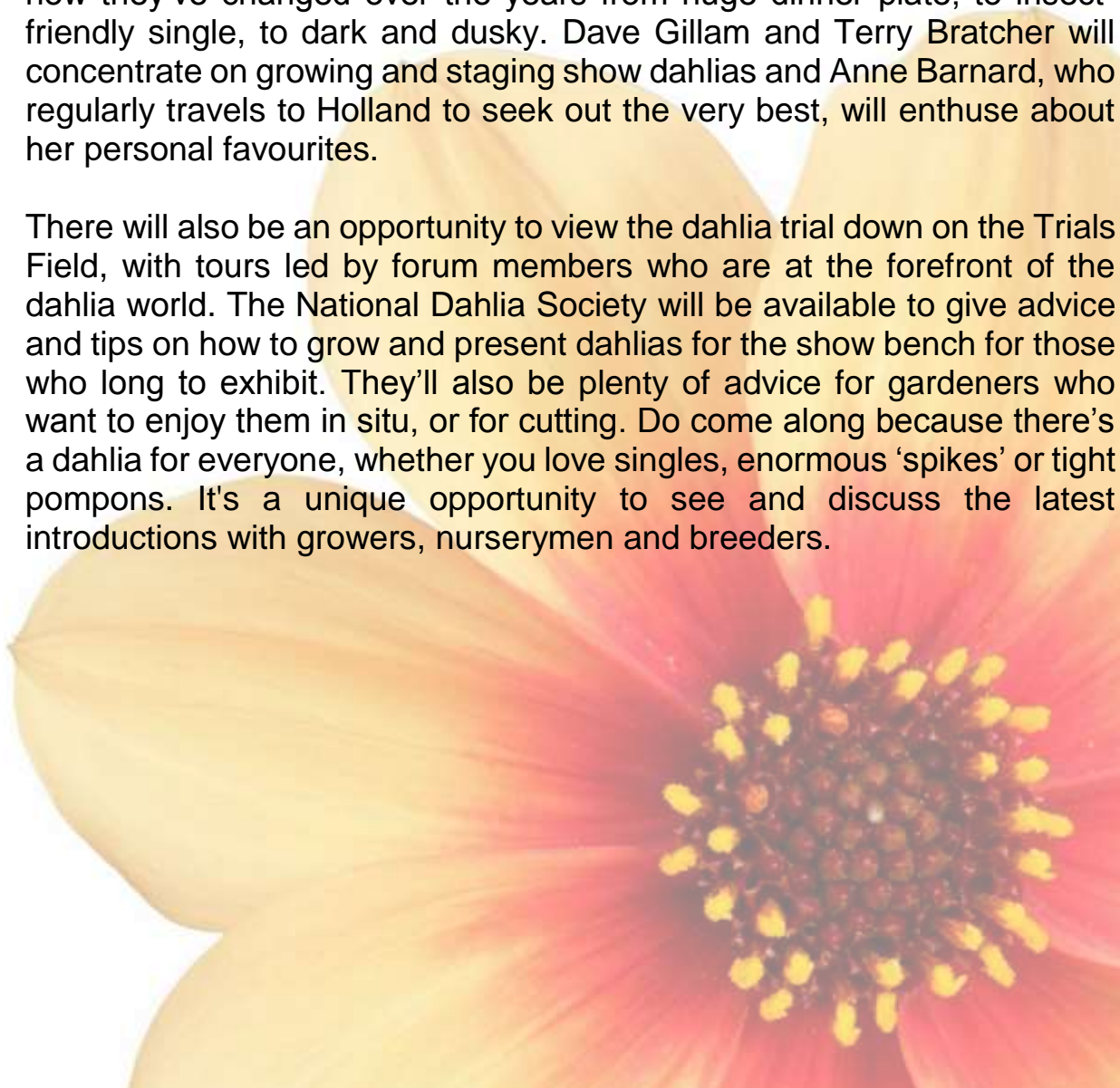


“A Celebration of Dahlias at RHS Garden Wisley” Dahlia Study Day

Fergus Garrett of Great Dixter, garden writer Val Bourne, Anne Barnard of Rose Cottage Plants, show exhibitors Dave Gillam and Terry Bratcher are all dahlia enthusiasts with a lifelong passion for this Mexican firecracker. All five will be sharing their enthusiasm and experience at “A Celebration of Dahlias” to be held at RHS Garden Wisley on Wednesday 23rd September 2015.

Fergus Garrett will explain how dahlias bring the borders to a crescendo in the late Christopher Lloyd’s Great Dixter Garden. Val Bourne will discuss the dahlias that performed well in the Trial and those achieving the ‘Award of Garden Merit’, she will highlight the history of dahlias and how they’ve changed over the years from huge dinner plate, to insect-friendly single, to dark and dusky. Dave Gillam and Terry Bratcher will concentrate on growing and staging show dahlias and Anne Barnard, who regularly travels to Holland to seek out the very best, will enthuse about her personal favourites.

There will also be an opportunity to view the dahlia trial down on the Trials Field, with tours led by forum members who are at the forefront of the dahlia world. The National Dahlia Society will be available to give advice and tips on how to grow and present dahlias for the show bench for those who long to exhibit. They’ll also be plenty of advice for gardeners who want to enjoy them in situ, or for cutting. Do come along because there’s a dahlia for everyone, whether you love singles, enormous ‘spikes’ or tight pompons. It’s a unique opportunity to see and discuss the latest introductions with growers, nurserymen and breeders.





Programme for the Dahlia Study Day

RHS Garden Wisley

Wednesday 23rd September 2015

- 11.00 Welcome and Introduction - Robin Pearce
- 11.15 Design with Dahlias (Creative ways of using dahlias in the garden) - Fergus Garrett
- 11.45 Wisley Dahlia Trials and how Dahlias have evolved - Val Bourne
- 1.00 Break for Lunch (not provided)
- 2.00 What's New in Garden Dahlias - Anne Barnard
- 2.30 Growing for Exhibition and the role of the Amateur Breeder - National Dahlia Society
- 3.00 Question time
- 3.30 Tour of Dahlia Trial

The study day will take place in the Hillside Events Centre at RHS Garden Wisley, Woking, Surrey, GU23 6QB

This event is free to garden visitors once they are inside the garden and places cannot be booked in advance.

