SUSSEX GARDENS TRUST

Dates for your Diaries: Events in 2026

We thought you might like to know our plans for next year's visits. While the Events Group cannot give all the details this is a taste of what will be available.

Saturday 14 March 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Cliffe Hall, 28 Cliffe High St., Lewes, BN7 2AH
An illustrated talk by Timothy Walker: Beauty in Truth – the past, present and future of botanical art illustration.

Saturday 18 April 11.00am – 1.00pm
Duckyls, Selsfield Rd., East Grinstead, RH19 4LP
A recently renovated 15-acre garden. Originally laid out in the 1920s and '30s by a dedicated plant collector and orchid breeder. The current owners will share their experience of adding new features such as the orchard and ponds.

Saturday 16 May 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Cliffe Hall, 28 Cliffe High St., Lewes, BN7 2AH
Tommy Sandbrook and the Royal Grottoes of Virginia Water: Garden historian Sarah Rutherford will give an illustrated talk about her latest publication on English garden grottoes. This will be followed by the AGM.

Tuesday 23 June – from 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Town Place, Ketches Lane, Freshfield, near Sheffield Park. RH17 7NR
The owner, Anthony McGrath, will give us an introduction to the garden and the roses should be a joy to see.

Thursday 16 July 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Ichi–Coo Park, Russ Hill Farm, Charlwood, RH6 0EL
The park offers an eclectic collection of plants, trees and water, spaces, forms and vistas, habitats and sanctuaries. The owner will give an introduction and be happy to share his passion for trees.

Tuesday 4 August 2.00pm – 4.30pm
Shalford House, Kingsley Green, West Sussex, GU27 3LW
A designer and plantsman's garden with ten acres of maintained gardens set within forty acres, so plenty to explore. This will be a joint visit with members of the Surrey Gardens Trust.

Wednesday 9 September 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Kotimaki, Tottingworth Park, Broad Oak, Heathfield, TN21 8UH
The owners will share their experience of developing the garden, which offers an interesting range of creatively planted areas including a long double border within yew hedging and an exotic garden.

Further information about Events will be on the SGT website early in the new year