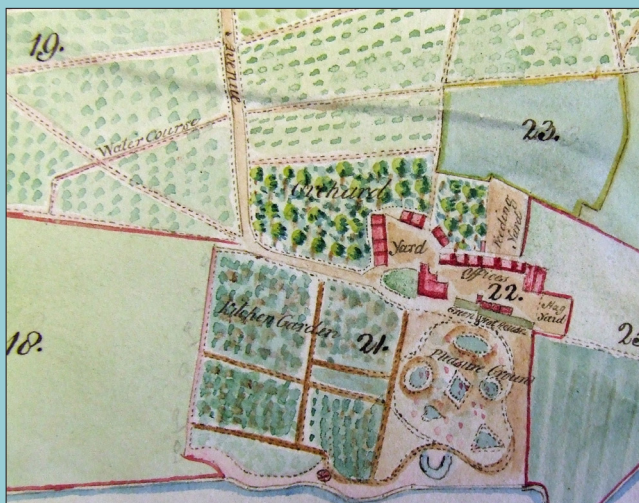




This conference will explore for the first time in Ireland the role of nurseries, both private and commercial, in the development of our gardens. For centuries the nursery trade has supplied the plant needs of garden owners, a role which expanded exponentially during the Victorian era with the arrival of railways, improved mail services and the publication of catalogues. Nurseries have also often been involved in garden and park design and have played a major role in the development of agriculture and forestry.



Map of Ballybeg Nursery, Co. Meath in 1819



Edward Browett & Sons, Kill of the Grange, Co. Dublin, 1908

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THE ROLE OF NURSERIES IN THE  
IRISH GARDEN & BEYOND

## CONFERENCE

NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS, GLASNEVIN

10th, 11th & 12th October 2014





## FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

- 6.00pm** Registration, Reception  
and Refreshments
- 7.30pm** Welcome by **Reg Maxwell**  
Acting-Chairman NIHGC
- Terence Reeves-Smyth**  
*Three centuries of the Nursery Trade in  
Ireland*

## SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER

- 9.15am** **Roy Lancaster**  
*Hilliers of Winchester. 150 years of Plant  
Introductions*
- 10.45am** **Mary Forrest**  
*Mount Usher and the Walpoles 1890-1980  
- Their Nursery Suppliers*
- 11.25am** **John Joe Costin**  
*The Irish Nursery Trade - Past, Present  
and Future*
- 2.00pm** Site Visit  
**Glasnevin** - The Library (Nursery  
Catalogue Display) & Tour of the  
Botanic Gardens
- 7.30pm** Dinner  
Venue: Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin
- Speaker: **Seamus O'Brien**  
*The Himalayan Collector's Historic Role  
in Irish Gardens and Nurseries*

## SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

- 9.30am** **Charles Nelson**  
*Nature and Nurture: Wild and Cultivated  
Sources of Plants for Irish Gardens*
- 11.00am** **Reg Maxwell**  
*'The Irish Rose' 130 Years of Rose  
Breeding in Ireland*
- 11.45am** **Brian Duncan**  
*World Wide Influence of Irish Daffodils*
- 2.00pm** Site Visit  
**The Casino at Marino.**  
Exhibition 'Paradise Lost: Lord  
Charlemont's Garden at Marino'



Catalogue cover: *Holland in Ireland: Robertson's Daffodils*  
(Hogg & Robertson, Dublin, c.1902)

## BOOKING FORM

Conference fee: £145.00 €175.00  
Including coffee/tea, luncheons & dinner.  
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