KILKENNY CASTLE

Lying in the heart of the medieval town, Kilkenny Castle dates from the late 12th century, having been founded not long after the Norman Conquest.

Substantially remodelled in the 17th & 19th centuries, the castle was the principal seat of the powerful Butler dynasty, one time Dukes and Marquesses of Ormonde, who remained here until 1935. Acquired in poor condition by the State in 1967, it has been the subject of a series of major restoration programmes by the Office of Public Works, including the 13th century Parade Tower, the venue of our 2019 conference - remodelled internally with one of the best lecture theatres in the country. Kilkenny is a wonderfully atmospheric & compact medieval town where all our conference venues are a few minutes walk from the castle; this includes the Pembroke Hotel where many of our speakers will be staying.



North front of Kilkenny Castle and its rose garden

CELEBRATING THE ROSE

The most popular of all cultivated plants for thousands of years, the rose has long been cherished for its beauty of colour and fragrance.

Cultivated for its perfume and healing properties, it has achieved status in religion, politics, decoration and literature, most notably as a universal emblem of purity, faith, romance, wisdom, perfection and sorrow. As it retains a central role in our gardens today, we have devised this conference to exploring the transformation of the rose into the full-pedalled beauty of today and to examining its evolving role in our garden designs, art and floristry.



Four late 18th-century 'stud China' roses in early Chinese bowl



Roses at Telemly, Algiers (B. Parsons)



Hardymount front with roses

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THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER

6.00pm Registration, Reception and Refreshment (courtesy OPW)

Venue: Pilot Tower and Long
Gallery, Kilkenny Castle

7.30pm Chairman's introduction (NIHGT)

Assumpta Broomfield Scent, Sex and Symbol. A History of the Rose.

FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER

9.15am Brent Elliott
The Development of the Rose in the

Nineteenth Century

10.30am Michael Tooley
Gertrude Jekyll's roses and those of her
friends and clients

11.15am Neil Porteous

Edith Londonderry and her roses at

Mount Stewart

12.00pm Reg Maxwell
The Irish Rose. How Gold Medals flowed

to Ireland

1.00pm Lunch
2.00pm Site Visit

Woodstock, Inistioge

7.30pm Dinner

Venue: Ormonde Hotel, Ormonde Street

Charles Quest-Ritson
Roses in Cultivation: Yesterday,

Today & Tomorrow

SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER

9.15am Shane Connolly
Roses in Floriography and the

language of flowers

10.30am Barbara Pilcher

Roses in Perfume: the great rose fields of Europe

11.15am David S. Ingram
The flower paintings of
Henri Fantin-Latour

12.00pm Therese Casey & Margaret Gormley
OPW's Historic Rose Gardens,
a feast for the senses

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Gerry Barry

The Rose Garden at St. Anne's Park, Clontarf

2.45pm Stephen Quinn

The Rose Gardens and Trials at Lady Dixon Park, Belfast

3.00pm Michael Marriott

David Austin's English Roses Past Present and Future



BOOKING FORM

Early Bird Conference fee: £199.00 / €235.00 before 1st August Conference fee after 1st August £220.00 / €260.00

Including coffee/tea, luncheons & dinner
Students fee excluding dinner £80 / €100
(Limited offer to those who can demonstrate they are registered on an approved course in horticulture/ architecture/landscape design.)

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