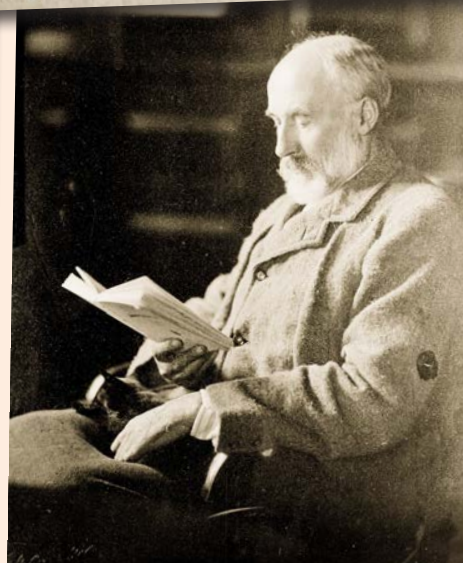




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Sometimes called 'the father of the English flower garden', William Robinson (1838-1935), the Irish gardener, journalist, and publisher, had a profound impact on late Victorian taste and ideas through promoting a new movement in garden aesthetics. As editor of many popular and influential weekly garden magazines and journals and as author of best-selling books, notably *The English Flower Garden* and *The Wild Garden*, he challenged the formality of High Victorian patterned gardening and popularised more natural planting of hardy perennials, shrubs, and climbers, in line with the honest simplicity and vernacular styles of the Arts and Crafts movement.



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CONFERENCE

LETTERKENNY

COUNTY DONEGAL

5th – 7th October 2023



THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER

6.00pm Registration, Reception and Refreshment

7.30pm Welcome by the Chairman (NIHGT)

Charles Nelson

The wild garden: a young man's book

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER

9.15am **Judith Nesbitt**
William Robinson: public opinions and private passions

10.45am **Richard Bisgrove**
Gertrude Jekyll and William Robinson: partners or pupil/teacher?

11.30am **Brent Elliot (Doreen Wilson)**
Robinson the Victorian: or, the slow growth of Robinsonianism

12.15pm **Tom Coward**
Gravetye Manor, the Renovation of Robinson's Wild Garden

1.00pm **Lunch**

2.00pm **Site Visit**
Visit to Glenveagh Castle Gardens led by **Sean Ó Gaoithín** (National Parks & Wildlife Service, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government). Transport will be provided.

7.30pm **Dinner**
Venue: Mount Errigal Hotel
Speaker: John Anderson
Mount Usher – Robinson's Never-ending Dream



Border, Rowallane, Co. Down

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

9.15am **Neil Porteous**
Annes Grove – A Garden Reborn

10.45am **Claire McNally**
'A bit of Yunnan': the making of Rowallane

11.30am **Matthew Reese**
A New English Flower Garden

1.00pm **Lunch**

2.00pm **Site Visit**
Visit to Carrablagh at Port Salon, by kind permission of John and Jan Mulcahy. Tour will be led by **Brendan Little**.

Border, Gravetye, Sussex (Gravetye Manor ©)



BOOKING FORM

Conference fee:

Early Booking: £225, €265 (Before 1st August)

Late Booking: £245, €285 (Post 1st August)

Fee includes coffees/teas, luncheons and dinner

(Limited offer for students who can demonstrate they are registered on an approved course in horticulture/architecture/landscape design, £110, €135, excludes dinner.)

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