



## Programme\* for the webinar "Pathways and Stone Wall Management in Historic Gardens"

Time	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023, 9.00 GMT+0:00
	on ZOOM
Host:	Gunnebo House, Sweden
Information:	The webinar will be in English and it will be recorded and made available on the project website. After the webinar we ask you to answer a survey about the workshop

## Topics

Pathways and stone walls are structural core elements of most historic gardens. The pathways of the garden might be hidden under layers of soil and only faintly detectable. They vary in the materials that are used, durability and purpose. What could be the history of a pathway and how can it be maintained sustainable into the future?

Behind stone walls in historic gardens and the landscape surrounding them lies a diverse history. Masonry techniques, materials, maintenance work and ecological impact depend on their age, context and surroundings. The building, maintenance and restoration of these structures require significant skills both concerning practical workmanship as well as a deep understanding of their diverse values.

This webinar will present different approaches and teaching from a variety of international experts concerning these two elements that is both part of the green and the built cultural heritage of historic gardens. Challenges due to climate change will be discussed as well as how modern technology can be used for documentation before deconstructing and re-laying stone structures. We will address how to collect knowledge of a craft that in some parts of the world is diminishing rapidly and how to spread it both for craftsmen and the public.

09.00-09.10	Welcome to the webinar, Jenny Nilsson, meadow and horticultural consultant.
09.10-09.30	Archaeological surveying of pathways and reconstruction. The history of pathways and the
	developing science of historical gardens and pathways. Speaker: perhaps Anna Andreasson
	Sjögren, Department of Archaeology and classical studies, Stockholm University,
09.30-09.50	Sustainable and historical maintenance of pathways in historical gardens. A discussion about norms and authenticity concerning gravel, weed control and the future. <i>Speaker: Joakim Sieler and Daniel Lundberg, Gunnebo House and Gardens</i> .
09.50-10.15	Q&A and Panel Discussions (concerning maintenance, chemical free weed regimes and challenges with perception of a well-kept path).
10.15-10.30	Short break
10.30-10.50	Pathways and climate change: managing runoff water historically and in the future. Speaker:
	perhaps Bianca Maria Landi, Head gardener Boboli Gardens, Florence.
10.50-11.10	Reconstruction of pathways: the complexity of archaeological layers and the challenges of
	refilling or changing materials. Examples from restorations in Europe, lessons learned and
	advice. Speakers: To be decided





11.10-11.30	Q&A and Panel Discussions (concerning materials used in pathways in different countries and
	their unique challenges and advantages and problems concerning climate change).
11.30-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-13.45	A manual on dry stone walls. Collecting experience for the future. Speaker: Joakim Lilja,
	Author.
13.45-14.05	Transference of the knowledge of the craft: courses for the public and craftsmen on
	maintaining stone walls. Speakers: representation from Great Britain.
14.05-14.25	Q&A and Panel Discussion (regarding the status of knowledge in different countries concerning
	the craft of maintaining and building stone walls and what can improve the situation).
14.25-14.45	The stone wall as a biotope. Speaker: Perhaps Mattias Lindholm, naturvårdschef
	Västkuststiftelsen.
14.45-15.05	Stone wall documentation: why, how and the future. Speaker: Fredrik Bergström FMT Mark
	AB.
15.05-15.25	The protection of dry-stone walls and their place in the historical mosaic of historical gardens.
	Speaker: perhaps Pär Connelid, agricultural historian.
15.25-16.00	Q&A and final Panel Discussion. (Regarding different threats towards stonewalls that can be
	detected in different countries. Plus, the whole content of the webinar). Presentation of the
	summer workshop.

\*Changes may occur

## Background for the program:

In the beginning of 2023 Gunnebo House and Gardens initiated a project of laying the foundation for a course on dry stone walls. The course would focus on the practical skill of working with stone walls as well as provide the participants with a greater understanding of the construction behind various types of dry stone walls, their unique and blending set of values and their wide importance for local ecosystems. The course was not approved this year but contacts had been made and we found that there was a wide interest from many different occupational groups both for attending but also for this knowledge to be spread.

Most of the thoughts for the content of the part on stone walls for this webinar is based on around 20 interviews with Swedish companies and persons active in the field of heritage management, historical gardens, biodiversity, construction companies, the church, universities, architects and 3d documentation. These interviews laid the foundation for the course and presented a vast reflection on these important and complex structures that can be of interest in an international perspective.

The speakers named in this program are so far on my Wish list and I would gladly accept aid in the network for Craft skills with establishing contacts with relevant Gardens and contacts persons other than mentioned, since I myself do not have all of these international contacts. I have only had initial contact with a few of the persons intended during the project in early 2023, of which a few might be interested to be a part of this webinar. The aim is to put together a webinar that can help us build a wide base of international knowledge as to how we are approaching, maintaining, and visualising these elements in the future.

Kind regards, Annie Nilsson, Ankdammen Heritage Management.



