



<b>Draft Programme* for the practical workshop “ Ornamental Plants in Historic Gardens”</b>	
<b>Time</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
<b>Host:</b>	Plant Network at Wrest Park (MK45 4HR), Swiss Garden (SG18 9ER) and Ascott Hall (LU7 OPT)
<b>Preparation:</b>	As preparation for the workshop, we kindly ask you to watch the recording of the webinar. Bring suitable working clothes, sunscreen and sun hats as we will be mainly outside and carrying out some practical tasks.
<b>Information:</b>	The workshop will be in English. Parts of the workshop will be filmed and available on the project website. After the workshop we will ask you to answer a survey about the workshop

*\*Changes may occur*

<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of July – workshop first day</b>	
<b>09:00</b>	Wrest Park, arrival and coffee
<b>09.30</b>	Andrew Luke, Head Gardener, walk and talk at Wrest Park: 300 years of landscape evolution in one place <a href="https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/wrest-park/">https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/wrest-park/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restoration of Woodland Panels</li> <li>• Bath house restoration - shrubbery. (Rhododendron ponticum cultivars)</li> <li>• Regency planting around lakes</li> </ul>
<b>11.00</b>	Professor Mark Laird, Garden Consultant on the Revitalisation Project. Recorded powerpoint talk from Toronto University. Looking at old maps, putting the beds back. How to interpret plant lists into practical planting plans. Influence of original pricing of plants (and prices today!). Plant records.
<b>12:30</b>	Complimentary lunch provided in the mansion meeting room.
<b>13.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical propagation session in the glasshouse - how to increase historic plant collections: Fuchsia, Salvia, Hydrangea, Conifer, Begonia.</li> <li>• Seed collection</li> </ul>
<b>15.00-16.30</b>	Garden tour continues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedding in the Parterre: irrigation, soil improvement with mulches, propagation v buying in such quantities, heritage varieties or not.</li> <li>• Herbaceous border 1834 - 1850. Photos 1915. History volunteers explain their research and plant lists.</li> <li>• Coronation wildflower meadow.</li> </ul>
<b>18:00</b>	Meet for dinner at local restaurant (payment for this meal is not included in the workshop)

<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of July – workshop second day</b>	
<b>09.30</b>	<p>Sissel Dahl, Head Gardener, walk and talk in Swiss Garden, recently restored Picturesque garden: <a href="https://www.friendsoftheswissgarden.org/about-the-swiss-garden">https://www.friendsoftheswissgarden.org/about-the-swiss-garden</a> (SG18 9ER) (LU7 OPT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historic setting with a modern twist</li> <li>• Need to extend the season into summer – discuss strategy and options</li> <li>• Planting within a budget: growing perennials from seed</li> </ul>
<b>10.30</b>	<p>Dan Hale, Head Gardener at Brodsworth Hall and Bolesworth Castle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Researching historic varieties from 17<sup>th</sup> Century to the present day.</li> <li>• Sharing results and spreadsheets.</li> </ul>
<b>12:00</b>	Lunch in Swiss Garden café. (Payment for this meal is not included in the workshop.)
<b>13:00</b>	<p>Drive to Ascott Hall (45 minutes LU7 OPT) National Trust owned house and garden donated by the Rothschild Family. Traditional 19<sup>th</sup> Century style planting with emphasis on foliage and topiary, parterre and modern designed Lynn Garden by Jacques and Peter Wirtz.</p>
<b>14:00</b>	<p>Tour with Ian Blaney, Head Gardener: adapting ornamental planting schemes to climate change, modern schemes, prairie planting, irrigation needs: <a href="https://www.ascottestate.co.uk/ascott-park-and-gardens">https://www.ascottestate.co.uk/ascott-park-and-gardens</a></p>
<b>16:00</b>	End of the workshop. Departure of the workshop participants, car sharing to station/airport

