

## Craft Skills for Garden Conservation

- finding, developing and sharing best practice

Programme* for the webinar		
"Pathways and Stone Wall Management in Historic Gardens"		
Time	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023 GMT+0:00	
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. Speaker: Joakim Sieler
	and Daniel Lundberg, Gunnebo House and Gardens.
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.
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.
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.





13.45-14.05	Transference of the knowledge of the craft: courses for the public and craftsmen on maintaining stone walls.
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 be seen as a necessary movement to make the situation better).
14.25-14.45	The stone wall as a biotope.
14.45-15.05	Stone wall documentation: why, how and the future. <i>Speaker: Fredrik Bergström FMT Mark AB.</i>
15.05-15.25	The protection of dry-stone walls and their place in the historical mosaic of the historical gardens.
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



