

ASPECTS OF GARDENS TALKS AT HEREFORD COLLEGE OF ARTS

Sir Roy Strong, Helena Attlee, Kate Felus and Timothy Walker will be speaking at Hereford College of Arts as part of a series of four illustrated talks during March which cover a variety of interesting topics sure to inform, inspire and delight green-fingered gardening enthusiasts.

Aspects of Gardens welcomes the four speakers - who are experts in their field - to share their knowledge, stories and anecdotes on gardens, their history and design, including aspects from England to Italy and culminating in the future for gardening in the UK.

Sir Roy Strong was knighted in 1983 and is an English art historian, museum curator, writer, broadcaster, landscape designer and a Fellow of HCA. Together with his late wife, the designer Dr. Julia Trevelyan Oman, Sir Roy transformed the Laskett Gardens, noted as the largest private formal gardens to be created in England since 1945. His talk, on Tuesday 3rd March, is called 'Updating the Laskett Gardens' and provides a fascinating insight into the work and ethos behind the project.

Helena Attlee is a non-fiction author and makes a welcome return to the series on Tuesday 10th March to talk about her latest book, 'The Land Where the Lemons Grow', which takes the reader on a journey through Italy's cultural, moral, economical, culinary and political past. Tom Stoppard, quoted in The Times' Literary Supplement's Books of the Year, said it was "The book I pressed on friends more than any other this year."

Kate Felus is a historic landscape consultant specialising in the Georgian Period. With the tercentenary in 2016 of the birth of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, Kate will discuss the elements of a Brownian garden, from boating and fishing to music and dining, during her talk on Tuesday 17th March.

Timothy Walker will look at the future of gardening in the UK during his talk on Tuesday 24th March. Walker has served as Director of the University of Oxford Botanic Garden & Harcourt Arboretum. He has been awarded Master of Horticulture by the Royal Horticultural Society of London, and won four golds, two silver-gilts and one silver medal at the Chelsea Flower Show.

"The Arts and gardens aren't necessarily seen as an obvious partnership," says Wendy Tolley, Business Development Manager at the College. "However our Aspects of Gardens series offers a fascinating insight into the design, cultural elements and aesthetics of historical and modern horticulture; a must-attend event for anyone with an interest in gardening at any level."

Each evening will commence at 7pm, concluding around 8.15pm. Tickets cost £7 per talk, or £6 for HCA Associate Members. Tickets for each event are available now and can be booked by contacting the College on 01432 845302 or emailing shortcourses@hca.ac.uk. Booking is advisable as the events may sell out.

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