

CONSERVATION & RECONSTRUCTION

Retaining the historic integrity of our significant heritage parks and gardens is essential in their ongoing management and conservation. This necessitates a comprehensive evaluation of their content, design and history. However, while detailed investigation into the original form of gardens and parks is an essential aid to accurate repair and renewal, it often highlights tension between preservation, reconstruction and simple enhancement. Discovering the directions to take, how and why, is the underlying theme of this year's NIHGT conference. Accordingly, we have invited a wide range of speakers to talk about their own experiences in the conservation, rejuvenation and restoration of our historic parks and gardens.



Opening day, July 2001, of the restored slip garden at Strokestown

LISSADELL, CO. SLIGO

Lying at the foot of Ben Bulbin, ten miles from Sligo on the north shore of Sligo Bay, Lissadell, is one of the most delightfully situated demesnes in Ireland. Its sweeping parkland surrounds a large austere classical house of 1831-35, the ancestral seat of the Gore Booth family until its sale in late 2003. One of its many features is the restored stable yard and riding house, the venue of our conference. Since 2004, the present owners, Edward Walsh and Constance Cassidy, have initiated a major programme of restoration of the house, yards and both the walled gardens; this work is ongoing.



The restored Lower Garden at Lissadell

NORTHERN IRELAND HERITAGE GARDENS TRUST
25TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HISTORIC GARDENS RESTORE, PRESERVE OR CONSERVE MAKING CHOICES

CONFERENCE
LISSADELL, CO. SLIGO
5th, 6th & 7th October 2017

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THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER

6.00pm Registration, Reception and Refreshment

7.30pm Welcome by the chairman (NIHGT)
Introduction to our opening speaker by
Mike Snowden.

John Sales

Significance, Dead and Alive?

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER

9.15am **Christopher Gallagher**

*Mystery Plays, Restoration Dramas & the
Rise of Significance: parks and
gardens management since the mid-1980s.*

10.45am **Brian Dix**

*Here's one that was made earlier – thirty
years' experience of archaeology
and garden reconstruction.*

11.35am **Neil Porteous**

*Restoration, Reconstruction and
Reinvigoration at Mount Stewart,
Co. Down.*

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm **Edward Walsh**

Restoring Lissadell – a work in progress
Site Visit to Lissadell park and gardens.

7.30pm **Dinner**

Venue: Riding House, Lissadell
Speaker: **Richard Wheeler**
*The Renaissance of the Renaissance Garden
– restoring formality.*

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER

9.15am **Seamus O'Brien**

*Restoration of the gardens at
Kilmacurragh, Co. Wicklow.*

10.30am **Catherine Fitzgerald**

*Rejuvenation of the gardens at
Hillsborough Castle, Co. Down.*

11.10am **Alan Ryan**

*'Diamond in the mine' The restoration of
Colclough walled garden.*

11.50am **Christopher O'Neill**

*Ilnacullin; Rejuvenating the Irish Riviera:
The OPW's approach to the
restoration and rejuvenation of the
gardens on Garinish Island, West Cork.*

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm **Todd Longstaff-Gowan**

*Kensington Redivivus: the recent
refurbishment of the gardens at
Kensington Palace.*

2.45pm **Gretta Doyle**

*'(It) captivates the eye at a distance,
invites an approach, and is delightful
when near' – restoring the park and
gardens at Castletown, Co. Kildare.*

3.00pm **Adam Whitbourn**

*Sympathetic garden management, Is it all
Blarney?'*

BOOKING FORM

Conference fee: £150.00 €190.00

Including coffee/tea, luncheons & dinner.

Conference fee excluding dinner: £125.00 €175

Students fee excluding dinner £50 (€70)

(Limited offer to those who can demonstrate they
are registered on an approved course in horticulture/
architecture/landscape design)

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Please advise of special dietary needs.

The Conference Hotel will be: Radisson Blue, Rosses
Point. Other nearby hotels can be found on-line.

Cheques or BACs payable to:

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within 3 days of the conference. £30/€30 will
be retained on other cancellations.