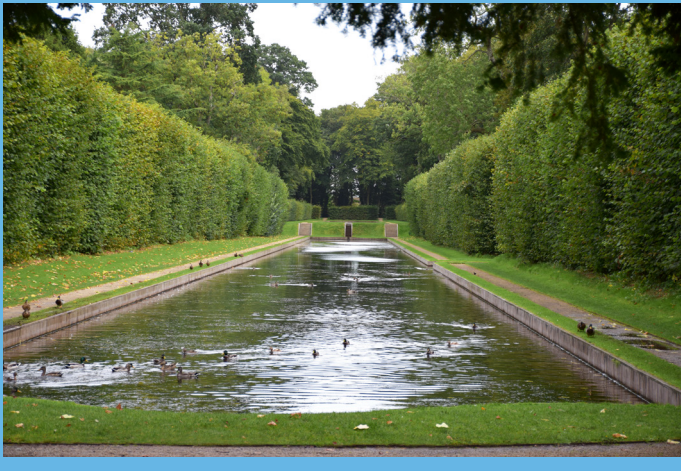




Leonardo da Vinci famously remarked that 'water is the driving force of all nature'. It is the lifeblood of all plants, the essential element in the existence of gardens and a precious resource which needs careful management and judicious use, never more so than in this era of climate change. Its sounds, changing light and reflective qualities, have attracted garden designers from the earliest known examples in Egypt and Mesopotamia, paradoxically located in desertic areas, to those of ancient Rome and the Renaissance, where architecture, botany and hydraulics were the principal components. Water usage was also strongly visible in classical baroque and mannerist gardens, often in the form of precise geometric basins and canals, frequently with fountains or other water features, while in the landscape gardens of the eighteenth-century, water remained a fundamental component, now in the form of lakes, ponds and water bodies that assumed natural shapes. Indeed, water gives scenographic organicity and life to our gardens, past and present, and this event, our 30th annual conference, is intended to contribute to its better appreciation.

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3rd–5th October 2024



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THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER

6.00pm Registration, Reception and Refreshment

7.30pm Welcome by the Chairman (NIHGT)
NIHGT 30th Annual Conference

Caroline Holmes

*Bory Latour-Marliac – the source of water
lilies before and beyond Monet*

FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER

9.15am Jan Woudstra

*Aspects of water engineering in British and
continental gardens, 1600-1740*

10.45am Terence Reeves-Smyth

*The role of water in Irish parks and
gardens, 1600-1750*

11.30am Wendy Bishop

*Game changer: the ornamental lake in the
eighteenth century landscape.*

12.15pm Mary Forrest

Mount Usher by the river Vartry

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Site Visit

Visit to Mount Usher, Ashford, Co.
Wicklow. Transport will be provided.

7.30pm Dinner

Venue: Woodenbridge Hotel, Co. Wicklow
Speaker: Patrick Bowe
The role of water in classical gardens



Blue Egyptian Water Lily, (Thornton)

SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER

9.15am Gordon Ledbetter

*The use of water in modern/contemporary/
recent landscape and garden design*

10.45am Andrew J Clayden

Rain gardens

11.30am Steve Porter

*Restoring and managing water in historic
gardens for the 21st century*

2.00pm Site Visit

Visit to Kilruddery, Bray, Co. Wicklow

Front: Kilruddery, County Wicklow, Canal (T. Edwards)

*Rear (top to bottom): watercolour of the Vale of Avoca, 14th June
1875 (Algerina Peckover); Long Canal, Antrim Castle, County
Antrim; Altamont Lake, County Carlow.*

BOOKING FORM

Conference fee:

Early Booking: £225, €265 (Before 1st August)

Late Booking: £245, €285 (Post 1st August)

Fee includes coffees/teas, luncheons and dinner

(Limited offer for students who can demonstrate they
are registered on an approved course in appropriate
discipline, £110, €135, excludes dinner.)

Rooms for delegates (special rates) in the
Woodenbridge Hotel, Garnagowlan, Arklow,
are reserved until August 31st – please contact
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