



The 31st annual NIHGT conference will explore the history of bulbs, corms and tuber breeding; the trade in both Ireland and abroad, and the ways in which bulbs were used in gardens from the seventeenth-century onwards.



Hogg & Robertson, 1901 & 1907



'Spellbinder' daffodil (Guy Wilson, 1944)



Glenarm, Co. Antrim – part of garden during tulip festival

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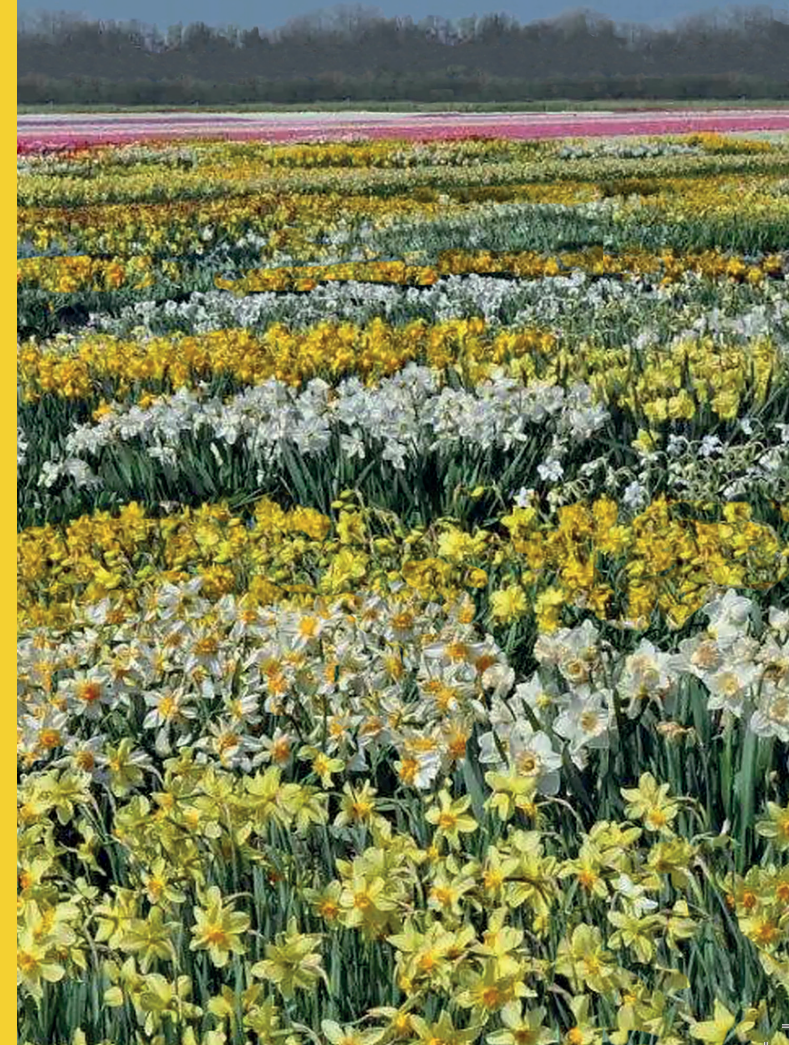
THE WORLD OF BULBS

Their history, propagation and use

CONFERENCE

WESTVILLE HOTEL, ENNISKILLEN
COUNTY FERMANAGH

2nd–4th October 2025



THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER

6.00pm **Registration, Reception and Refreshment**

7.30pm **Welcome by the Chairman (NIHGT)**
NIHGT 31th Annual Conference

Terence Reeves-Smyth
The bulb trade in Ireland, 1750–1950

FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER

9.15am **Graham Dillamore**
Bulb planting at Hampton Court 1700 onwards

10.45am **Polly Nicholson**
A sustainable approach to growing species, historical and annual tulips

11.30am **Jim Jermyn**
Galanthus, Leucojum and Dwarf Spring Bulbs – their history, native distribution and application in our gardens

12.15pm **Paul Smyth**
Bulbs in an Irish Garden

1.00pm **Lunch**

2.00pm **Site Visit**
Florence Court, Co. Fermanagh
Transport will be provided

7.30pm **Dinner**
Venue: Westville Hotel
Speaker: Christine Skelmersdale
Bulbs in the Tien Mountains

SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER

9.15am **Carlos van der Veek**
The Dutch bulb industry

10.45am **David and Jules Hardy**
Demystifying daffodils

11.30am **Duncan and Kate Donald**
'Beauty' in the eye of the beholder?
Rescuing heritage daffodils

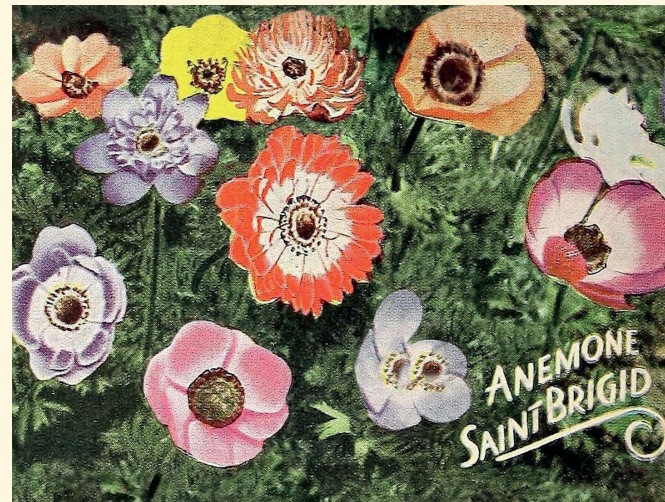
12.00pm **Brian Duncan**
Fifty years as a hybridizer

1.00pm **Lunch**

2.00pm **Suzie Scott**
Bulbs in art and art of floristry

2.45pm **Martin Duncans**
Bulbs at Arundel Castle

3.00pm **Discussion**



BOOKING FORM

Conference fee:

Early Bird (before 31st July) – £249 €295
From 1st August – £269 €319
Fee includes coffee/tea, lunches and dinner.

(Students who can demonstrate they are registered on a full time, approved course in an appropriate discipline may apply to NIHGT via secretary@nihgc.org for the reduced rate of £140 €160 which excludes dinner.)

A finite number of rooms for delegates (special rates) are reserved (until 31st August) at **The Westville Hotel** and **The Belmont Motel**, both on Tempo Road, Enniskillen.

Check the internet for other local accommodation if required.

Payment to 'Northern Ireland Heritage Gardens Trust' can be made via bank transfer, see NIHGT website – www.nihgc.org). Please ensure we have your name and contact details.

OR

Cheque sent to: NIHGT, 11 Raffrey Road, Killinchy, BT23 6SF with this booking form.

Name(s)

Address

Tel:

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No refunds will be given for cancellations within 3 days of the conference. £70/€80 will be retained on other cancellations.

Please also advise of special dietary needs – contact:
secretary@nihgc.org