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Plants & Pollinators...

Easton Walled Gardens hosts a Botanical Art Exhibition
Saturday 16th February - Sunday 17th March 2019, on our usual open days*

Following the huge success of last year's event, Easton Walled Gardens is excited to announce the second Botanical Art Exhibition, entitled: **'Plants & Pollinators'**. See two talented artists, well respected in the field of botanical illustration and painting, interpret the fascinating lives of bees and the plants they pollinate. The exhibition, which takes place in the beautifully restored Coach House, will run in conjunction with Snowdrop week from Saturday 16th February and will remain open for viewing on our usual open days up until Sunday 17th March. Entry is included in the garden admission fee.

The Artists...



Dawn Wright

Dawn Wright, AssocSBA : As the resident botanical art tutor at Easton Walled Gardens, Dawn's enthusiasm, knowledge and expertise of botanical drawing and painting really brings out the natural creativity within her students. Dawn's work has received 'highly commended' for the Joyce Cuming Award at The Society of Botanical Artists' Annual Exhibition. Dawn currently runs her botanical art workshops across the East Midlands.

Val Littlewood, BA MA SIAD: After a career in commercial art, design and teaching, Val is enjoying the multifaceted world of creative arts. She has a particular interest in the conservation of wild bees and to that end developed a small travelling 'BUZZ' exhibition which showcases 24 British Wild Bees and their flowers.

Venues for the show have included Lumen Gallery London, the Lost Gardens of Heligan, Easton Walled Gardens, Yewbarrow House and Nature in Art Gallery in Gloucestershire where Val has had two Art Residencies.



Val Littlewood

The exhibitors are part of a distinguished group of botanical artists stretching back to the 16th century. These skills are still used today to record flora throughout the world. They use extraordinary observation skills to reproduce the beauty and detail of the natural world.

Normal garden admission applies. Free admission for Friends of Easton Walled Gardens.

*Usual garden open days are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays

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About Easton Walled Gardens: Ursula Cholmeley has restored this ancient 12-acre garden from a wilderness into one of the UK's leading garden attractions. The gardens include meadows, roses, sweet peas, spring bulbs and shrubs, cutflower and vegetable gardens. The emphasis is firmly on horticulture although the cakes are pretty good too! Highly commended in the 'Hidden Gem' category of the Hudsons Heritage Awards, 2017.

Dawn Wright



Explore the gardens - www.visiteaston.co.uk/gardens/explore-the-gardens