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British Wildflowers

Easton Walled Gardens hosts a Botanical Art Exhibition
Saturday 15th February - Sunday 15th March 2020, on our usual open days*

Art and science collide to produce the exquisite art form that is botanical illustration and painting. Botanical art celebrates the wonder of the natural beauty that surrounds us and Easton Walled Gardens are pleased to host its' third annual Botanical Art exhibition, featuring the stunning work of three inspirational and well-respected artists. Each artist will interpret the subject of British Wildflowers through the challenging and demanding medium of botanical illustration and painting. Delve into the inside world of British wildflowers in this exhibition, with work which shows the intricate details of native flowers, including enlarged drawings of dissections, revealing their hidden detail. The exhibition, which takes place in the beautifully restored Coach House, will run in conjunction with Snowdrop week from Saturday 15th February and will remain open for viewing on our usual open days up until Sunday 15th March. Entry is included in the garden admission fee.

The Artists...

Dianne Sutherland BSc Hons Biology, Dip DLDC, SBA, FLS: Dianne is a British artist and works in Graphite and Watercolour on paper and vellum, using traditional techniques. She always endeavours to combine her art and science training in her work by raising awareness about plants through her preferred subject of native British plants. Dianne has been an elected Fellow of the Society since 2012. She is also a Fellow of the Linnaean Society. She has been a regular RHS exhibitor and has work held in the collection at the Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation and a member of the Royal Botanical Garden, Sydney, Florilegium Society, with work in their permanent collection.

Polly Sutherland BA (Hons), MA: Born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1997, Polly Sutherland is an artist interested in the unseen aspects of the natural world and often depicts subjects such as plant dissections and microscopic forms. A graduate in both a BA (Hons) in Fine Art from Lancaster University and an MA in Art in Science from Liverpool John Moores University, she specialises in detailed drawings of microscopic and botanical forms, working with both graphite and coloured pencil as well as new collaborative work with her mother Dianne Sutherland, which combines graphite and watercolour in large scale works.

Dawn Wright, Dawn Wright Cert BI, SBA Fellow: Dawn currently runs her botanical art workshops across the East Midlands and she derives immense pleasure from working with, and supporting those who are new to, or wish to 'have a go' at botanical art, and seeing individual confidence grow and develop as they progress. Dawn is an active member of several botanical art societies, both in the UK and further afield, and has exhibited at the RHS as a member of the Leicestershire Society of Botanical Artists, where they were awarded a Silver medal. Dawn's work has received 'highly commended' for the Joyce Cuming Award at The Society of Botanical Artists' Annual Exhibition.

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!

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