

Kells Bay Gardens - Southern Symposium VIII - X Anniversary
Friday, 29th September - Sunday 1st October 2023

Friday 29th September

- All Day Gardens & Plant Centre open to all delegates until Dusk.
- 17:00 Official opening of new Plant Centre
- 17.30 Neil Porteous: A guided walk beginning in the Bamboo Glade.
- 19:30 Symposium Buffet Supper in the Marquee
Join Billy and Speakers (prior reservation required)
- 21:00 Jack Aldridge, RHS Wisley
‘The Woody Plant Wonders of Wisley and Beyond’

Tickets for Friday - €50

Saturday 30th September

- 08:00 Breakfast in the Dining Room. (Residents only)
- 09:30 Delegate registration - Conservatory;
Complimentary Tea & Coffee on terrace.
- 10:00 Welcome and Introduction by Eoin Ó Cuirc
- 10:15 **Bleddyn and Sue Wynne-Jones, Crug Farm**
"Seed and plant collecting in the mountains of Colombia.1"
- 11:30 Tea/Coffee
- 12:15 **Ken Cox, Glendoick**

"A century of Adventures in Rhododendrons"

13:30	Thai-style Buffet Lunch served in the conservatory
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- 14:45 **Daniel J. Hinkley - Windcliff**

"From Shadows to Sun; Making Windcliff".
- 16:00 Questions and Answers with our Guest Speakers
- 16:15 **Billy Alexander- Closing Remarks**
Details of **Symposium IX**
September 28th - Sunday 31st September 2024
- 16.30- 17.30 Guided walk by Neil Porteous in the gardens with speakers and
Guests

Tickets for Friday and Saturday - €140

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Sunday 1st October

- 08:00 Breakfast in the Dining Room. (Residents only)
- 09:15 Delegates Gather on Terrace, complimentary Tea & Coffee
- 9:30 **Seamus O'Brien, National Botanic Gardens of Ireland,
Kilmacurragh**
"Wildflowers of Van Diemen's Land: The British-Irish Botanical Expedition to Tasmania "
- 10:45 Tea/Coffee
- 11:15 **Daniel J. Hinkley, Windcliff**

"The Treasures of Vietnam".
- 12:30 Questions and Answers with our Guest Speakers
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| 13:00 | Atlantic-Asian fusion: A tasty selection of Soups, Sandwiches, Salads, served on the terrace to informally conclude the Symposium. |
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- 13:30 Gardens and Plant Centre open to all delegates until 6pm.

Tickets for Sunday - €55

Tickets for all 3 days - €175