

Kells Bay Gardens – Southern Symposium IX

Friday, 4th October – Sunday 6th October 2024

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- All Day Gardens & Plant Centre are open to all delegates until Dusk
- Plant availability list available in advance upon request
- 17:30 Neil Porteous to give a short, guided walk in the gardens
- 19:30 Symposium Buffet Supper in the Marquee
Join Billy and our Speakers (prior reservation required)
- 21:00 Jimi Blake, Hunting Brook Gardens
“A Deep Dive into the Woodland plant Collection in Hunting Brook”
Including Araliaceae collection, choice woodland perennials and more...”

Tickets for Friday - €50

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Saturday 5th October

- 08:00 Breakfast in the Dining Room (Residents only)
- 09:30 Delegates Gather on Terrace, complimentary Tea & Coffee
Get name tags
- 10:00 Welcome and Introduction by Billy Alexander
- 10:15 **Raf Laenaerts**
“Cultivating Rare and New Magnolias”
- 11:30 Tea/Coffee
- 12:15 **Scott McMahan, Atlanta Botanical Gardens**
“Plant Exploration in Vietnam and N.E. India”
- 13:30 Thai-style Buffet Lunch served in the conservatory
- 14:45 **Adam Frost, BBC Gardeners World**
“For a Love of Plants”
- 16:00 Questions and Answers with our Guest Speakers
- 16:15 **Billy Alexander - Closing Remarks**
Details / announcement of **Symposium X**
October 3rd – Sunday 5th October 2025
- 16.30- 17.30 Guided walk by Neil Porteous in the gardens with speakers and Guests

Tickets for Saturday – €85

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Sunday 6th October

- 08:00 Breakfast in the Dining Room (Residents only)
- 09:15 Delegates Gather on Terrace, complimentary Tea & Coffee
- 9:30 **Scott McMahan**
“Ex situ Plant Conservation at The Atlanta Botanical Garden”
- 10:45 Tea/Coffee
- 11:15 **Derry Watkins**
“Breathless - Plants of the Andes, Himalaya and Alps”
- 12:30 Questions and Answers with our Guest Speakers
- 13:00 Soup and Sandwiches
- 13:30 Weekend formalities conclude.....
- Delegates are welcome to visit the Gardens and Plant Centre

Tickets for Sunday - €55

Tickets for all 3 days - €175