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Garden shows 2014

FEBRUARY

26 Ellerslie International Flower Show, New Zealand (until 2 March). The best of southern hemisphere gardening. ellerslieflowershow.co.nz

MARCH

20 Keukenhof, the Netherlands (until 18 May). Artful bulb displays. keukenhof.nl

APRIL

4-6 Saint-Jean de Beauregard Fête des Plants Vivaces, France. Europe's finest plantspeople. domsaintjeanbeauregard.com

5-6 Cornwall Spring Flower Show, UK. Spring comes early to the South West. cornwallgardensociety.org.uk

MAY

9-11 Beervelde Garden Days, Belgium. Plants and accessories. parkvanbeervelde.be

16-18 Courson Journées des Plantes – Spring, France. Top nurserymen in château parkland setting. domaine-de-courson.fr

20-24 Chelsea Flower Show, London, UK. The UK's premier garden event, this year marking the centenary of the First World War. rhs.org.uk

30 Gardening Scotland, UK (until 1 June). Inspiration and plants for Scottish gardeners. gardeningScotland.com

30 Holker Garden Festival UK (until 1 June). Gardens, countryside and crafts. holkerfestival.co.uk

31 Coombe Trenchard Garden Show, UK (until 1 June). Summer garden fair in Arts and Crafts setting. coombetrenchard.co.uk

JUNE

20-22 Bingerden International Specialist Nursery Days, the Netherlands. International plantspeople. bingerden.com

20-22 GROW London, UK. New contemporary garden show held in Hampstead. www.growlondon.com

JULY

8-13 RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, UK. Roses and summer gardens. rhs.org.uk

SEPTEMBER

12-14 Harrogate Flower Show (Autumn), UK. Celebrating autumn's harvest and planting. flowershow.org.uk

OCTOBER

3-5 Orticolario, Italy. Garden festival on the shores of Lake Como. orticolario.it

4-5 Dixter Plant Fair, UK. International specialist nurseries. greatdixter.co.uk

• This is just a selection of shows for 2014. Look in your local press for other events and also with the RHS for its full list of shows. Dates correct at time of press but please check all details.



GARDENING HERITAGE

House and garden reunited

While famed for its garden, the house at Hestercombe with its 18th-century façade and Victorian interior has been something of an anomaly as the base for Somerset Fire and Rescue for more than 60 years. Now the house and historic garden landscape are reunited under the ownership of the Hestercombe Gardens Trust, which will open it up to the public as an education centre and as home to its archive. Look out for details of a forthcoming exhibition of photographs by Lutyens and Jekyll. Tel 01823 413923, hestercombe.com



Maker of gardening gloves, Gold Leaf now offers gardeners' wellingtons. In its words: 'no fancy patterns, no fancy names, no fancy buckles' just durable black boots in natural rubber with neoprene lining and a steel shank in the sole for added protection.

RRP £89. Stockists information on goldleaf-gloves.com