



SCULPTURE TRAIL ADDS NEW DIMENSION TO CLAREMONT LANDSCAPE GARDEN

Surrey Sculpture Society, which this year celebrates its 30th anniversary, and the National Trust are delighted to be installing a new sculpture trail at Claremont Landscape Garden in Esher this summer. The outdoor exhibition will run from 8th June to 14th July 2024.

Created by some of the nation's greatest landscape gardeners, Claremont Landscape Garden was designed as a place for its owners' pleasure and relaxation. With striking vistas and playful architectural features like the grass amphitheater, the lake and grotto, a walk around Claremont has always been a pleasure for its visitors. The addition of the new sculpture trail, which has been specially curated by Surrey Sculpture Society, will provide an exciting evolution to the garden.

Miranda Barber, the SSS Exhibition Manager commented: "We are delighted to be preparing for a new sculpture trail this summer at the historic Claremont Landscape Garden. The stunning gardens are a perfect backdrop to showcase this varied and interesting collection of original artworks."

Rhona MacCallum, General Manager of Claremont Landscape Garden, added: "We are excited to welcome Surrey Sculpture Society to Claremont for the first time, especially in their 30th year. We are looking forward to seeing the garden enriched by original art works and hope our visitors will enjoy this new dimension."

The trail, which will encompass the serpentine lake and surrounding areas, will be fully accessible allowing all visitors to enjoy the wide-ranging exhibition of original, affordable art created by both professional and emerging sculptors. All works will be for sale.

Visitors can round off their visit with some well-earned refreshment at the Gardener's Bothy Café. The Garden is open daily between 10am and 5pm with last entry at 4pm, and entry to the sculpture trail is included within the overall ticket price. Free entry for National Trust Members.

For more information: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/surrey/claremont-landscape-garden> and www.surreysculpture.org.uk

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High-res images of Claremont Garden and sculptures: [LINK](#) to Dropbox

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Claremont Landscape Garden

Steeped in nearly 300 years of history, this eighteenth-century garden is a green oasis in the heart of Surrey within easy reach of London. Previously the countryside retreat of politicians and royalty, Claremont has always been somewhere to escape everyday life and enjoy simple outdoor pleasures.

Many of the great names in landscape design history played a part in the creation of the estate. Over the years Sir John Vanbrugh, Charles Bridgeman, William Kent and 'Capability' Brown all put their own distinctive stamp on the pleasure grounds, and in 1866 Queen Victoria herself acquired the estate to save it from development.

Today you can still spot lots of historical features in the garden, including the large turf amphitheatre, serpentine lake, grotto, Camellia Terrace and Belvedere Tower.

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Surrey Sculpture Society was created 30 years ago by fourteen local sculptors. The Society has since grown into an organisation with over 250 members spread across the South East of England and further afield. We welcome both professionals and talented amateur sculptors.

The Society stages major events annually in prestigious venues across Surrey and Sussex. Current and past venues include the Savill Garden in Windsor Great Park, Ramster Gardens, RHS Wisley, numerous National Trust properties: Hatchlands Park, Standen House with an inaugural exhibition at Claremont Landscape Garden for 2024, Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens and West Horsley Place.

The Society has an exciting and varied Education programme and are proud to sponsor the next generation of sculptors at UCA Farnham and UAL Wimbledon.

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