



RAMSTER HALL

Press release...

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Ramster Garden to host Surrey Sculpture Society exhibition this spring - against a backdrop of dramatic colour

Surrey's much loved Ramster Garden in Chiddingfold near Godalming, famed for its incredible display of rhododendrons and azaleas, is hosting a special art exhibition by the Surrey Sculpture Society within its grounds from 23rd April until 20th May 2021.

The extensive sculpture trail will offer visitors to this beautiful garden a rare chance to see a collection of inspirational original pieces of sculpture, created by professional and emerging artists, within a magical woodland setting. The sculptures will be staged around the 20-acre garden, adding further drama to the breath-taking show of over 300 rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias which burst into colour throughout spring.

Alison Catchlove, the SSS Exhibition Manager for Ramster Garden 2021 commented: "The Surrey Sculpture Society is thrilled to be exhibiting at Ramster Garden this year. It's so exciting to have a new venue where we can create a completely fresh sculpture trail. We have a fabulous team made up of SSS members who will be organising and designing the exhibition alongside Rosie Glaister and her head gardener. The grounds at Ramster are beautiful and we have a fantastic range of sculptures that are going to look amazing there."

The sculpture trail has been designed by SSS member Carol Orwin, working closely with the Ramster Garden team, to create an exhibition that will show a diverse range of sculptures. They will be strategically positioned throughout the gardens, ranging from modern abstract to more classical styles, using fired earth, metal, glass, stone, wood and bronze - with each piece accompanied by the artist's statement.

"The sculpture exhibition will add an exciting new element to the garden which is already home to enchanting sculptures and natural carvings which can be discovered as you follow the winding grass paths. It is a perfect setting to balance sculpture with plantings," enthuses Rosie Glaister, who runs the family-owned garden.

The wide range of sculptures which would form eye-catching focal points in gardens, conservatories and interiors, will be for sale during the event.

Ramster Garden will be open daily from 10am until 5pm throughout spring (free car parking). Visitors can also enjoy delicious cakes, sandwiches, snacks and drinks from the Tea House. Seasonal garden membership is available. Please check the website before visiting for the latest Covid-19 guidelines.

For more information and entry prices please visit www.ramsterevents.com

For more information on the Surrey Sculpture Society please visit

www.surreysculpture.org.uk

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Notes to the editors:

High-res images of Ramster Garden and sculptures:

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About Ramster Garden

Ramster Hall and Garden has been in the same family for over 90 years and is renowned for its spring and autumn colour. The history of the garden goes back to 1990 when Rams Nest as it was then called, was bought by Sir Harry Waechter. He converted the farmhouse into an Edwardian country house and laid the foundations of the present garden from the oak woodland with help from Gauntletts of Chiddingfold, renowned for their interest in Japanese plants and ornaments. In 1922 the property was bought by Sir Henry and keen horticulturalist Lady Norman who introduced many of the rhododendrons and azaleas for which the garden is famous today. In 1927 the garden was first opened for the National Gardens Scheme and has continued to open every year since - The Queen's Norfolk Garden, Sandringham is the only other garden that shares this distinction.

About Surrey Sculpture Society

From its humble beginnings in 1994 with a group of just fourteen Surrey-based sculptors, the Surrey Sculpture Society has blossomed into a major force with over 250 members. The society is proud to have exhibited at several renowned historic locations across the country including RHS Garden Hyde Hall, Beaulieu Stately Home and Motor Museum, Fulham Palace, and Savill Garden on the Crown Estate at Windsor Great Park.