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Surrey Sculpture Society exhibition returns to Ramster Garden this spring

Ramster Garden, a hidden horticultural gem nestling in the fold of the Surrey Hills at Chiddingfold near Godalming, will be the setting for the Surrey Sculpture Society's second exhibition at this renowned venue. The Sculpture Trail will be open from **22nd April until 5th June**.

It will feature over 100 thoughtfully positioned sculptures within the 25 acres of colourful gardens, famous for their spectacular spring blossoms of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. The tranquil setting also displays many rare and unusual trees and flowering scrubs.

Visitors to the event will be able to discover a broad range of sculptures as they stroll around the meandering woodland tracks, with unique works of art along the way.

Created by both professional and emerging sculptors, the sculptural styles on display will range from modern abstract to more classical styles, using ceramics, metal, glass, stone, wood and bronze. All sculptures will be for sale during the exhibition.

Gill Lawson, the SSS Exhibition Manager for Ramster Garden 2022 commented: *"I am delighted to be involved in the team that is organising our second exhibition at the lovely Ramster Garden. It was such a success last year with many visitors commenting on the suitability of the gardens to show the sculptures and how relaxed their visit had been. This year the trail will be along the main pathway, and although this is not tarmac, it is level and so will allow inclusive access not only to the sculptures but to the beauty of Ramster in Spring."*

"We really enjoyed hosting the sculpture last year and are looking forward to its return this year; 2022 marks my family being here for 100 years. So it is lovely to have another event here for visitors to enjoy while the gardens are at their peak" enthuses Rosie Glaister, who runs the family owned garden.

Ramster Garden will be open daily from 18th March, 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.

Entry prices to Ramster Garden 2022

Adults: £8 Group rate: (15+ people) £7

Children 5-16 years: £3

Under 5 years: free (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Registered disabled: £4.00 (carer free)

For more information, please visit www.ramsterevents.com

For more information on the Surrey Sculpture Society please visit

www.surreysculpture.org.uk

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IMAGES:

High-res images of Ramster Garden and sculptures:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rj1jhel9tlkt806/AABBFAMYSD92Owl9oj4zKNra?dl=0>

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About Ramster Garden - Ramster Hall and Garden has been in the same family for 100 years and is renowned for its spring and autumn colour. The history of the garden goes back to 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 for this event 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 and historic locations across the country including RHS Garden Hyde Hall, Beaulieu Stately Home and Motor Museum, Fulham Palace, Leonardslee Lakes and Gardens, Savill Garden on the Crown Estate at Windsor Great Park and various National Trust properties.