

**BBC**  
**Gardeners' World Fair**  
at Audley End House & Gardens, Essex  
30 Aug - 1 Sept 2024  
*Autumn*

**GARDEN PRESS EVENT**

**BBC Gardeners' World Autumn Fair 2024 Highlights**



**BBC Gardeners' World Autumn Fair returns to Audley End with new presenters, stages and workshops**

**NEW news**

- **NEW Layout** for the Autumn Fair's third year at Audley End House and Gardens, in association with English Heritage, with exciting new highlights and favourite features.
- **NEW Special guests** at the BBC Gardeners' World Magazine Stage: **Rachel de Thame** (Saturday) and **Joe Swift** (Sunday) join the BBC *Gardeners' World* Magazine editors to share seasonal gardening advice. Adam Frost makes a return appearance on Friday.
- **NEW Autumn Season Stage** hosted by TV chef **Marcus Bean**, featuring a daily line-up of Plant Experts, influencers and foodies sharing seasonal ideas and 'Grow Your Own' advice to take home.
- **NEW Have a go Workshops:** a daily workshop programme designed to boost autumn gardening and growing skills, led by Lucy Chamberlain and Saul Walker. More information on workshops to be announced (bookable).
- **NEW Expanded Association of Professional Landscapers' (APL) Skills Competition** with **three** member landscaping companies testing their creative and technical skills to build a competition standard show garden in just 16.5 hours as they watch the countdown clock. More details to be revealed!
- **NEW Association of Professional Landscapers' Landscaping and Design Clinic** offering expert garden design advice.

- **NEW Seed-Sowing Workshops:** free, daily seed-sowing workshops with Cara Thompson from the Make It Flourish community growing programme (bookable), sponsored by Mr Fothergills Seeds and SylvaGrow.
- **Workshops:** Autumn Garden Bouquets with Kim O'Brien (@dahliafarmerama) (bookable).
- **NEW Exclusive VIP and Subscriber Club Lounge** (Subscriber Club Lounge sponsored by The Woodland Trust): featuring additional seating, refreshments and a goodie bag, with daily talks by the BBC Gardeners' World Magazine editors, special guests and The Woodland Trust.

#### **Much-loved favourite features**

- **30+ specialist plant nurseries and growers** to browse and buy from, with **over 100 high-quality retailers** selling garden accessories, décor, tools, equipment and furniture.
- **Compact Beautiful Borders and Showcase Gardens** more detail to be revealed!
- **'In Conversation'** with special guests, hosted by TV chef, **Marcus Bean**, in the intricately designed and restored parterre gardens.
- **Plant Expert Tours** of Audley End's organic Kitchen Garden hosted by Lucy Chamberlain, Saul Walker and members of the English Heritage Gardens team (bookable).
- **Historical tours:** knowledgeable, costumed, heritage characters lead tours of Audley End's landscape and gardens. A **Capability Brown** performer shares the visionary designer's plans for the local landscape as he saw it in the 1760s, and **Mr. Vert, the Victorian kitchen gardener**, shares his daily routine (free, drop-in).
- **Workshops:** Oyster Mushroom Growing with the Caley Bros (bookable).
- **Charity Plant Crèche and Wheelbarrow Porter Service** hosted by volunteers from Perennial. Donations very welcome.
- **Good Food Market** featuring artisan food and drink producers, tasting and sampling, street food vendors and live bandstand entertainment, sponsored by Lexus.
- **Access all areas:** Autumn Fair tickets include access to Audley End's grand mansion with its great hall, state rooms, dressing rooms, servants' wing, stables and chapel, and the organic walled Kitchen Garden, grounds, gardens, parklands and children's play area. Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome in the grounds.

Tickets and info at [www.bbcgardenersworldfairautumn.com](http://www.bbcgardenersworldfairautumn.com). Press accreditation open [here](#).

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