

Welcome to Trewithen Gardens and whether this is your first visit or a return one we hope you enjoy your time here.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR Spring 2016 started early this year with our first Spring flowering camellia *C.x williamsii* 'Glenn's Orbit' in flower on the day that Major Tim Peake launched to go to the International Space Station. Other early signs of Spring showed with our Asiatic Magnolias the first flower this year (*Magnolia Cambellii*), seen on New Year's Eve!



We have a new Camellia which has just been named after winning its species class at RHS Rosemoor for the RHS Early Camellia Flower Show.

Camellia saluenensis 'Isadora' has been named especially after Mr. Galsworthy's granddaughter

March and April are not only busy times because the Gardens are open but we are also busy behind the scenes with the numerous flower shows we participate in. This year we are attending:

- 12th/13th Mar** RHS Early Camellia Show at Rosemoor, Devon
- 2nd/3rd Apr** Cornwall Garden Society Spring Flower Show, Boconnoc, Lostwithiel
- 23rd/24th Apr** Rosemoor Rhododendron Show



When is a Magnolia actually in Flower?

There is always a debate about this! Gary Long counts it as when the perules (furry jackets) are shed and when the stamens in the middle of the flower can be seen. Others count the flowering as when the perules are shed and the buds show colour. Whichever criteria you go by do watch out for 'Magnolia Neck' - those who participate in the sport of 'magnolia watching' will know all about this!

The Stumpery

During the winter of 2014/2015 the gardening team removed a series of cherry laurel hedges in the West Bay area of the Garden. Within the hedge were chestnut stumps (remnants of the 1990 gales) - amongst these different species of ferns have been planted to create a 'Stumpery'.

Find this area SW of the bird hide near the wildlife pond.



Rhododendron season has started

Here is *R. macabeum* KW7724 - our Head Gardener has a soft spot for this one!



At the Cornwall Garden Society Spring Flower Show Boconnoc we were awarded Silver Medal for the show garden we designed in collaboration with the ICS. We created a woodland garden and within that demonstrated through the use of plants and props how flowers are picked and transported to the show. Another area of the stand was then dedicated to being a 'Camellia Flower Show' showcasing the diverse flower types from singles to semi doubles.



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Wildlife Nature Area

A 'Bug Hotel' has been put together by volunteers Alison and David to provide a habitat for insects, small mammals and any amphibians from the pond nearby. The Bug Hotel is situated near the Bird Hide, where we have also spotted Jays recently and Greater Spotted Woodpeckers. This south west corner of the Garden is now a lovely nature area.



In keeping with 'Volunteer David' constantly appearing in pictures - here he is again peeping through the Bug Hotel!

See more pictures of David on social media with the hashtag #wheresvolunteerdavid and remember to look out for him in the Gardens!

