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**Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts has raised
18,056 euros so far this year!**

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President's Message

Whenever anyone asks me to visit them because they are thinking of opening their garden for us, they invariably add, "Because I'm not sure it's good enough!" To this I usually reply, "Well, we have all sorts of gardens that open for us, from chateaux to small village gardens and everything in between, so of course it will be considered.

Well, this year because it's our 10th Anniversary, we want people to enjoy sharing their garden just because it brings them joy to be outside in it, whether it is large or small, "good enough" or not!

That's why on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd September we are celebrating by encouraging you, whether you normally open for us or not, to do something in your garden that involves sharing your space with friends and family whilst maybe raising a little money for our charities at the same time. I shall be organising a guided walk and then inviting people back to my garden for a celebratory picnic. I will be asking people to pop a donation in my donation box in aid of the children and young adults we support.

So, if you enjoy yoga or Pilates in the fresh air, could show visitors how to take plant cuttings or hold a pruning afternoon, organise a treasure hunt, host a barbecue, play a game of boules or badminton, go on a bike ride followed by a buffet lunch in your garden, do some star gazing or anything else of your choice, we would be delighted if you would join in the fun too. Do let us know how you decided to use your garden to help us in this very special year (photos welcome!) and we hope you have a great time doing it!



Sue Lambert

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Spotlight on Sourire à la Vie

Sourire & la Vie provides free support to nearly 500 children and adolescents with cancer each year, offering care, fun activities, and major projects. Founded in 2006 and named by two young girls, the organization aims to bring smiles and a sense of fullness to life.

The association offers a blend of medical, social, and emotional support, including medical and physical care, social and educational programs, and cultural and leisure activities.

It provides both daily care and respite stays from dedicated centers, initially based in Marseille and Nice, and is expanding to other regions.



Over the past three years, Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts has donated 7,500 euros to support this cause.



Sylvia: A volunteers Story

I was asked if I could help out at an Open Garden event not that far from where I live and then write about what it was like as a volunteer. I have been reluctant to put pen to paper as I felt a bit of a fraud! I got to wander around a beautiful garden, chatting to some lovely people with a bit of



occasional help if the person manning the tea table or entrance table needed a break. Couldn't think of a better way to spend the day and the weather played ball too! Looking forward to my next volunteering stint.

Sylvia Emmerson

An Opener's View of Volunteers

As an experience garden opener I can't overstate the absolute value of volunteers. Their presence as a support person adds to the pleasure of visitors and they offer far more than they realise. To date I've had offers before the opening ranging from weeding to making cakes.

On the day volunteers man the gate, meet and greet, serve refreshments and even do the washing up.

So a big thanks to all you volunteers out there, you do a marvellous job and I'd go so far as to say that we couldn't do it all while enjoying the experience without you.

Sheila Cole

Surprising Gardening Rules

As you prepare your garden to shine for its grand public opening, have you ever wondered about the rules that might govern your green paradise? You might be surprised, as I was, to learn about the 'garden rules' in France highlighted in this August's Connexion.



For instance, there are specific times when you can mow your lawn. On weekdays, it's from 8:00 to 12:00 and then from 14:00 to 19:30. For Saturdays it's a slightly later start from 8:30 to 12:00 and then from 15:00 to 19:00. As for Sundays, you're limited to a quiet window from 10:00 to 12:00.

Curious for more garden etiquette and other intriguing topics? Dive into the Connexion website [www.connexionfrance.com]

For detailed mowing schedules, check out: [when-and-at-what-times-can-you-mow-your-lawn-in-france](#)

Please note the Connexion website is in English only but modern web browsers offer instant translations.

Here are some dates for your diary:

DORDOGNE

24320 Champagne-et-Fontaine - Sunday 4th August - NEW FOR 2024

24600 Allemans - Saturday 31st August - NEW FOR 2024

CHARENTE

16390 Montignac-le-Coq - 18th August, 15th September. Open to members already in possession of a 2024 Annual Membership Card. Can be purchased at any other garden opening or direct from the Treasurer (see website).

16320 Fontmorte, Rougnac - Sunday 4th August - NEW FOR 2024

FINISTÈRE

29450 Sizun - Saturday 17th August and Sunday 18th August

HAUTE-VIENNE

87200 Chaillac-sur-Vienne - Sunday 18th August

87600 Videix – Sunday 15th September - NEW FOR 2024

87200 Saint-Junien Sunday 27th October - The OGJO Team will be at the Fête des plantes, du jardin et de la Nature.

CREUSE

23240 Saint-Priest-la-Plaine Sunday September 8th NEW FOR 2024

HAUTE-PYRÉNÉES

65330 Montastruc Saturday 7th September - NEW FOR 2024

ALLIER

03190 Hérisson Sunday 3rd November

People continue to add dates as the season progresses, so keep checking the website for up to date information

Come and meet us

*Fête des plantes, du Jardin
et de la Nature*



Entrée 2€
(Gratuit pour les - de 16 ans)

**Dimanche
27 octobre 2024**

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*Salle des Congrès
du Châtelard*

150 EXPOSANTS

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Décoration Jardin
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