



Message from the President - April 2026

With Spring having officially arrived, some of our garden openers have started to put their open date on our website. We have listed those below and we hope others will follow in due course.

We have some lovely new gardens opening this year as well as some of your old favourites. All are holding proper open days, so check the calendar and their garden pages for their full details and do go along and support them if you can.

May sees several gardens opening but we also have a private event coming up on the 10th May, when the village of Montclar in the Aude 11250 will open 10 gardens. For the second consecutive year, they have kindly offered to donate their entrance fee to us. Maybe other villages may care to help us in this way too?

As for me, our house, garden and barns are for sale, so I am enjoying our Spring flowers I planted over many years, while I can. We are staying in France

but hopefully moving to La Manche in Normandie. The snowdrops, hellebores, pulmonarias, primulas and daffodils have all been delighting me with their wonderful array of colours and I am trying hard to remember them, in case I am not here to see them next year! I hope they will please another family in the future too. At the moment I have an open date of the 7th June on the calendar, but we will see what transpires as the year goes on. Watch this space!

Happy gardening; and enjoy your garden visiting for the new season.



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Presentation at Eymet, Dordogne

Our sincere thanks to the President of ACFAA Claire Riley for hosting us last week, for an Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts presentation about the work of our association to their Garden Group. We spent two lovely days travelling to and from the area; and we had fun meeting and talking to some of the keen gardeners of this part of France. The work we do was known to some of the group but to others, not at all.

Thank you to all the members who made us feel very welcome. It was lovely to talk with some of you afterwards, several being experienced gardeners; but also some new members, just starting out on their gardening journey here in France. I do hope that we may have encouraged some of you to become involved with us in one way or another.

The morning was rounded off with a very unexpected donation by the group to our cause, which will be put to very good use by our children and young adults. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

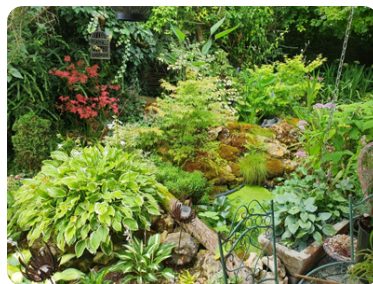
I also had the great pleasure of being shown Claire's own beautiful garden and to admire her ideas and learn some of the history of her own setting. We all look forward to keeping in touch in the future.

Three Gardens to Discover This Season



16390
Montignac-le-Coq

Two hectares of garden created in harmony with nature, with roses, a wild



24350
Subrenat

A hillside garden with unusual plants, colourful foliage, a hosta collection, a small lake, rose walk



03390
Beaune d'Allier

A newly created garden, transformed from pasture into an elegant space with

garden, lavender and a pond beside woodland.

and lovely views from the top.

shrubs, planting and decorative touches.

31st May

Numerous dates

31st May and 20th September

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Dates for your diary:

Here are some of the garden openings already confirmed for the season. We recommend checking our online calendar regularly, as more gardens continue to add dates throughout the year. Come and meet us!

By departement

03 Allier

03390 Beaune d'Allier

31st May · 9h30–19h30

20th September · 10h00–18h30

 *New opening this year.*

We hope there will be another garden open in this area on the same day.

03310 Nérís-les-Bains

7th June

We hope there will be two gardens together to visit on this day.

11 Aude

11250 Montclar

10th May

Private event in support of our association, with **10 gardens opening in one village.**

Please note: this event does not appear on our calendar. See **Latest News** on our website landing page for full details.

12 Aveyron

12270 Villeveyre, Najac

31st May · 10h00–18h00

16 Charente

16390 Labreuille, Montignac-le-Coq

🔑 **For Membership Card holders**

24th May, 21st June, 26th July, 23rd August, 20th September

19 Corrèze

19500 Branceilles

14th June · 10h00–19h00

23 La Creuse

23120 Murat, Vallière

17th May · Afternoon opening

🌱 *New for 2026*

📍 Guided tours only, by advance booking

🎵 Short performance of North Indian classical music by Laura Johnson at the end of each of the two tours

⚠ Not suitable for visitors with mobility problems

Please see the garden page for full details.

23150 Valaize, Saint-Pardoux-les-Cardes

7th June · 14h00–18h00

Two gardens will be opening together in this area on this day.

23240 Besseresse, Saint-Priest-la-Plaine

6th September · 10h00–16h00

24 Dordogne

24350 Lieu-dit Subrenat, Douchapt

31st May · 11h00–16h00

24300 Augignac

📍 *Opening by appointment only*

Please see the garden page on our website for contact details.

29 Finistère

29450 Sizun, Finistère

25th & 26th July · 14h00–18h00

37 Indre-et-Loire

37290 Yzeures-sur-Creuse

4th & 5th July · 15h00–19h00

46 Lot

46160 Frontenac

14th June · 14h30–18h00

A garden with **300 roses**.

🎵 A concert pianist will be performing from 17h00; a supplementary charge will apply.

47 Lot-et-Garonne

47800 Montignac de Lauzun

Saturday 19th September · 10h30–12h30 and 14h30–18h30

📅 Please note: this is a **Saturday opening**.

53 Mayenne

53110 Lassay-les-Châteaux

31st May · 10h00–12h00 and 13h00–18h00

87 Haute-Vienne

87600 Saint-Gervais, Videix

10th May · 10h00–16h00

Two gardens will be opening together on this day.

87250 Le Grand Bagnol, Fromental

6th & 7th June · 10h00–18h00



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