



Message from the President - September 2026

Dear friends and supporters,

This summer has been the most difficult of summers for our garden openers; gardening in extreme conditions, both early in the morning and late in the evening to avoid the heat of the day.

As some of you who know me well will know, I have always admired the beauty of Spring and Autumn plantings. I for one, will be adding even more bulbs this autumn for an even wider variety of Spring colour. This may be something others care to expand on in the future; and I hope we will have the opportunity to see more of our members gardens opening throughout the year.

Some of our regular openers have found that opening either early or later in the day, offers an opportunity for their visitors to walk in their garden and enjoy it's beauty in more comfort. Many of us will no doubt be thinking in terms of more trees and shrubs for shade and cover, to protect those lower growing plants. One of our openers is doing just that, as he has started creating a forest garden. He will open in the Allier (03) on the 31st October and the 1st November. Check the **calendar** for more information.

We love our gardens and will want to be able to enjoy them ourselves and share them with others. Whatever the weather holds for us in the future, I am sure our clever garden openers will adapt; and hopefully our visitors will continue to support them, whatever the time of day or season of the year.



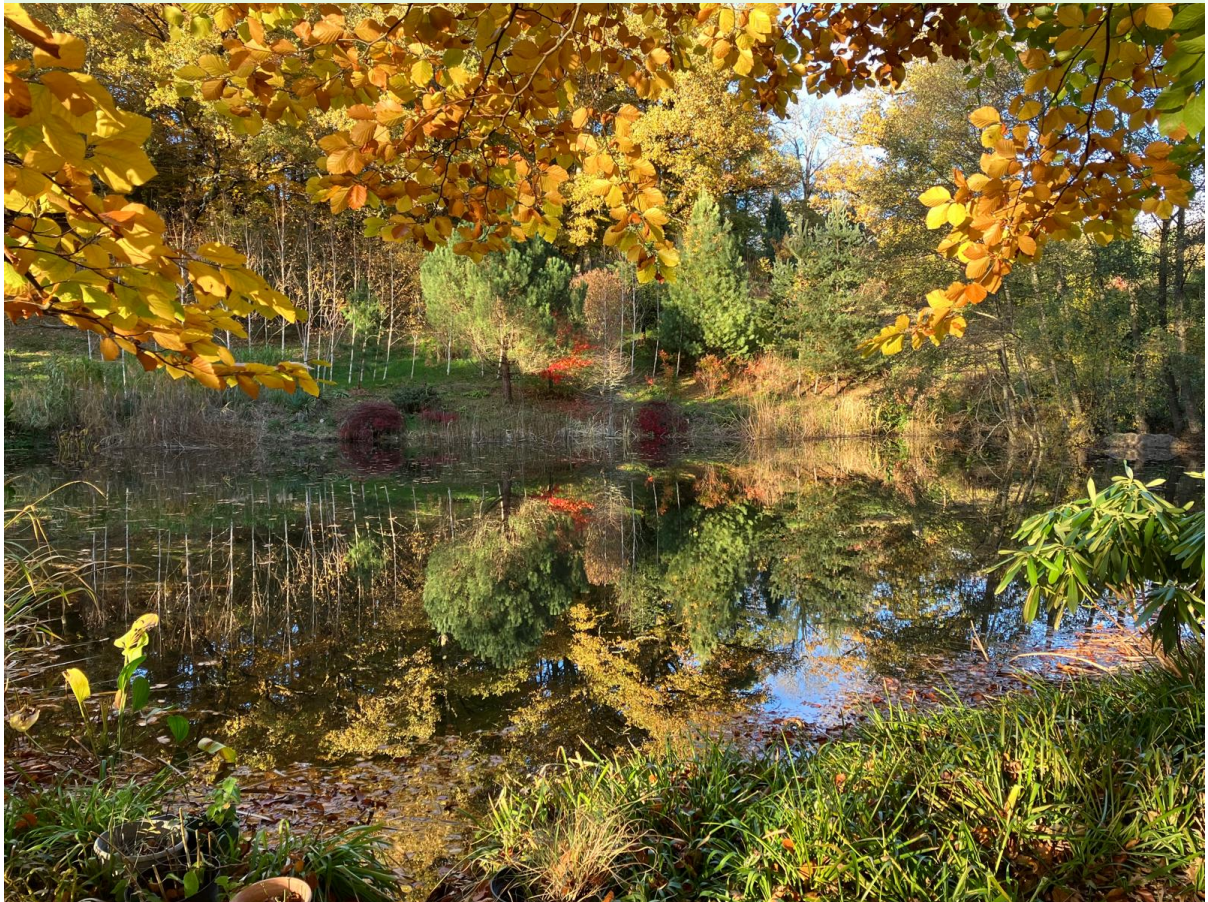
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A garden where nature takes the lead



After discovering Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts at the Arboretum de la Sédelle, Laura Johnson and Thomas Flechtner decided to share their own wonderfully individual garden in the Creuse. Their first opening proved that a garden does not need formal borders or immaculate lawns to offer visitors a truly memorable experience. Read their story [here](#).

Three Gardens to Discover...

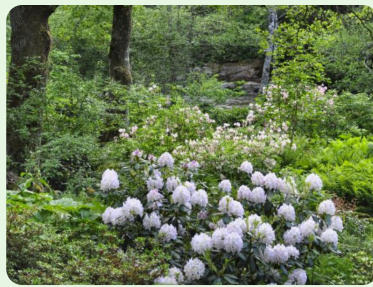


**23240
Saint-Priest-la-Plaine**

Opened for the first time last year, Christine and Garry's garden has continued to evolve, with new planting, trees, a small pond and charming garden structures. Browse their newly renovated bread-oven brocante, discover plants and hand-decorated pots for sale, then linger over coffee and cake amid birdsong, bees and butterflies.

6th September or by appointment

[View Garden](#)



**03420
Terjat**

Come and discover this country garden, created just three years ago and already taking shape as a beautiful and welcoming space. Surrounded by graceful hornbeam hedges, the garden is planted with a selection of perennial flowers and fragrant lavender, including flowering rose bushes and the delightful 'Vanille-Fraise' hydrangeas.

27th September

[View Garden](#)



**03310
Durdatt-Larequille**

Set across nearly a hectare, this gently sloping garden leads down to a pond once used as a public washhouse. Unusual trees, chosen for their autumn colour, form and origin, mingle with shrubs and perennials in a wooded bocage landscape, alongside a developing orchard and small pool.

27th September or by appointment

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Tea time

EN SOUTENANT CET ÉVÉNEMENT
VOUS NOUS AIDEREZ À AIDER
LES ENFANTS GRAVEMENT
MALADES

DIMANCHE 13 SEPT 2026 14H - 18H
ARBORETUM DE LA SEDELLE
VILLEJOINT 23160 CROZANT

ENTREE: 8 € / ADHERENT 6€
VISITE GUIDÉE: 14H30

RESERVATIONS: SUELAMBERT.OPENGARDENS@GMAIL.COM

L'Arboretum de la Sedelle

The beautiful Arboretum de la Sedelle is one of our Partner Gardens here in La Creuse. On **Sunday 13th September 2026**, the Arboretum will open between 14h00 and 18h00, entirely in aid of our association. Entry and tour 8 euros for non-members, 6 euros on production of your Membership Card. Tour commences at 14h30.

Please come along for a guided tour (French/English) by Philippe Wanty one of the proprietors; and then stay for some tea and cake in the cafe area after your tour. We

look forward to welcoming you there.

[View Garden](#)

Recruitment Day

Ever thought you might like to open your garden and share it with others to raise money for charity? What's involved? Have you ever wondered what our coordinators do and wondered if you could become one yourself? What are the members of our committee responsible for? What is the role of a Friend of Open Gardens/Jardins Ouverts? How do they help us and our garden openers? Think you could join us and help?

On Sunday 15th November 2026, we will be holding a Recruitment Day where you can find out the answer to these questions and more! Come along and meet the team at The Mairie, 1 Place de la Mairie, 23300, Saint-Maurice-la-Souterraine. 10h00-15h00. Complimentary buffet. Opportunity to visit one of our lovely local open gardens after the event.

Pre-registration required by email to president@opengardens.eu.



For children
For the future

What if your garden *could grow hope?*

By opening your garden to the public, you can help raise vital funds for charities supporting disabled and seriously ill children and young people in France.

COME AND DISCOVER

- ✿ How Open Gardens / Jardins Ouverts works
- 👤 Inspiring stories from garden owners
- 👥 Volunteering opportunities
- 🍷 A friendly atmosphere with a buffet



OPEN DAY

SUNDAY
15 NOVEMBER
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

COMPLIMENTARY
BUFFET



Afterwards, visit a local Open Garden.

Take the opportunity to look around a local garden that regularly opens to the public. Meet the garden owner, see how an Open Garden day works and ask questions about opening your own garden.

**FREE
TO ATTEND**

Scan QR code
to register



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🌐 www.opengardens.eu



La Mairie, 1 Place de la Mairie
23300 Saint Maurice-la-Souterraine

*We don't look for perfect gardens...
We look for kind people with
Open hearts*



Dates for your Diary

Open Gardens / Jardins Ouverts Newsflash

The 2026 garden opening season continues, with several lovely events still to come across France.

Please check each individual garden page on our website before visiting, as opening times, booking requirements and event details may vary.

More dates may still be added, so do keep an eye on our calendar and social media updates.

[Visit the Open Gardens website](#)

Upcoming garden openings and events

03 Allier

03390 Beaune d'Allier — 20th September, 10h00–18h30. Second opening for 2026.

03310 Durdatt-Larequille — 27th September, 10h00–17h00. Opening in conjunction with two other gardens, as below.

03420 La Forêt, Terjat — 27th September, 10h00–17h00. Two new gardens opening for the first time, in conjunction with one in Durdatt-Larequille.

03190 Lieu-dit Renaud, Hérisson — Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November, 10h00–17h00. Two guided tours will take place each day: one at 10h30 for the Riverside garden, and one at 14h30 for those also interested in food forests and old orchards.

23 La Creuse

23240 Besseresse, Saint-Priest-la-Plaine — 6th September, 10h00–16h00. See how this couple have restored their beautiful garden after devastating losses last winter.

23160 Villejoint, Crozant — Partner Garden: L'Arboretum de La Sedelle will open on our behalf on 13th September, 14h00–18h00. The guided tour in French will commence at 14h30. An English speaker will translate if required. The entrance fee, including the tour, is €8, or €6 on production of your OGJO Annual Membership Card 2026/27.

23300 La Mairie, 1 place de la Mairie, Saint-Maurice-la-Souterraine — Open Day, Sunday 15th November, 10h00–15h00. This is an opportunity to find out all about Open Gardens / Jardins Ouverts. If you have ever thought about opening your garden, becoming a coordinator, or sharing skills that could help us, the committee will be there to welcome you, alongside garden openers and coordinators. There will also be an opportunity to visit a real Open Garden in the afternoon. Free buffet lunch included. Please reserve your place in advance.

24 Dordogne

24300 Augignac — Opening by appointment only. Please see the garden page on our website for contact details.

87 Haute-Vienne

87200 Saint-Junien — 10th Fête des Plantes du Jardin et de la Nature, Salle des Congrès and Parc du Châtelard, Saint-Junien. 25th October. We will be present at this event, so do come along to meet us!

Please remember: garden openers continue to add dates throughout the season. We will keep you updated through this newsletter and on social media, but please check the calendar and individual garden pages before planning your visit.

Check the latest dates

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