

Scotland's Garden Scheme

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Hi Jane and Graeme,

I've just had a form from Minette Struthers that Scotland's Garden Scheme would like you to fill out for their new data base. Everybody so excited that you would open, perhaps a day or weekend in May, and maybe in July?

I hastily posted it to you yesterday. I'm off to Glasgow for the day, and they want to get the Yellow Book done for next season. I'm home to answer any questions Friday till Tuesday.

I guess the hardest section may be the description. Please write what you think best describes your special garden. Have a read in the Yellow book at other descriptions. I've had a look for a few comments I've seen about your garden, in case it helps.

they all emphasise it special woodland features, laid out around 1850, rhododendrons, azaleas, eucryphia, and wonderful specimen trees. A privilege to see a 'lost' garden currently in the process of being reclaimed by current owners.

Let's chat over the weekend.

Grace x

It is about 60 acres and has some truly amazing trees (an Eucryphia and Tulip Tree both about 30-40 feet high at least. paths throughout allowing access to see so many lovely trees and also very old rhododendrons and azaleas. They are also reclaiming parts of the Walled Garden. She is thinking of opening for a Sunday in May rhodie time and again a Sunday when walled garden better in July and more colourful. In process of restoration. allowing people into a secret garden that has amazing trees and show how new owners are reclaiming a garden (he was inspired by the lost gardens of Heligan.

I was able to organise a visit by the Northern Horticultural Society's Harlow Carr Rhododendron Group around eight years ago. Whilst it is an amazing place that has 'gone to sleep' over many years, it was equally amazing that nobody seemed to know anything about the garden sat so close to Lochgilphead.

We have arranged to visit a very old rhododendron garden near Lochgilphead that most members will not have previously been to. This is another 'Campbell Garden' originally called Auchindarroch and was laid-out in around 1850, in the same time frame as Kilmory Castle was laid-out by William Hooker. When the estate was later sold by the Inverewe Campbell's it was renamed Oakfield. Auchindarroch was the birthplace of James 'Arthur' Campbell, who later in life created Arduaine Garden. Restoration of areas of the garden have been taking place recent.