

PRESS INFORMATION

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW BY RICHARD BEALES OF PETER BEALES ROSES

Penshurst Place Talks in association with Hadlow College



On Thursday 23rd September 2010 Penshurst Place & Gardens is delighted to welcome Richard Beales of Peter Beales Roses to present a fascinating talk on life behind the scenes at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Peter Beales Roses have won at least 15 Gold medals at Chelsea in the 25 years that they have been attending the show and, now as Production Director at Peter Beales Roses, Richard has been responsible for the design of many the winning stands. This makes him more than qualified to take the audience on a backstage tour of the Chelsea Flower Show. Richard is also a successful photographer and has produced two films on the subject of roses.

Before the talk begins guests will be able to enjoy refreshments in the private inner courtyard at Penshurst Place, and where many different varieties of roses have been growing for over 400 years.

Full event details: Thursday 23rd September 2010. Doors open at 7.00pm. Talk begins at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.00 (including refreshments) and are available from the Penshurst

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Place Gift Shop and also from Broadview Garden Centre at Hadlow College. For telephone debit/credit card bookings call 01892 515675 from 9am – 5pm.

For a full listing of our events, go to www.penshurstplace.com

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For further press information, interviews and jpeg photographs, please contact Tamsin Leigh, Head of Marketing at Penshurst Place: 01892 870307 or email: tamsin@penshurstplace.com.

Background information about Penshurst Place & Gardens

Set in the beautiful Weald of Kent, Penshurst Place has stood on the banks of the river Medway since the 14th century, when the awe inspiring medieval Baron's Hall was built as a country retreat for the Lord Mayor of London, Sir John de Pulteney. Before it became the property of the Sidney family in 1552, in whose hands it has been in ever since, the property was owned by Henry VIII after he forfeited it from the previous owner, the Duke of Buckingham.

The historic gardens are as old as the house, with records dating back to 1346. These enchanting formal gardens were laid out in Elizabethan times and have remained remarkably true to their early design.

Over a mile of yew hedging separates this 11 acre walled garden into a series of self-contained 'rooms'. Each garden offers an abundance of variety in form, foliage and bloom, which ensures a continuous display from Spring to Autumn.

Alongside the Baron's Hall a series of staterooms contain an impressive collection of portraits, tapestries, furniture, porcelain and armour. In addition, visitors will enjoy a reminder of bygone childhoods in the Toy Museum, a delight for all ages. There is the Garden Tea Room which can be booked for group lunches and light refreshments, and a wonderful Gift Shop selling a wide selection of gifts.

OPENING TIMES & PRICES FOR 2010

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Weekends from Saturday 6 March – Sunday 28 March 2010. Daily from Monday 29 March to Sunday 31 October 2010.

Gardens open from 10.30am – 6.00pm (last entry 5pm).

House & Toy Museum open from 12 noon - last entry to house 4.00pm.

Garden Tea Room open 10.30am – 5pm – last orders 4.50pm.

Gift Shop open daily all year; 10.30am – 6pm during visitor opening season, 10.30am – 4.30pm during closed season (except Christmas late night shopping nights – see events programme for details). Closed from 24 Dec 2009 – 1 Jan 2010.

PRICES

House, gardens & grounds: - adult £9.50, child (5-16) £6.00,

family day ticket (2+2) £25.00, cyclists family £21.00 (or £1 off normal admission prices per person).

Grounds inc. gardens: - adult £7.50, child (5-16) £5.50, family day ticket (2+2) £22.00 Cyclists family £18.00 (or £1 off normal admission prices per person).

Individual Garden Season ticket (1 person plus unnamed guest): - £40.00 (for residents of the village £38.00).

Family Garden Season Ticket (2+2 OR NEW- 1+3): - £65.00 (£6.50 for each additional child for the year.) For 1+ 3 max. 5 children on one card.

UNDER 5's: Maximum 2 children free per adult, thereafter £2.50 each additional child

For further visitor enquiries, contact enquiries@penshurstplace.com

Groups (15+ prebooked)

Freeflow (non guided) house and gardens: - adults £7.50, children £4.50; gardens only: - adults £6.50, children £4.00.

Garden and House Tours for groups (15+) includes entrance to house and grounds.

House tours: - adults £9.50, children £5.00.

Garden Tours: - adults £9.50, children £6.00.

Combined house & garden tours: - adults £15.00, children £9.00.

For GROUP enquiries contact our Head of Visitor Services for further information on 01892 870307 groups@penshurstplace.com

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