



LES
JARDINS D'AYWIERS



PLANT AND GARDEN
FAIR



The Gardens of Aywiers

A dynamic gathering of 200 garden professionals and enthusiastic visitors who share their passion in an enchanting setting: the former Cistercian Abbey of Aywiers, in Lasne, Belgium.

When ?

Friday, May 2: 10 AM – 6 PM

Saturday, May 3: 10 AM – 6 PM

Sunday, May 4: 10 AM – 6 PM

Practical information

Entry:

€12 presale (on www.aywiers.be)

€14 at the entrance

Free for children under 12

Light refreshments available in the park

"Wheelbarrow" service for purchases

Free parking

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Water in all its forms

Water is life.

Without it, no plants, no gardens, no magic. Managing its scarcity or excess is always on a gardener's mind. Perhaps that's why their gaze is constantly turned to the sky? Not due to some belief, but rather out of constant concern for their plants.

Will there be too little? Then begins the frantic race with watering cans and hoses. Too much? Drainage and evacuation become the priority to prevent drowning and rot.

In recent months, before dreaming of water flowing, singing, or cascading, gardeners have had to learn to cope with it—above all, to focus on rescue efforts. The relentless rainfall has endangered their plans. They've had to be inventive and reactive. Waterlogged soil has fostered more slugs than vegetables. What was once a harmonious coexistence has sometimes turned into a difficult confrontation.

And yet, none of this changes the determination of garden enthusiasts. Water is their lifelong companion, and their connection endures, no matter what tomorrow may bring.

At the Gardens of Aywiers, exhibitors and visitors share experiences, delighting in meeting in this place of enveloping beauty. Everything seems timeless, yet each edition differs from the last, and everything evolves. The plant fairs showcase an astonishing diversity of vegetation. Each year brings new horticultural discoveries and opens new avenues for exploration: creating a garden or an orchard, discovering composting techniques, learning how to care for the life of the soil, reviving vegetable gardens...

Gardening raises awareness of environmental responsibility and highlights the vital connection between nature and gardeners. That is why a stroll through the Gardens of Aywiers is such a cherished moment for all.

Activities

"Coup de Coeur" stand

by Marie-Pascale Vasseur, Marie-Noëlle Cruysmans, and Tessa de Villegas, who will present each exhibitor's favorite plant and share their passion and top tips.

Anne Alexis :

florist, decorator and ceramist.

"Large Spring Bouquets – Demonstration and Advice."

Friday at 3 PM

Marc and Bénédicte Verhofstede (HUMUS)

"How to revitalize your soil—the living organism we need to yield the fruits of the Earth—and how to manage your compost!"

Saturday and Sunday at 11 AM, 1 PM, 3 PM, and 5 PM

Habeebee

"Sharing experiences and passion about bees, plus honey tasting."

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 3 PM

Birds Bay

"Welcoming wildlife into your garden—installing the right nest boxes in the right places, feeding animals properly, and creating ecological corridors within your garden."

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM

Guided tour

of the former Aywiers Abbey, followed by a Lutgarde beer tasting.

Saturday and Sunday at 3 PM

Conferences

Wild garlic, chives, hyssop, lovage... from seed to plate. **Pauline de Voghel** presents her new book: "**Les herbes aromatiques, 33 plantes savoureuses et bienfaisantes**", published by Ulmer in the Résiliences collection (February 2025). She will discuss the medicinal and culinary benefits of these plants.

Saturday, May 3 at 11 AM

"Secret Gardens of Japan" - Francis Peeters and Guy Vandersande will present their book, published by Ulmer (November 2024). These gardens serve as inspiration: arranging space into a series of open and enclosed plant scenes, playing with shadow and full light to highlight both the infinite and the minute details...

Saturday, May 3 at 3 PM

Cécile Thibaut, experienced and passionate market gardener:
"Seeds: how to choose your vegetable varieties without buying out the whole catalog?"

Sunday, May 4 at 3 PM

For children

The non-profit organization "**Kids'Care - Les amis de l'HUDERF**" is organizing creative activity workshops for children (participation fee benefits the organization).

www.kidscarehuderf.be

Every day

Birds Bay

will also host a family activity, "An Animal in Distress—Come to the Rescue!" First aid for wild animals, explained for and by children.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 11 AM and 3 PM.

Boat ride on the pond

(must be accompanied by an adult).

Every day

2, 3 et 4 mai 2025 (10 h-18 h)

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