

Historic Fruit and Kitchen Gardens

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Volunteers at Eutin Castle (@Schloss Eutin)

Online conference March 22, 2024: engaging volunteers

Join our next online conference on Friday March 22, 2024, 10h - 12h (9 - 11am UK time) and get inspired. This time, the theme is **engaging volunteers** and the focus is on the kitchen garden at Eutin Castle in Schleswig-Holstein (northern Germany) and the kitchen garden at Twickel estate in Ambt Delden (The Netherlands). Participation is as always free of charge.

The dilapidated kitchen garden of the early eighteenth-century baroque Eutin Castle was restored in 2006. The garden came to life during the Landesgartenschau 2016. Since then, a group of sixty volunteers have been maintaining the kitchen garden together with head gardener Kerstin Imogen Vieth. The volunteers are also the driving force behind the further development of this kitchen garden, which is an important part of the village community.

The kitchen garden consists of several parts such as a herb garden named after Hildegard von Bingen and a garden aptly named 'new roots' that is maintained by (Afghan) refugees. The kitchen garden also hosts the Eutin Castle Kitchen Garden Experience where education and fun go hand in hand. Here, for example, preschoolers learn where vegetables come from. In her presentation, Kerstin Imogen Vieth talks about the history of the garden and especially about the dedication of the volunteers and how she keeps them involved.



The kitchen garden at Eutin Castle, Germany (©Schloss Eutin)

The nineteenth century kitchen garden at Twickel Estate in Amt Delden has a very interesting history. The original kitchen garden was moved twice and the present kitchen garden narrowly escaped being turned into a parking lot. Renske Solkesz, head of green, will talk about the history of this kitchen garden and its historic greenhouses. Engaging volunteers now and in the future is a major topic at Twickel. Renske Solkesz will also discuss the social relevance and future of the kitchen garden.

Please register at amisdupotagerduroi@yahoo.fr to receive the link to this webinar.



Glass houses and potting shed in the kitchen garden at Twickel estate (©Twickel)

Kick off European network of gardeners and head gardeners

The first meeting of the [European network of gardeners and head gardeners](#) took place in ZOOM on February 9. [Twenty-six persons were present](#) : 2 from Belgium, 2 from Germany, 2 from the Netherlands, 10 from France and 10 from the UK. The network is European from its start.

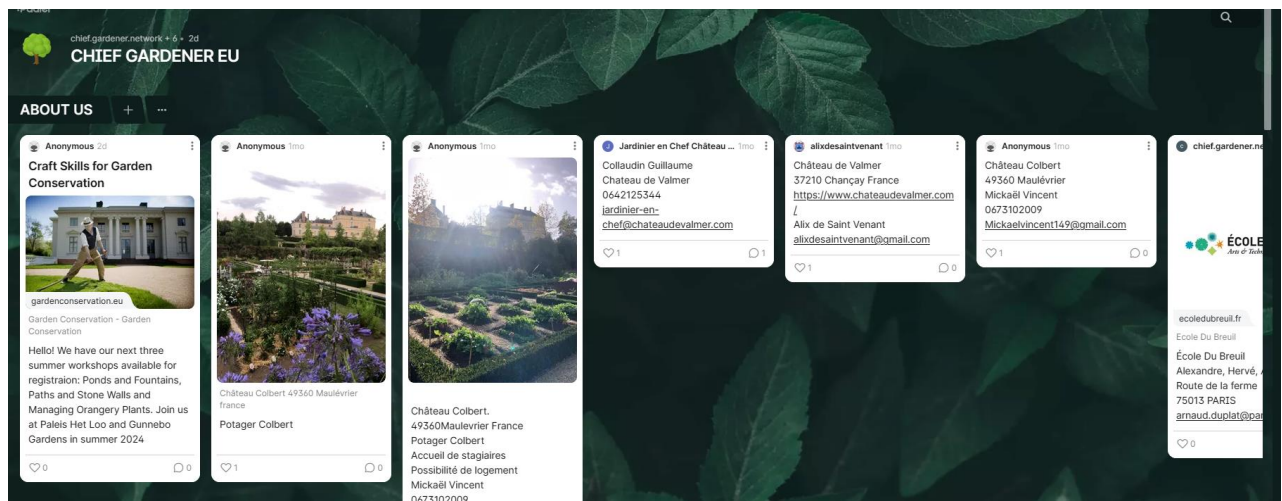
When reading the [transcript of the meeting](#), you will find that the gardeners and heard-gardeners present offered to:

- Welcome other colleagues gardeners to come and visit their site
- Share experience and contacts as well
- Welcome and exchange trainees – and young professionals
- Start European training schemes
- Etc.

There was the idea of starting to establish a directory of members and contact information as well as a data base of garden specialties and training resources.

Arnaud Duplat and his colleagues at Du Breuil created a padlet where gardeners can start building this directory and this data base. To get the link to the padlet, please ask :

amisdupotagerduroi@yahoo.fr



Once again, [please read the transcript for discovering other exciting ideas](#).

You can also send messages to chiefgardenernetwork@gmail.com , the email address of the network.

Save the date – June 7, 2024 next online conference

We are happy to announce our next online conference on Friday June 7th 2024, 10h-12h (9-11 am UK time). Tanguy Laviolette from the Danish Agency for Culture and Palaces will take us to the kitchen garden of Bernstorff Castle in Gentofte near Copenhagen and to the Royal Kitchen Garden at Graasten Palace in the south of Denmark.



The Royal Kitchen Garden at Graasten Palace, ©Claus Fisker, Ritzau Scanpix

Save the date – October 11-12, 2024: WKGN Forum

Friday 11th and Saturday 12th October 2024 the Walled Kitchen Garden Network will host its annual forum. More information to come later this year.

You receive this email because you participated in one of our online conferences or attended the symposium at Chambord Castle.

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