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WORKSHOPS, EVENTS, WALKS, VISITS

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# WELCOME

Charleston in the spring and summer months is a magical place that is a haven of tranquillity in the midst of the beautiful South Downs. This What's On programme gives you the opportunity to take inspiration from the creativity of the artists that lived and worked at Charleston. Working with a range of expert tutors you will be inspired to create your own Bloomsbury idyll.



The walks, visits and annual events are fundraising events in aid of the Charleston Trust (Bloomsbury in Sussex). Photographs by Penelope Fewster ©The Charleston Trust and Private Collection. Duncan Grant studio pic (above right); Axel Hesselberg ©The Charleston Trust

# EVENTS

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## GARDEN FESTIVAL 21 MARCH - 25 MARCH

### WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH

#### Guerrilla Gardening

7pm at The Friends Meeting House,  
Brighton, £10

Guerrilla gardener, Richard Reynolds, is listed as one of the most influential people in gardening today. He will be talking to the *Guardian* columnist Alys Fowler; whose books *The Edible Garden* and *The Thrifty Gardener* reveal her natural ability to cultivate any patch of ground into a thriving host for abundant crops.

### THURSDAY 22 MARCH

#### Birdsong Talk and Walk with Sussex Wildlife Trust

10am - 12pm at Charleston  
£15 includes tea & coffee

Spring has sprung with sweet sounds in the air and shoots bursting up in the garden. Join us to find out more about birds and birdsong; why they sing, what they are saying and how they do it. The talk will be followed by a walk around Charleston to listen out for birds and to try to identify who is singing.

### THURSDAY 22 MARCH

#### Design a Charleston Garden

1pm - 3.30pm  
£35 includes coffee & croissant

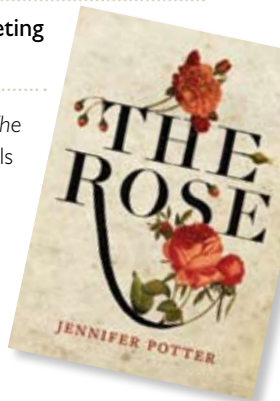
Charleston's gardener, Mark Divall is keeping the spirit of Bloomsbury alive in the very roots and fibre of the plants and trees surrounding their former home. Learn more about the history of Charleston's Walled Garden and take inspiration from working with Mark on planning your own Charleston inspired plant bed.

### THURSDAY 22 MARCH

#### Celebrating the Rose

7pm at The Friends Meeting  
House, Brighton, £10

Jennifer Potter, author of *The Rose: A True History*, unravels the tangled history of the rose to reveal the secrets of its enduring power. Michael Marriott, rosarian and designer at David Austin Roses, will discuss the world of roses, highlighting the best and discovering some hidden gems.



## Wild Floristry with Willy Vincent

FRIDAY 23 MARCH

Practical Know-how

FRIDAY 27 APRIL

The All Important Vessel

FRIDAY 18 MAY

The Charleston Arrangement

FRIDAY 15 JUNE

Finding your own Style, Colour & Texture

10am - 12.30pm, £40 per session, includes all materials, coffee & croissant

Join fabulous florist Willy Vincent throughout the spring and summer months. From practical tips for making sure that your blooms don't wilt, to exploring our floral heritage and finding your own style, Willy will give you a fresh look at current and future trends. Suitable for all levels.



FRIDAY 23 MARCH

Glynde Forge Blacksmithing for the Garden

10am - 4pm at Glynde Forge  
£95 includes all materials & refreshments

Working alongside local blacksmith Terry Tyhurst you can make a selection of plant supports. Whether it's sweet pea pyramids or broad bean poles you need, you will be able to create something unique and handmade. Bring a packed lunch to enjoy after your morning session.

SATURDAY 24 MARCH

Capturing the Landscape Photo Walk

10.30am - 1.30pm at Charleston  
£35 includes coffee & croissant

Photographer Andrew Newson will help develop your confidence with cameras, both digital and SLR. Understanding your apparatus will help significantly in developing your eye for those perfect shots. You will then have the opportunity to experiment in the surrounding landscape with a wealth of natural inspiration to capture.

SATURDAY 24 MARCH

Sarah Raven with Christopher Woodward

7pm at The Friends Meeting House, Brighton, £10

Sarah Raven will be talking about her latest book *Wild Flowers* with Christopher Woodward. Sarah has travelled the length and breadth of the British Isles to find 500 of the most breathtakingly beautiful wild flowers, including pulsatillas, fritillaries, harebells, wood spurge, purple cranesbill, orchids and wood sorrel. Join us for this beautifully colourful talk.

SUNDAY 25 MARCH

Rose Prince & David Herbert in the Charleston Kitchen

10am - 4pm, £85 includes artisan lunch

*Easy Living* food editor David Herbert and food writer Rose Prince take the vegetable beds at Charleston as inspiration. Spinach, courgette and green beans are a staple for any kitchen garden and this cookery demonstration will show you a host of new ways in which to prepare and present them.





## SUNDAY 25 MARCH

### Hawk Walk

10.30am - 12.30pm at Charleston

£15 includes refreshments

Join Huxley's Birds of Prey on a walk you won't forget. A selection of their hawks will join you on this easy walk, which will take you over the beautiful South Downs. With spectacular views, the birds will be taking centre stage in this the wildest of productions.

## TALKS & SHORT COURSES

### THURSDAY 15 MARCH

### Picasso and the Ballets Russes

7pm at Charleston

£12 includes a glass of wine

The post World War I years were the most exciting period for the Ballets Russes in London when an amazing range of artists decorated the stage for Diaghilev. To coincide with the *Picasso and Modern British Art* exhibition at the Tate, Jane Pritchard, Curator of Dance for the V&A, focuses on Picasso's involvement with the Ballets Russes and the productions he designed.

## THURSDAY 19 APRIL

### Re-presenting Julia

7pm at Charleston

£12 includes a glass of wine

'The presence of my mother obsessed me. I could hear her voice, see her, imagine what she would do or say as I went about my day's doings'. Charleston's Curator, Wendy Hitchmough, investigates images of Julia Stephen. What was their legacy for her daughters, Vanessa Bell and Virginia Woolf, and how did their significance shift?

## MONDAY 25 & TUESDAY 26 JUNE

### Build a Boat

10am - 5pm, £250 includes all materials & artisan lunches

A coracle to be exact! Working under the expert tuition of award winning local boat builder, Ryan Kearley, you will make your own coracle, working with thin strips of oak and copper nails. Once painted you will get the chance to make your maiden voyage on the Charleston pond. Suitable for all levels.



## WORKSHOPS

### THURSDAY 3 MAY OR THURSDAY 14 JUNE

### Margo Selby One Day Weaving Workshop

10am - 5pm at Margo's studio in Bloomsbury, London, £130 includes all materials

Learn how to construct your own woven fabric from a selection of luxury yarns. This special one day workshop allows for exploration over two different warp settings. The looms are dressed so that students can experiment with texture and pattern. This workshop is designed to cater for all levels of experience.

### TUESDAY 15 MAY

### Omega Woodcut Workshop

10am - 5pm at Charleston, £85 includes all materials & artisan lunch

Cutting into soft Japanese wood to create your own original prints is so incredibly satisfying. For inspiration we will be studying works produced by the Omega workshops. Working under the careful instruction of artist Helen Brown you will learn and develop a skill which is sure to last you a lifetime.

## TUESDAY 19 JUNE OR TUESDAY 17 JULY

### One Day Painted Furniture Masterclass

10am - 5pm at Charleston  
£95 includes all materials & artisan lunch

Artist Sophie Coryndon has been running these one day workshops at Charleston for a number of years. Having studied the various techniques, effects and palettes in the house, Sophie's style is innately Bloomsbury. Bring along a small piece of furniture to paint and we will provide you with a wooden tray to experiment with paint effects.





## FRIDAY 29 JUNE

### Life Drawing en Plein Air

10am - 1pm, £35 all materials provided, includes coffee & croissant

A morning of life drawing in the orchard at Charleston with Silvia MacRae Brown. Working from a life model, there will be a variety of poses both short and long. Learn a new skill or reconnect with an old one. Enjoy the freedom of working out of doors! All abilities welcome.

## MONDAY 2 JULY OR TUESDAY 3 JULY

### Irena Sibrijns One Day Ceramics Workshop

10am - 5pm at Charleston, £145 includes all materials & artisan lunch

Irena Sibrijns' ceramics echo the lively works found within the collection at Charleston. Their chunky, rustic appeal fits perfectly with the Charleston aesthetic. This one day workshop will include decorating a large unfired bowl using techniques including slip trailing, sgraffito, dipping and painting on ceramics with slipware. Your work will be sent on to you after re-firing and glazing.

## TUESDAY 10 JULY

### Vintage Pattern Cutting Workshop

10am - 5pm at Charleston £85 includes all materials & artisan lunch

The Vintage Pattern Cutting workshop will look at a variety of styles from the 1930s and 40s. You can develop existing pattern blocks into vintage style patterns through a variety of manipulation techniques. Your expert tutor Juliana Sissons will prepare collar blocks and sleeve patterns in advance for workshop participants to work from and copy on the day.



## VISITS AND WALKS

### THURSDAY 26 APRIL

### National Gallery Framing Department

9am - 11am, WC2 London, £20

During this exclusive behind-the-scenes visit, the National Gallery's Head of Framing, Peter Schade will give an 'out of hours' tour of some of the framing highlights within the collection. Peter will then take our group to the Framing Department to see the work that he and his colleagues do to restore and reframe works. *This event is a fundraising event in aid of the Charleston Trust (Bloomsbury in Sussex).*

### THURSDAY 10 MAY

### Ridgeview Winery Tour and Tasting

6.30pm - 8.30pm, at Ridgeview, Ditchling, £20

Join us for an evening discovering why Ridgeview has become an award winning winery, recently crowned the Best International Sparkling Wine for the third time in seven years. Founded in 1994 the winery is very much a family business situated at the foot of the South Downs in Ditchling. *This event is a fundraising event in aid of the Charleston Trust (Bloomsbury in Sussex).*



## THURSDAY 28 JUNE

### Virginia Woolf Archive

10am - 12pm at The University of Sussex, Falmer, £15

In this introduction to the archive Dr Sue Roe explains the value for scholars and readers of Virginia Woolf's early writings, correspondence and notes, and introduces you to the experience of working in archives. Discover for yourself the process of anticipation, frustration and sudden, unexpected discovery ... *This event is a fundraising event in aid of the Charleston Trust (Bloomsbury in Sussex).*





## THURSDAY 5 JULY

### Explore the British Council Collection Store

1.30pm - 4pm in W12, London, £25

This exclusive behind the scenes tour of the Collection Store reveals an exciting selection of artworks by British artists. The British Council buys works by artists early in their careers and they have a number of extraordinary works from the mid-20th Century by Lucian Freud, Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth and Ben Nicholson. *This event is a fundraising event in aid of the Charleston Trust (Bloomsbury in Sussex).*

## SATURDAY 7 JULY

### In the Footsteps of Virginia Woolf

9.30am - 4pm, £45 includes a ploughman's lunch at the Ram Inn, Firle & cream tea at Charleston

The walk from Virginia Woolf's home, Monks House in Rodmell, over the South Downs to Charleston is an extremely popular annual event. Led by Penny Fewster, who inspires us with her wonderful photographs of Charleston. Discover the landscape that inspires writers and artists in your own steps. This is a strenuous walk, approx. 8 miles. *This event is a fundraising event in aid of the Charleston Trust (Bloomsbury in Sussex).*



## CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

### THURSDAY 5 APRIL

### Painted Wooden Eggs

12.30pm - 4.30pm, £5, for a 45 minute session  
DROP IN NO NEED TO BOOK

Drop in one of the forty five minute sessions throughout the afternoon. Decorate your egg inspired by the colourful interior of the house at Charleston or add golden additions in a fabergé style. Take your creation home, perfect for your own egg hunt. Plus an edible Easter treat to hide or eat too!

### MONDAY 13 - FRIDAY 17 AUGUST

### Children's Summer School

9.30am - 1pm,  
£105 (8 - 14 year olds), includes all materials & refreshments

Children and Summer spell one thing, boundless energy and freedom to roam and explore unchartered territories. Join us on a journey of creative discovery with artist Sophie Coryndon. The Bloomsbury summers were all about experimenting and exploring, we will reconnect to this original ethos on our own artists' retreat.



## ANNUAL EVENTS

### FRIDAY 18 MAY

### Museums at Night with Sussex Flutes

7pm at Charleston, £20  
includes a glass of wine & canapés

With music in the air, Charleston takes on an entirely different feel. The house becomes a home. As guests are guided through the rooms the sound of beautiful flute music will be heard, including music by Debussy and local composer Paul Lewis. Please do discuss any accessibility requirements when booking. *This event is a fundraising event in aid of the Charleston Trust (Bloomsbury in Sussex).*

### FRIDAY 20 JULY

### AGM & Summer Garden Party

6.30pm - 8.30pm, AGM, free.  
Summer Party, £15 includes an open house, a glass of wine & canapés

The formality of our Annual General Meeting will precede the lighter business of our lovely Summer Garden Party. Drinks on the piazza, by the pond, in the orchard or hidden in the folly garden you are sure to meet new and old Friends of Charleston. *This event is a fundraising event in aid of the Charleston Trust (Bloomsbury in Sussex).*

# CHARLESTON GALLERY

EXHIBITIONS FREE

Open throughout the season from  
28th March – 28th October 2012

12.30pm – 6pm Wednesday – Sunday  
and bank holiday Mondays

## Angelica Garnett

28 March - 20 May

Born at Charleston on Christmas day 1918, Angelica was actively involved in the interior decoration of the house and she played a central role in its restoration in the 1980s. We are delighted to be exhibiting some of her most recent work here in the Charleston Gallery. All works will be for sale and the proceeds will go to support the Charleston Centenary Project.



Angelica by © Anne-Christine Poujoulat

## Annie Leibovitz

24 May - 15 July

In 2010 Annie Leibovitz visited Charleston to take photographs of the interior of the house. The photographs that she took here are included in her recently published book *Pilgrimage*. This exhibition, put together with Annie Leibovitz exclusively for Charleston, is a selection of images from the book.



Rob Ryan at Charleston by Penelope Fewster ©The Charleston Trust

## Rob Ryan

20 July - 2 September

"With some art you definitely get the feeling that the artist enjoyed themselves whilst working on it, and I get this feeling a lot at Charleston. I hope that the ceramic pieces I produce for this show will channel some of the spirit of joie de vivre that flows out of and around this Sussex farm house."



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