

2011 Events at Belvedere House Gardens & Park

Please check all details in advance of travel on 044-9349060

October 2011 Belvedere is open daily during July 9.30 -6pm (café, house, shop and walled garden close at 5pm – ½ price admission after 5pm. Last admission 5pm; off grounds by 6pm sharp)

November & December 2011

Belvedere is open daily during July 9.30 – 4.30pm (café, house, shop and walled garden close at 4.30pm . Last admission 4pm; off grounds by 4.30pm sharp)

Belvedere House Gardens and Park is a magnificent parkland estate on the shores of Lough Ennell in the Irish Midlands. The Belvedere house was built originally as hunting and fishing lodge and set in the midst of 160 acres of parkland on the lake shore.

While at Belvedere you can experience:

- Belvedere House
- Victorian Walled Garden & Parkland
- Belvedere's Follies –Jealous Wall, Gazebo, Gothic Arch, Ice House
- 8km of Woodlands and lake shore trails
- Sacred Tree Trail
- Narnia Trail
- Fairy Garden
- Self-Sufficiency Garden
- Interpretative areas

Belvedere House is a fully restored Georgian Villa situated in 160 acres of lakeside parkland, punctuated by numerous follies including the famous Jealous Wall. Belvedere House Gardens & Park is great for groups and is an excellent day out with a difference. a splendid attraction suitable for every taste, both young and old - perfect for day trips and a great addition to any tour itinerary.

The Victorian Walled Garden at Belvedere consists of a one and a half acre sloped garden with Thomas Messenger style glasshouse. The Garden is a feast for the senses with tumbling herbaceous borders, old rose garden, fragrant herb garden and vegetable potager. At the end of the Victorian Garden is a new area The Enchanted Glen a secret Faery Garden hidden away from prying eyes.

October 2011

Sunday 2nd Oct 11

Scruffs Dog Show in aid of and in association with ISPCA

10 Fun Classes for all to enjoy - All entry fees go to the ISPCA Belvedere's Scruffs Dog Show In aid of and association with the ISPCA. In Belvedere's Scruffs Dog Show we are judging for Happy Healthy Well adjusted & Loved dogs regardless of lineage or ancestral line!!!

One person is allowed in free of charge with a dog to be entered into the Scruffs Dog Show Otherwise Belvedere's normal admission rate applies.

For more details phone Belvedere House Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath 044-9349060 or check out www.belvedere-house.ie

Fri 28th to Sun 31st Oct

Belvedere Scarecrow Festival - GET THEM STUFFED!!!!

This Hallowe'en get your own back by entering your favourite or least favourite character into the Belvedere House Scarecrow Festival and ensure they get a good stuffing and are left blowing in the wind.

The categories include both Humorous and Celebrity Scarecrows and can feature topical figures and their "Crow-knees". Lots of prizes are on offer for this fun competition where all the Scarecrows will be on display over Hallowe'en Weekend, Friday 28th, Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th & Monday 31st October. For more details phone Belvedere House Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath 044-9349060 or check out www.belvedere-house.ie

Sun 30th & Mon 31st October

Trick or Treat Trail at 12 noon sharp. Belvedere staff spends 2 hours placing treats all along Belvedere walks; but it usually only takes the large number of waiting Trick-or-treaters approx 30 minutes to clear the grounds. Belvedere's normal entry fee applies.

Forest of Fear; Yeti and his friends are loose on the grounds and is particularly attracted by Belvedere's red tram!! Normal entry fee applies, plus tram trip (€2 per adults & €1 per child/senior). For more details phone Belvedere House Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath 044-9349060 or check out www.belvedere-house.ie

BELVEDERE SPOOK; NEW. Nightly Sat 29th and Sun 30th from 7pm. Can you survive a journey through the Forest of Fear, a visit to the Cellars of Despair and a meeting with The Wicked Earl! Suitable for ages 8 and over. Not Suitable for young children. Booking essential. For more details phone Belvedere House Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath 044-9349060 or check out www.belvedere-house.ie

Friday 28th Oct

Halloween Bat Talk/Walk

Halloween Special Illustrated talk on Bats, dispelling all of the myths and detailing just how marvellous these tiny mammals really are. Followed by guided bat walk with use of Bat Boxes (which allows you to hear the bats, hunt, and communicate with each other) around Belvedere's parkland. Walk is weather permitting (bats are far too sensible to be out in the wet or cold!). Wear warm clothing sensible footwear and small torch. Entry is free, donations if desired to Bat conservation Ireland.

For more details (times etc) phone Belvedere House Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath 044-9349060 or check out www.belvedere-house.ie

November 2011

Sat 5th November

Winter Weathering Bird Walk

Winter Weathering Bird Walk and Talk at 1pm on Sunday 12th November 2011; in association with Bird Watch Ireland Join with Alex Copland of Bird Watch Ireland as he guides the last bird walk of 2011; the theme of the walk is winter weathering. Alex will discuss native bird species and give advice on feeding garden birds over the winter... this is an excellent opportunity to ask an expert on how to help our feathered friends through the winter. The guided walk is weather dependent; wear warm clothing and sensible footwear. Walk & Talk begins in Belvedere Visitor Centre at 1pm finishing at approx 3pm. Belvedere expresses its thanks to Alex Copland and Bird Watch Ireland. This is a free event. For more details phone Belvedere House Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath 044-9349060 or check out www.belvedere-house.ie

18th; 19th & 20th November **Winter Fair at Belvedere**

CERAMICS, HANDBAGS, GIFTWARE, DESIGNER JEWELLERY, FASHION, TREATS / STOCKING FILLERS, HOME ACCESSORIES & INTERIORS **AND OF COURSE...** FOOD & WINE, CHOCOLATE, SWEETS, COFFEES, CHRISTMAS CAKES & PUDDINGS, FRESHLY BAKED GOODS & BREADS

Free Entry all weekend For more details phone Belvedere House Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath 044-9349060 or check out www.belvedere-house.ie

Sunday 27th November

Green Santa at Belvedere

Narnia goes back in time, back to a time when Father Christmas wore Green robes; as in Victorian Times. Modern day Santa Claus is red because of association with Coca Cola's 1930's advertising campaigns and from Thomas Nast's earlier cartoons, but before he was red he was Green.

Behind the Wardrobe is a completely new experience for Christmas. Green Santa knows his roots and has a message for children everywhere. Christmas is not just about Toys there are other gifts that are far more important. Children will visit Green Santa in his magical grotto after entering another world through the enchanted Narnia Wardrobe and will receive natural gifts. Green Santa will help the children pot up seasonal native Irish trees such as Holly and Scots pine from CRANN which the children can plant in their gardens at home. Wildflower seed shakers for creating magical fairy carpets and old fashioned Victorian Candy Canes are other Green Santa treats.

Green Santa arrives in Narnia at Belvedere on Sunday 27th November at midday and will be there each weekend up to Christmas. Booking is advised, Adults and children under 3 years go free go free to House Gardens and Park with Green Santa booking. Treat your children to a magical new Christmas experience with Green Santa in Narnia at Belvedere House. Bookings from 1st October 2011 lines open 10am-5pm on 044-9349060. For more details phone Belvedere House Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath 044-9349060 or check out www.belvedere-house.ie

December 2011

Wednesday 7th December **Christmas Floral Demonstration by**

Richard Haslam

Belvedere is delighted to welcome back Richard Haslam for what is fast becoming his 6th Annual Christmas Floral Demonstration at Belvedere at 8pm.

Over the course of his career, Richard has become one the country's best-known designer florists, claiming gold medals at the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show and Hampton Court Flower Show, as well as arranging flowers for the papal visit to Ireland and for visiting heads of state, including Presidents Clinton and Bush.

Richard describes his signature style as simple with a local angle, using locally sourced materials to create his masterpieces. He has showcased this elegant and subtle style in his new coffee-table book 'Flowers', which features stunning arrangements pictured at local landmarks including Barna Woods.

Door will open at 7.30pm for wine reception; Floral demonstration will begin at 8pm. All floral arrangement made on the night will be raffled on the night.

This is a ticket only event; tickets are €10 each and will go on sale on 1st October 2011. Tickets and more details phone Belvedere House Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath 044-9349060 or check out www.belvedere-house.ie