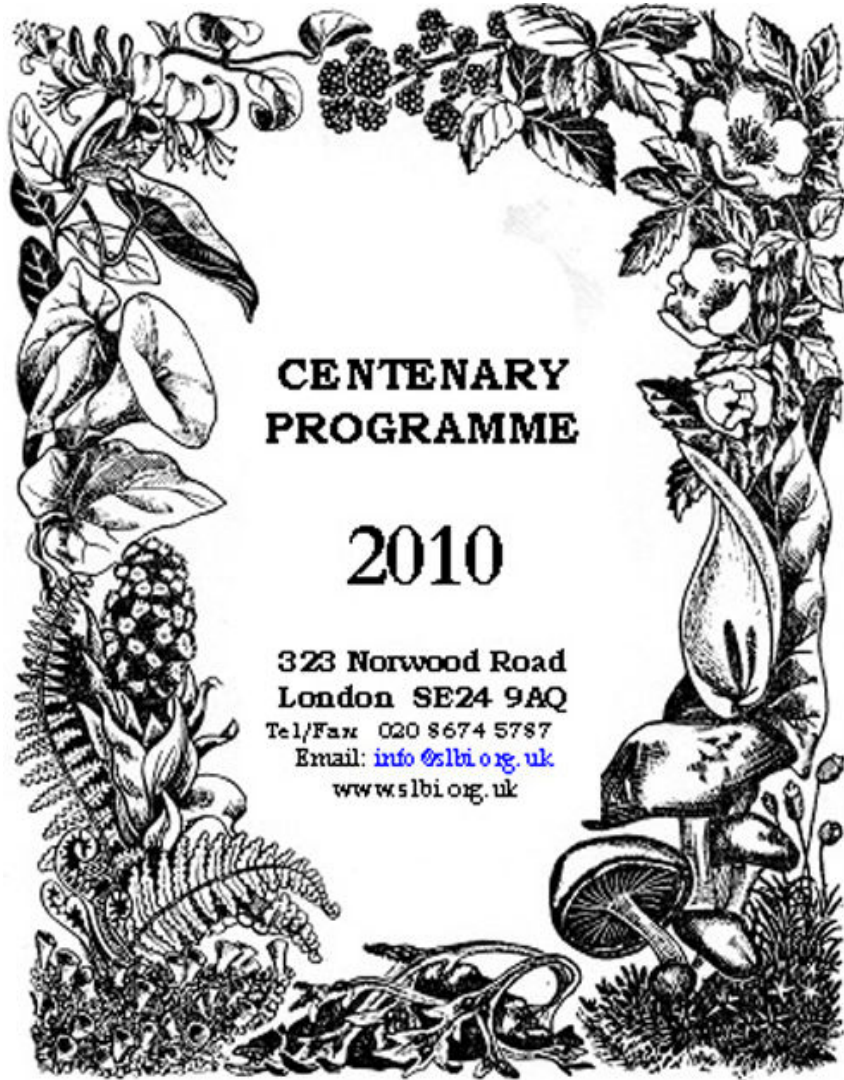


# **SOUTH LONDON BOTANICAL INSTITUTE**



**CENTENARY  
PROGRAMME**

**2010**

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The Institute is open on Thursdays between 10 and 4, when the Herbarium and Library can be used, and the garden visited. For visits at other times please ring the Institute's Administrator, Nell Gatehouse, to make an appointment (please note the office is often unstaffed, so it may be necessary to wait several days for a reply.)  
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**Please also check website: [www.slbi.org.uk](http://www.slbi.org.uk) as there may be alterations and additions to the Programme as well as downloadable booking forms.**

**Plant Drawing Evenings - 26 February, 29 March, 30 April** 7.30 – 9.30 pm

An informal supportive group meets one Friday each month to draw plants from the Garden and herbarium, share refreshments and advice. For details please ring the office, or consult our website.

### **SURVEYS**

During the summer months we will continue to carry out botanical surveys of various local sites. We will share and build on our identification and recording expertise, and add to the Institute's contribution to the proposed New Flora of the London Area.

Details available from our website or office, after 1 May

### **JANUARY**

Friday 8 7.30 pm

#### **Using Brazilian Bonsai to teach Ecological Principles**

A grower of bonsai explains how he uses his enthusiasm to interest young people in natural history

Claudio Joaquin Hess, São Mateus, Brazil

Mon. 11 18.30 for 19.00hrs

#### **The South London Botanical Institute: the first 100 years**

Lecture to the London Parks & Gardens Trust, The Garden Museum, Lambeth Palace Rd, SE1

Roy Vickery, Chairperson

Fri. 15 19.30hrs

#### **Towards a New Flora of the London Area**

Lecture

Mark Spencer, Botany Department, The Natural History Museum & the London Natural History Society's Recorder of Vascular plants

Sun. 24 10.00 - 16.00hrs

**SLBI stall at Potato Day Fair**

Harris Girls' Academy, Homestall Rd, SE22  
See [www.potatofair.org](http://www.potatofair.org) Admission charge  
Sarah Davey

**FEBRUARY**

Sun. 14 10.30hrs

**Field Meeting at Keston Bog to monitor *Sphagnum* populations.**

Meet at Hayes station to share cars, bring packed lunch; jointly with the London Natural History Society  
Fred Rumsey, Botany Department, The Natural History Museum

Tues. 16 19.30hrs

**Can Lambeth Feed Itself?**

Panel discussion with Bonnie Hewson (Transition Town Brixton Food & Growing Group), Seb Mayfield (Capital Growth) and Sue Sheehan (Green Community Champions Officer, London Borough of Lambeth).

**MARCH**

Sat. 13 10.30 - 16.30hrs

**Bryophyte Workshop**

An introduction to mosses and liverworts.  
June Chatfield, SLBI Fellow Booking essential, £10/ £7

Fri. 19 19.30hrs

**Botanical Exploration in Bolivia - Vegetation Surveys for Conservation in a Dry Inter-Andean Valley**

Bente Klitgaard, South American Team, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Sat. 27 10.30 - 12.00hrs

**St Leonard's Churchyard Survey**

Another visit to St Leonard's Churchyard, at the junction of Tooting Bec Gardens and Streatham High Rd with Mitcham Lane, to continue our survey of its flora  
Roy Vickery

## APRIL

Sat. 10 10.30 - 15.00hrs

### **Lichen Workshop**

An exploration of lichens, with a power-point introduction, followed by a workshop using the Institute's lichen herbarium and microscope slides.

Bob Francis, SLBI Trustee Booking essential, £10/£7

Sun. 11 14.30 – 16.00hrs

### **Lichen Field Meeting**

Tooting Common, meet in car park at junction of Tooting Bec Road with Dr Johnson Avenue.

Holger Thues, Lichen Curator, The Natural History Museum

Fri. 16 19.30hrs

### **The Royal College of Physicians Medicinal Garden**

An introduction to this important garden, in preparation for a visit later in the year

Henry Oakeley, SLBI Fellow

## MAY

Sat. 8 11.00 - 13.00hrs

### **Annual Plant Sale**

Numerous locally grown unusual plants for sale at affordable prices.

Thurs. 13 May 14.00 - c. 16.00hrs

### **Visit to the Royal College of Physicians Medicinal Garden**

Henry Oakeley, SLBI Fellow

Fri. 14 19.30hrs

### **Fieldwork in Southern China**

Lecture

Nick Turland, *Flora of China* Project, Missouri Botanic Garden, and former SLBI Warden

Sat. 15 - Sat. 22

### **Fieldwork Week**

Based in Newquay, Cornwall., staying at Chichester Guest House. Exploring salt marshes, sand dunes, clifftop grassland, Cornish hedges, rocky shores, seaweeds, lichens, bryophytes, flowering plants + Eden Project.

June Chatfield, SLBI Fellow For further information & booking forms contact the Institute office Apply early – newcomers priority. £255 & travel & Eden Project

Thurs. 20	18.00 - 20.00hrs
<b>Garden Open Evening</b>	
<u>Sarah Davey &amp; Cath Pearson</u>	
<b>JUNE</b>	
Sat. 5	14.30 - 16.30hrs
<b>Wildflower &amp; tree walk</b> , Ravensbury Park	
In conjunction with the Wandle Festival, jointly with Friends of Ravensbury Park; numerous other all-age activities will be taking place in the Park throughout the day	
<u>Jenny Neal</u>	
Sun. 13	14.00 - 17.00hrs
<b>Garden Open as part of Open Squares Weekend</b>	
Enjoy our garden, excellent home-made cakes, plant stall	
Admission charge	
Thurs. 17	18.00 - late
<b>Centenary Garden Party</b>	
Enjoy our garden at its best and celebrate 100 years of South London botany	
Sat. 19	10.30 - 13.30hrs
<b>Field Meeting: Natural History of Happy Valley</b>	
A hidden and exceptionally untouched piece of downland near London	
Meet at Farthing Down Car Park TQ300571	
<u>Tom Maxwell</u> , SLBI Trustee	
Fri. 25	19.00hrs
<b>Healing Native Plants</b>	
A walk on Tooting Common, looking at wild plants and learning how they are used in herbal medicine. A national Herbal Medicine Awareness Week event	
Meet at the café	
<u>Claire Choudhury</u> , local Medical Herbalist	
Sun. 27	14.00 -17.00hrs
<b>National Gardens' Scheme Open Day</b>	
Another opportunity to enjoy our garden, delicious cakes, and plant stall	
Admission charge	

## JULY

Sat. 3 11.00 – 16.00hrs

### **South London Nettle Day**

Celebrate one of our commonest wild plants, the stinging nettle.

Caroline Ware, Wildlife Gardener & Ecologist, The Natural History Museum & Roy Vickery, SLBI £2; children (under 14) £1

Sat. 10. **Field Meeting, Hutchinson's Bank and environs, New Addington**

Details to be confirmed

Martin Wills, London Wildlife Trust

Sat 17 & Sun 18 11.00 - 19.00hrs

**SLBI stall at the Lambeth Country Show**, Brockwell Park

Thurs. 22 18.00 - 20.00hrs

### **Garden Open Evening**

Sarah Davey & Cath Pearson

Sat. 31 11.15– 17.00hrs

### **Field Meeting, Exploring Gilbert White's Selborne**

Meet at 11.15 in public car park behind Selborne Arms. Trains from Waterloo to Alton either 8.58 or 9.23. Then 72 bus from Alton – more details from office

June Chatfield, SLBI Fellow

## AUGUST

Sat. 14 10.30hrs

### **Urban Ferns Field Meeting**

A safari, using public transport, to explore London's ferns

Meet at Streatham Common station, bring packed lunch

Philip Harris, SLBI Trustee

Thurs 19 18.00 - 20.00hrs

### **Garden Open Evening**

Sarah Davey & Cath Pearson

Sat. 21 & Sat 28 10.30 - 16.30hrs

### **Botanical Illustration: Lamiaceae**

An opportunity to study with a leading botanical artist to produce illustrations of the Mint Family, using fresh material from the Institute's garden

Christabel King Numbers limited, early booking advised, £60/£40

## SEPTEMBER

Sat. 11 10.30 - 12.00hrs

### **St Leonard's Churchyard Survey**

Another visit to St Leonard's Churchyard, at the junction of Tooting Bec Gardens and Streatham High Rd with Mitcham Lane, to continue our survey of its flora  
Roy Vickery, SLBI

Sat. 18 14.30hrs

### **Seduction and deception in Orchids**

Talk, with stunning images, on orchids and their pollinators  
Irene Palmer, SLBI President

Sun. 19 13.00 - 17.00hrs

### **Open House**

Institute open as part of this annual event which enables people to visit hundreds of London's historic and interesting buildings  
See [www.londonopenhouse.org](http://www.londonopenhouse.org)

Sat. 18 & 19

### **Kent Wildlife Trust exhibition, Darwin's Entangled Bank**

## OCTOBER

Fri. 1 19.30hrs

### **Second Environmental Lecture**

Hazards, Risks, Novel Foods and Danger  
How modern crops have been developed, food demands have altered and our expectations about food have changed  
Professor Sir Colin Berry, Imperial College

Sat. 9 10.30hrs

### **Fungus Foray**

Our annual exploration of the toadstools and other fungi on Mitcham Common  
Meet at Mitcham Junction station  
Mario Tortelli

Fri. 21 & Sat. 22 10.30 - 16.00hrs

### **Botanical Drawing from Herbarium specimens**

Using specimens in the Institute's herbarium students will produce accurate drawings suitable for illustrating scientific publications  
Jo Konopelko Booking essential £60/£40

Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00 – 13.00 hrs
<b>Tour of the Ethnobotanical Collection at Kew</b>	
<u>Mark Nesbitt</u> , Curator - Economic Botany Collections, Kew essential	Booking
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Fri. 12	19.00hrs
<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	
Followed by lecture (TBC), Vegetation of Easter Island	
<u>Maarten Christenhusz</u> , Department of Botany, The Natural History Museum	
Sat. 13	16.00 - 20.00hrs
<b>Garlands, Conkers &amp; Mother-die</b>	
Talk about contemporary plant folklore, to celebrate the publication of the speaker's book.	
<u>Roy Vickery</u> , SLBI	
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
Mon. 20	19.30hrs
<b>End of Year Celebration</b>	
Party, incorporating the showing of lantern slides of Down House, home of Charles Darwin.	

TRAVEL DETAILS

The Institute is at the Tulse Hill Station end of Norwood Road, approx. 3 minutes walk from the Station.

**Trains:** Thameslink & frequent services from London Bridge to Tulse Hill.

**Buses:** 68, 196, 322 & 468 pass the Institute; buses 2, P13, 201, 415 & 432 stop at Tulse Hill. Check TFL for other routes.

During working hours there is a parking charge in adjoining roads; parking in front of the Institute is limited.

