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## *The green floor of the garden throughout history*

*October 5-6 2023, Gunnebo House and Gardens, Gothenburg*



*The King's sheep at Drottningholm, 1942. Photo: Carl Gustaf Rosenberg, National Heritage Board (RAÄ)*



*"Preparing for Croquet", engraving by Edward Hughes, published in Harper's Weekly, New York,*



*Lawn tennis (1887),  
Washington: Library of Congress*

**In heritage gardens, we often focus on the colorful elements, on flower borders and artistic decorations. With this seminar, we want to highlight the value of the green floors as structural and decorative elements through lectures, demonstrations and study tours.**

The seminar contains a wide range of questions and perspectives on the garden's green floor through history: What can we learn from recent findings in garden archaeology about the garden's green floor in history? What was the role of the lawn and how was it managed in the historic garden, and what can we do with our lawns today? Can nature conservation and cultural heritage conservation learn from each other and thereby develop sustainable cultural heritage? What good examples are there of caring for cultural relict plants as biological cultural heritage? How can we preserve and establish flower meadows in historic gardens and parks with a conscious cultural heritage perspective? How can we develop actual biodiversity conservation among the plants as well, and not just the insects? Is it better to preserve native plants and meadows compared to imported seed mixes?



Gunnebo House. Photo: Jonas Ingman



Tjolöholm House, Wikipedia Commons

## SEMINAR PROGRAMME, THURSDAY OCT 5

- 09:00-09:45 Annual meeting** (in Swedish)
- 09:45-10:15 Registration and coffee/tea**
- 10:15-10:25 Introduction and welcome**  
Sofia Cele, Chair of Garden History Forum
- 10:30-11:00 Keynote: *Historically informed planting and management issues in relation to climate change.*** Dr. Jan Woudstra, University of Sheffield
- 11:10-11:40 *Medieval grass and herb lawns in orchards and recreational gardens.*** Anna Andréasson Sjögren, garden archaeologist and PhD student at Stockholm university
- 11:50-12:20 *Lawns: historic management and contemporary garden conservation***  
PhD Joakim Seiler, head gardener Gunnebo House and adjunct lecturer University of Gothenburg.
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch**
- 13:40-14:10 *Cultural Relict Plants – a living cultural heritage in edges and hedges of historical places.*** Agr. Dr. Lena Ansebo, hortonomist, garden historian at Fredriksdal Museums and Gardens, Helsingborg Museum & Tino Hjort Bjerregaard, Nature Interpreter, Natureboard Bornholm
- 14:20-14:50 *Grasslands in 19th century Swedish landscape gardens: species composition, origin and conservation values.*** PhD Torbjörn Tyler, Curator at the Lund University Biological Museum
- 15:30- 16:00 *Maintaining and restoring the Nordic meadow.*** Jenny Nilsson, meadow and horticultural consultant
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee/tea and mingle**
- 16:00-16:30 Final discussion**
- 19:00 Dinner at self cost, central Gothenburg**

## EXCURSION PROGRAMME, FRIDAY OCT 6 Gunnebo House and Tjolöholm House

- 08:50 Meeting at Gunnebo House.** Starting point: outside the shop in one of the wings
- 09:00-09:30 Guided tour of the Pleasure garden and**  
**09:40-10:10 the Orangery in two groups**  
PhD Stefan Günther, Property director and Restoration architect, Gunnebo House and PhD. Joakim Seiler, Head Gardener Gunnebo House and adjunct lecturer University of Gothenburg
- 10:10-10:30 Coffee/Tea**
- 10:30-11:00 Guided tour of the Kitchen Gardens and**  
**11:10-11:40 the Villa in two groups**  
Viola Johansson, Gardener and Kitchen Garden manager and Johanna Lindén, Curator at the Villa
- 11:45-12:30 Departure and travel by bus to Tjolöholm**
- 12.45-13.45 Lunch at Storstugan, Tjolöholm**
- 14:00-14:45 Guided tour in the Garden and in the**  
**15:00-15:45 Manor House in two groups**
- 16:00 Departure by bus to Gothenburg**  
Central Station. Coffee/tea on the bus.
- 18:00 Estimated latest arrival at Gothenburg**  
Central Station

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Venue** The seminar on day one will take place in Vagnboden in one of the wings at Gunnebo House. Address: Gunnebo slott, Christina Halls Väg, 431 36 Mölndal.
- Registration** Registration and payment through [www.gardenhistoryforum.se/seminarium2023](http://www.gardenhistoryforum.se/seminarium2023) before **September 20th 2023**. **NB:** *Speakers must also register for the seminar – follow the instructions online.*
- Seminar fee options**
- 5-6 Oct: Member of Garden History Forum: 1300 SEK (non member 1700 SEK)**  
Includes registration fee and all meals, except dinner day 1 (available at self cost)
- 5 Oct: Member of Garden History Forum: 900 SEK (non member 1350 SEK)**  
Includes registration fee and all meals, except dinner (available at self cost)
- 6 Oct: Member of Garden History Forum: 800 SEK (non member 1000 SEK)**  
Includes excursion with guides at the two sites, bustravel, lunch and coffee/tea
- Travel** We recommend travelling by train to Gothenburg. To get to Gunnebo House from the train station you can take tram number 2, direction Mölndal to Korsvägen and then bus 753 direction Mölndal via Helenedal. Leave the bus at Gunnebo Park and then you have a 15 minute walk through the Cultural Reserve Gunnebo to the the venue, Vagnboden, at Gunnebo House.
- Accommodation**
- If you would like to stay in Mölndal we recommend: Quality Hotel™ The Weaver, estimated price per July 2023: 1301 SEK per night, or Scandic Mölndal estimated price per July 2023: 1395 SEK per night
- If you would like to stay in Gothenburg we recommend Hotell Pigalle, estimated price per July 2023: 1826 SEK per night

**We wish you all very welcome to Gothenburg in October!**

**/The Board**