

ARDUAINÉ SPRING FESTIVAL 2012

4 - 6 May 2012

A Celebration of Arduaine and Argyll

Friday 4 May 2012

- Check into the Loch Melfort Hotel from 3pm
- Enjoy a pre-dinner drinks reception and the chance to meet your fellow guests from 6.45pm
- Dinner will comprise of Loch Melfort Hotel's famous seafood buffet with wine, served in the hotel's two AA Rosette Arduaine Restaurant at 7.30pm
- The after-dinner speaker will be David Mitchell, former television presenter on gardening at STV and Curator at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
- Afterwards guests will have the option of enjoying a Scottish Music Night in the Chartroom Bistro.

Saturday 5 May 2012

- Breakfast will be served in the Loch Melfort Hotel's Chartroom Bistro
- The first speaker of the day will again be David Mitchell who is also Convenor of the Garden & Designed Landscape Advisory Panel for the National Trust for Scotland, who will give a talk entitled "*Eden on the edge – Gardens & plants of the Western Seaboard*"
- Morning coffee
- Kerstin Price, researcher at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh will give a talk about "*The Sea, Man and the Land,*" putting man's colonisation of Argyll into context
- Buffet lunch at the Hotel
- Following lunch, the party will be split into two groups for tours of Arduaine Garden, led by Maurice Wilkins, Head Gardener and Property Manager, Arduaine Gardens. The tours will explore the rich variety of plants which can be grown on the West Coast of Scotland
- In the available free time in the afternoon there can be an opportunity to visit, in your own time, the nearby Kilmartin House Museum to see the rich archaeological legacy of life in Argyll discussed in Kerstin's talk
- Guests will enjoy "*Spring on a Plate*" a 5-course gourmet dinner with wine in the Loch Melfort's Arduaine Restaurant at 7.30pm.

Sunday 6 May 2012

- Breakfast will be served in the Loch Melfort Hotel's Chartroom Bistro
- A guest speaker, yet to be confirmed, will talk about Argyll's links with the sea and its wildlife
- Morning Coffee
- Guests are invited to enjoy Arduaine Garden and the surrounding area to look for wildlife and their habitat
- Check out from the hotel
- An optional light lunch will be available from the Chartroom Bistro
- In the afternoon there will be a 'Spring Festival' in the grounds of Arduaine Gardens open to the general public with craft demonstrations, stalls and music. Participants of the weekend will be most welcome to stay and join in.

Spring Festival Options:

Option 1

£295 per person sharing a twin or double room

£395 for single occupancy of a twin or double room

Providing:

2 night's Bed and Breakfast in Loch Melfort Hotel

2 gourmet dinners with wine

1 buffet lunch

3 talks on Arduaine and Argyll in the spring

Tours with the Head Gardener plus optional visit to Kilmartin House Museum

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£275 per person sharing a twin or double room

£375 for single occupancy of a twin or double room

Option 2

£35 rate for participating with talks and tours on Saturday 5 May

Providing:

Coffee and buffet lunch

2 talks on Arduaine and Argyll in the spring

Tour with the Head Gardener/Property Manager of Arduaine Gardens

And

£15 rate for participating with talk and tour on Sunday 6 May

Providing:

Coffee

1 talk on Arduaine and Argyll in the spring

Opportunity to participate in the afternoon 'Spring Fair' in Arduaine Gardens

Option 3

£50 rate for gourmet dinner on either 4 or 5 May.

About Loch Melfort Hotel

The Loch Melfort Hotel is a comfortable and friendly hotel on the romantic coast of Argyll in with the finest views of the West Coast. Its proprietors pride themselves on offering the very best in service, tranquil accommodation and gourmet dining (the restaurant has been awarded two Rosettes by the AA every year since 2000). All of the rooms have magnificent sea views over Asknish Bay towards Jura, Shuna and Scarba.

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