

Invitation & Registration



The second European Symposium on the conservation of historic fruit and kitchen gardens 'Future in the past - Conservation through sustainable innovation'

Thursday September 5, 2024, 10.00 a.m. - 9.30 p.m.
Culinary Estate Parc Broekhuizen & Zuylestein Estate in Leersum,
The Netherlands

This program is organized by the Dutch foundation for Castles, Country Houses and Estates (SKBL) in close corporation with Les Amis du Potager du Roi, the Walled Kitchen Gardens Network (WKGN) and the University of Groningen.



Kitchen garden at Culinary Estate Parc Broekhuizen © Park Broekhuizen | Aerial view of the kitchen garden of Zuylestein © Landgoed Zuylestein

You are kindly invited to join us at the second in person meeting of the **European Symposium on the conservation of historic fruit and kitchen gardens on Thursday, September 5, 2024** at Culinary Estate Parc Broekhuizen in Leersum, The Netherlands. This is a centrally located country house in the province of Utrecht.

During this day you will meet head gardeners, heritage gardeners, estate owners and researchers of historic kitchen gardens from all over Europe and you can join in the discussions on the theme **'Future in the past - Conservation through sustainable innovation'**.



Program →

Program Symposium

Thursday, September 5 the symposium will start with words of welcome, presentations on the history of Dutch kitchen gardens, the latest scientific research on how to grow crops and an inspiring tale of a historic kitchen garden and an encroaching city.

In the afternoon attendees can join guided tours of the unique seventeenth century walled kitchen garden at Zuylestein Estate and the chef's garden at Parc Broekhuizen and sign in for workshops on working with volunteers, on experiences with a biomeiler (Biomass) heating system and little known, resilient plants to use in the kitchen garden, in and around the historic grounds of Zuylestein Estate.

The working language at the symposium will be English; with simultaneous interpretation available for French-speaking participants*.

An evening dinner is part of the program and is an excellent chance to network and to share experiences and knowledge with other participants.



→ Parc Broekhuizen



→ Historic Kitchen Garden
Zuylestein



→ Loo Palace



→ Twickel Estate

Optional event and visits

Wednesday evening, September 4 a meet and greet for early arriving participants (with drinks and small bites), including a guided tour through the historic kitchen garden of Vollenhoven country house in Bilthoven.



→ Kitchen Garden Vollenhoven

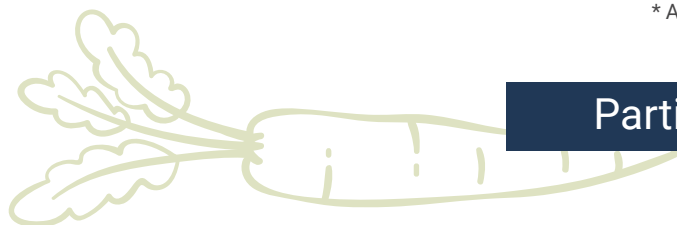
Friday, September 6 we offer an optional excursion to the province of Gelderland. The program includes guest visits to the formal gardens of Loo Palace in Apeldoorn and in the afternoon a visit to the historic walled kitchen garden of Twickel Estate in Ambt Delden. Twickel is the largest privately owned estate of the Netherlands. The country house and grounds (including a park designed by the German landscape architect Eduard Petzold) are impressive. A lunch is part of this programme. Transportation by own car.

We kindly invite owners, heritage or head gardeners, curators and researchers of historic kitchen gardens from all over Europe to attend this symposium

To guarantee an international mix of participants, the organization aims to work with a fixed number of places available for participants from different European countries.

Participation will be determined by order of registration and payment.

* Available by sufficient French-speaking registrations



Participation & Costs →



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The participation fee for the symposium on September 5; **€ 175,00** per person, including coffee/tea, lunch, drinks and a fine 3-course dinner/drinks.

The Meet & Greet, including drinks and canapés and a tour of the historic kitchen gardens of the Vollenhoven country house in De Bilt; **€ 25,00** per person.

The excursions to the gardens at Loo Palace in Apeldoorn and the kitchen garden and orange of Twickel Castle (Delden); **€ 65,00** per person including coffee/tea, lunch and a farewell drink.

Early bird discount

If you register before May 1, 2024 a reduced fee of **€ 150,00** per person (after the 1st of May € 175,00) is applicable / the excursion on Sep 6 to Het Loo and Twickel **€ 50,00** per person (after the 15th of April € 65,00).

Registration

You can register and pay the participation fee at the same time.

[Register here](#)

Suggestions for accomodation

Parc Broekhuizen is used as a small luxury hotel with a fine kitchen. We have a special arrangement for participants with a 10% discount on your room reservation.

For reservations mail to info@parcbroekhuizen.nl citing 'participant Symposium Historic Kitchen Gardens'.

An affordable hotel is **Van der Valkhotel De Bilt**. This hotel is situated in approx. 30 km from Parc Broekhuizen and very close to Vollenhoven country house. For reservations [online](#)

Van der Valkhotel Veenendaal is located approx. 15 km east from Parc Broekhuizen, along the route to Het Loo Palace. For reservations [online](#)

With our organizing partners, we look forwards to meeting you at the second European kitchen symposium on the conservation of fruit and kitchen gardens on September 5, 2024 in The Netherlands!

