

Gardens News

January 2012



The Roof Gardens' Gardening Club this month honours Ralph Hancock, the designer of The Roof Gardens

The Roof Gardens' Gardening Club returns on the 29th January 2012 and will be honouring Ralph Hancock, the original designer of The Roof Gardens. Members will be able to find out more about Ralph and the history of the gardens which dates back to 1938. There will also be an unveiling of a commemorative plaque in Ralph's honour.

The Gardening Club offers members access to the 1.5 acres of beautiful themed gardens, six floors up in the heart of Kensington, whilst also helping The Roof Gardens with their annual fundraising efforts in support of their employees. This year includes The Roof Gardens very own Head Gardener, David Lewis, who will be running in the London Marathon on the 22nd April. 60% of the money received from the Gardening Club's membership fees will go towards very worthy charitable causes.*

The membership also offers a branded gardening shirt, a quarterly newsletter containing seasonal expert advice and Roof Gardens news, and members can enjoy up to 15% discount when dining at the venue's award-winning Babylon Restaurant on selected weekdays.

Members are able to attend Sunday morning events from 9am - 12pm on selected dates where in the past they have listened to a guest speaker from the gardening world on subjects ranging from urban bee-keeping to summer bedding followed by a demonstration from Head Gardener, David Lewis.

Forthcoming member events for 2012 will take place on:

- Sunday 13th May 2012
- Sunday 15th July 2012
- Sunday 21st October 2012

Head Gardener David Lewis, commented: "We're thrilled to be able to begin the first Gardening Club of the year by telling our members all about Ralph Hancock

and it's going to be made extra special as some of his family will be attending and so will be present for the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in his honour."

Membership costs just £25 per person which includes the first event; with a £10 charge for each subsequent event.

With views across London's skyline, The Roof Gardens boasts fully grown oak and fruit trees and a flowing stream, with fish and resident wildlife including the infamous flamingos, set amongst the three themed gardens.

For more information or to join, please contact The Gardening Club team on 020 7368 3981 or email gardeningclub@roofgardens.virgin.com

Notes to Editors:

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- * The two charities being supported are 'Advocacy For Neuroacanthocytosis Patients' and 'The Maison Vert Children's Peace Garden' in Beirut.
- For full garden information or to organise a meeting with David Lewis, Head Gardener at The Roof Gardens, please contact Lydia Turner at EdenCancan on 0207 467 9404 or at Lydia.turner@edencancan.com

The Roof Gardens

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