

March: Gardens and Gardeners Abroad



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Want an International slant on gardening? Marty Wingate is a writer and speaker on gardens and travel who shares her love of Britain in two mystery series – the Potting Shed books and Birds of a Feather. Her garden books include Perennials for the Pacific Northwest and Landscaping for Privacy. She leads garden tours to England, Scotland and Ireland, spending free moments deep in research for her mysteries. Or in pubs.

Her articles appear in The American Gardener and she has a regional column in Country Gardens magazine. Marty holds a master's degree in Urban Horticulture from the University of Washington, and is a member of the Royal Horticultural Society and the Northwest Horticultural Society.

She took a group to the Channel Islands and Isle of Wight in June 2018 (more information at http://nwtravel.com/channel_islands). Information on Marty's mystery series can be found at: <http://www.randomhousebooks.com/authors/marty-wingate/>.

It's said that travel broadens our mind. For gardeners, travel can not only broaden our minds, but also increase our plant palette as well as our stock of ideas for designing everything from a collection of pots to a sweeping double border. Enjoy this armchair travelogue through both public and private gardens in England, Scotland, and Ireland while you learn about unfamiliar plants as well as ways to new ways to use old favorites in your own landscape. Admire all manner of art displayed in all sorts of gardens and indulge in the excess of the Chelsea Flower Show.

Every garden has a story, and it's those stories that create depth to a landscape. What are these stories? It's the dramatic tale of how Hidcote Manor's garden records were lost and found fifty years later; a young couple's idea of an American prairie in Sussex; Inverewe, a Scottish garden planted and left to its own devices for twenty years. It's topiary, Cotswold stone, trimmed hedges, boxing hares, and bluebell woods.

Come and listen – you will leave with tips on plants and designs as well as ideas for your next vacation. The lecture may include book sales and signing.