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Fire in the Mountain Cwmnewidion Isaf, Cnwch Coch, Aberystwyth

1-5 June

Visit this sustainable festival, set in the idyllic setting of the Cambrian Mountains with peaks that descend to the coastline. This non-profit organisation, with funds going to the restoration of an old farm, provides music, family entertainment, workshops and a communal feast. www.cutashine.co.uk /content/fire-mountain

Scotland's Gardening Festival

The Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh

2-4 June

Be inspired by the biggest plant fair in Scotland, with hundreds of exhibitors, trade stands, gardening ideas and expertise on offer for the amateur and expert. There are displays of work from designers who have been given the challenge of showing what can be done with normal home gardens. www.gardening

scotland.com





A Natural Collection Clay Barn, Redhill, Alcester, Warwickshire 2.5 June

Visit this summer exhibition as eight artists present nine disciplines at a delightfully informal venue. Explore the gardens with sculptures on display, and participate in the demonstrations taking place. There is also the chance to learn how the artists make their work. www.louisedarby.co.uk

Plant Heritage

Pump Room Gardens, Learnington Spa, Warwickshire 3 June

Enjoy the annual plant fair at this lovely spa town building, which is showcasing 14 nurseries from surrounding counties. They will be providing a wealth of unusual plants. from alpines to perennials and shrubs to browse. There will be chance to talk to representative of People in Action, which promotes gardening as a form of therapy. www.royal-leamington -spa.co.uk



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South of England Show South of England Centre, Ardingly, West Sussex 8-10 June

Celebrate the show's 50th birthday with food and drink while watching displays of the best of British agriculture, equestrianism, countryside learning, horticulture and forestry. The society will be supporting the next generation through the Young Craftsman of the Year competition. www.seas.org.uk/

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Whitwell Steam and **Country Fair**

Mansell's End Farm, Codicote, Hertfordshire 10.11 June

Steam engines swept the world during the Industrial Revolution, and here is an opportunity to see them in action. View displays including 120 farm tractors and 40 stationary engines. There is a large funfair, pony rides and Morris dancers.

www.whitwellsteam.com





Rare Plant Fair Hanham Court Gardens, Hanham Abbots, Gloucestershire 11 June

Explore the beauty of gardens with borders filled with old roses. tree peonies, lilies and fountains, and also have the opportunity to buy interesting and unusual plants. The stalls are run by specialist nurseries, genuine growers dedicated to offering well-grown plants. www.rareplantfair.co.uk/ our-fairs

Selkirk Common Riding Selkirk, Scottish Borders 16 June

Watch the spectacle of the annual Riding of the Marches which dates back at least 400 years. It stems from a time when people known as Burleymen had the task of ensuring no one was encroaching on the town's common lands. The ride starts early in the morning and lasts about 41/2 hours. The riders return to the town for the casting of the colours, a solemn ceremony. http://returntotheridings. co.uk/selkirk-common-riding/

