

Gardening group Wed 7th. Oct.

In spite of grey skies & pouring rain, ten of us braved the weather to go to one of our favourite, most visited gardens, RHS Rosemoor. We have visited during every season over the years.

As on other occasions, we have an early start so we can treat ourselves to a delicious Rosemoor lunch

We then walked around their gallery, admiring an amazing collection of paintings& in depth descriptions of a huge number of apples. This leading up to 'Apple Day' celebrated every year in October at Rosemoor.

In 1988, Lady Anne Berry donated her 8 acre garden & 32 acres of pastureland to the Royal Horticultural Society. The garden now covers 65 acres!

Rosemoor has many individual gardens, ie. winter, spiral, square/hot, rose, herb, plants-man's, fruit & veg., stream, Mediterranean, stone, cherry & woodland. There are lovely walks past beds & borders, a lake & stream, through an orchard, past huge mature trees & many other features. In October there are still an amazing number of plants in bloom, their colours complimented by fantastic shades of red & yellow autumnal leaves on trees & shrubs.

If anything, the rain seemed to intensify colours, make bark & leaves more shiny & enhance some foliage with sparkling droplets.

We finished up in the shop, most of us being tempted to buy some attractive item or plant we really needed before a treat of gorgeous cake & a cup of tea.

Future meeting.

Nov. 4th. Planning for 2010. Share your ideas for next year. 2.00 pm. at Marion's.

Dec. 2nd. Speaker 'Flowering plants for Oct. & Nov.' 2.00 pm. at Sylvia's.