

26 January – 9 March 2021 (No Class on 16th Feb)
 Tuesdays 10.30pm – 12.30pm on ZOOM Cost £20 per Session for 2 hours

**History of Cornish Gardens, Houses and Art Collections with
 Catherine Wallace**

Session	Content
1. 26th Jan	Godolphin, near Helston and Trerice, near Newquay We start the course by looking at Godolphin, one of the oldest houses and estates in Cornwall established in 1310. We explore the sheltered King's Garden and extensive country estate and the history of the powerful Godolphin family as well as subsequent owners. We take a virtual tour round the house and look at the works of art by Walter and Sydney Schofield and Robert Organ. This is followed by a tour of Trerice House, near Newquay, built in 1572 with many of its Elizabethan features still intact including intricate plaster work. We also look at some of its rich collection of fine and decorative art including paintings, ceramics and textiles and its experimental Elizabethan Garden and restored Knot garden.
2. 2 nd Feb	Antony, near Torpoint In this session we look at the development of landscape gardening in the early 19 th century and the influence of Humphrey Repton who wrote a Red book for Antony. We look at more recent additions including Knot garden and contemporary garden sculpture. Antony has a series of champion trees which we discover and is home to the national day lily collection. We also review the history of the Carew Pole family and explore the house with its many portraits.
3. 9 Feb	Tregothnan and Caerhays, near St. Austell This session looks at Tregothnan the home of the prominent Boscowen family in Cornwall and its importance in early plant collecting. We take a virtual tour around the garden looking at some of its prominent plants, trees and garden features. We then look at the history of Caerhays House and estate, and the collaboration of the Williams family with plant hunters such as Ernest Wilson and George Forrest and look at some of the plants they introduced and that the Williams family went on to hybridise including camelias. Caerhays is home to the National Collection of Magnolias and we discover the rich variety on view.
4. 23 rd Feb	Trewithen, Probus and Enys , Penryn We start this session by looking at the beautifully preserved 18 th century home of the Hawkins family home at Trewithen, which was remodelled by the famous London architect Robert Taylor and includes fine paintings by Reynolds amongst others. We also look at the development of the garden at Trewithen from George Johnstone onwards with a virtual tour of some of the gardens features. This is followed by a look at the Enys family and the history of their plant hunting and the ongoing restoration of the gardens at their estate near Penryn.
5. 2 nd March	Cotehele, near Saltash and Lanhydrock, near Bodmin Although both of these houses and estate have long complex histories, with evidence of Tudor, Georgian and Victorian eras, the garden at both places are relatively recent. We explore the history of these two houses and their occupants as well as their gardens.
6. 9th March	Falmouth Gardens and Fox Family Glendurgen, Penjerrick, Fox-Rosehill and Trebah The idea of a garden being built purely for pleasure and for its own aesthetic was something quite new in the Victorian era and the Fox family who were Quakers were some of the first to build gardens for their appreciation and love of nature rather than for displays of wealth or position. In this session we look at the history of just some of the many valley and pleasure gardens developed around Falmouth by the Fox family amongst others.
7 and 8 23rd and 30th March	Two group garden visits with Guided tours by Head Gardeners – venues to be decided and dependant on Covid restrictions being lifted . Cost just fee for guided tour.

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