

## Join Us for the 8th Triennial International Maple Symposium

Fascinating Speakers • World-Renowned Gardens • Charming English Villages • Historic Lodging

Westonbirt, The National Arboretum, in the scenic Cotswolds region of England

Sunday – Tuesday, 25-27 October, 2026

Hosted by Forestry England

### Eight Speakers

Every topic includes something for everyone—from enthusiasts to scientists:

- Anthony Aiello, Associate Director, Horticulture, Scott Arboretum & Gardens, Philadelphia & TMSNA: The North America-China Plant Exploration Consortium (NACPEC) Maple Introductions
- Dan Crowley, Curator, Westonbirt, The National Arboretum & TMSBI: The Maples of Westonbirt
- Emery Davis, Chair, TMSBI: Development and Discoveries of the Cultivar Database
- Cor van Gelderen, Owner, PlantenTuin Esveld & TMSBI: Historical Cultivars Introduced by the PlantenTuin Esveld
- Douglas Justice, University of British Columbia Botanical Garden & TMSNA: The Science behind Modern Pruning Techniques
- Jack Lindfield, Head Gardener, Sandringham: The Maple Collection of HRM King Charles III
- Ikuyo Saeki, Osaka University, Japan & TMSBI: Conserving the Threatened Maple Species of Japan
- Henrik Sjöman, Scientific Curator at Gothenburg Botanical Garden: Maples for Changing Climates

### Incredible Gardens

- The garden at Highgrove, HRM King Charles III's private residence: private guided visit followed by cream tea in the Orchard Room.\*
- Two separate tours of Westonbirt, one of the world's principal botanical and pleasure gardens: A guided introductory tour;\* and a separate guided "deep dive" tour devoted entirely to maples with our full group.

*\*Limited space at Highgrove requires we divide into two groups to tour this location over two days; on the alternate day, each group will enjoy a guided introductory tour of the Arboretum at Westonbirt.*



### Gourmet Banquet

On Monday 26 October, we'll enjoy a festive three course meal from Stonehouse Court, known for its modern British fine dining.



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### Venue - Day 1 and 2

Lectures and lunches will be held at Stonehouse Court (pictured above) on our first two days.



### Venue - Day 3

Our third day's activities will be based at The Great Oak Hall, Westonbirt (pictured above).



### Meals

All three days' lunches and Monday evening's banquet are included. Most British hotels serve breakfast.



### Lodging

Multiple hotels are available in and around the charming Cotswolds market town of Tetbury (see our hotel list for details). Additional lodging is available at Stonehouse Court, however this hotel is not served by the shuttle on Sunday or Tuesday evenings.

If you plan to attend the Post-Symposium Garden Tour, our Tour ends in the Tetbury hub, so you may wish to reserve a room in Tetbury for October 30.

### Transportation

Coach shuttle service will be provided between Tetbury, Westonbirt Arboretum, (and the adjacent Hare & Hounds hotel), Stonehouse Court, and Highgrove.

### Cost per Attendee £320

Cost includes two classroom mornings with eight speakers, coffee, snacks, lunches, coach shuttle service to venues and Tetbury, the private Highgrove Garden tour, the guided Westonbirt introductory tour, use of the Great Oak Hall on Tuesday, the full day guided intensive exploration of the Westonbirt Maple Collection, and a three course gourmet banquet at Stonehouse Court. For traveling companions who only wish to attend the banquet, the price is £70.

Cost does not include lodging, Sunday and Tuesday dinners, and alcoholic drinks (which may be purchased separately at the banquet).