

# the hidden gardens

A tranquil haven in  
the heart of the city

## April – September

Tue – Sat: 10am – 8pm

(or dusk if earlier)

Sun: 12noon – 6pm

(or dusk if earlier)

Mon: closed

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The award winning **Hidden Gardens** has transformed a derelict wasteland in Scotland's most diverse community into a beautiful and contemplative art and design garden. The Garden offers visitors a unique experience, found nowhere else in Glasgow. It aspires to describe the kind of world it would be good to live in, not the world as it is. Opened in 2003, the Gardens provide refuge from the bustle of busy urban living and are a place of peace and inspiration for visitors.



## Events in the Gardens

Our feature event for this season is highlighted below. Come and meet some of the prestigious artists who created permanent artworks installed within the Hidden Gardens as they celebrate *The Road North*. For details of all our summer activities, exhibitions and events, including the annual plant sale, please visit [www.thehiddengardens.org.uk](http://www.thehiddengardens.org.uk)



## The Road North: a matsuri festival

Join us on Sun 15 May for a *matsuri* festival in the Hidden Gardens, with performances of poetry and songs, paper wishes to tie, and tea from Japan and China, served by the Hidden Gardens volunteers. For the past year Alec Finlay and Ken Cockburn have been travelling through Scotland, guided by the Japanese poet Basho, whose *Narrow Road to the Deep North* is one of the masterpieces of travel literature. On 15 May their year-long journey will come to an end, and to celebrate they have invited some of the people they met along the way to join them for an informal afternoon in the gardens. At 3pm, along with a performance by Gaelic singer Margaret Bennett, 10 poets including Gerry Loose, Larry Butler and Colin Will, will read 100 haiku; heard together, the poems form a word-map of contemporary Scotland.

You can retrace Alec and Ken's journey on *The Road North* website ([www.theroadnorth.co.uk](http://www.theroadnorth.co.uk)). ▲

