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Beauty of Dundee’s Natural and Historic Landscape Showcased in New Special Exhibition

Dundee Heritage Trust has announced that it will host the latest International Garden Photographer of the Year (IGPOTY) Exhibition, at Verdant Works Museum. IGPOTY Exhibition 17 will be on display in the atmospheric High Mill at Verdant Works Museum from 5th April – 28th August 2024, following the success of hosting IGPOTY Exhibition 16 in 2023; the first time the prestigious exhibition had been shown in Dundee.

IGPOTY Exhibition 16 was seen and enjoyed by over 8,000 visitors to Verdant Works Museum in 2023, and the Dundee Heritage Trust team look forward to welcoming even more for this year’s exhibition.



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As well as featuring a curated selection of images from IGPTY Competition 17, this year's IGPTY Exhibition in Verdant Works Museum features awarded images showcasing Dundee's rich greenery and incredible heritage. Featuring a range of popular views in the city – from Magdalen Green to the Tay Rail Bridge, to Morgan Academy – captured by photographers from across Dundee. Created by Dundee Heritage Trust in partnership with IGPTY, the Special Award competition 'Dundee's Heritage and Nature' encouraged photographers to share their favourite green spaces and heritage scenes in the city of Discovery, to be judged by a panel of Dundee Heritage Trust and IGPTY representatives; the latter whom have viewed and curated thousands of top-class images from all over the globe.



2nd place winner in Dundee's Heritage and Nature Special Award competition
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IGPTY Exhibition 17 promises bursts of colour paired with subdued scenes. From macro details of plant life, to sunshine glimmering over mangroves under the sea, to soft summer evenings captured over British landscapes, this spectacular exhibition has something for everyone.

This curated selection of awarded images from IGPTY Competition 17 was launched in February at Kew Gardens, and as well as being displayed here in Dundee at Verdant Works Museum, will also be shown at Cambridge University Botanic Garden and Blenheim Palace. The showcase in Verdant Works Museum's High Mill is currently the only place in Scotland to take in this breathtaking photography exhibition this Summer.

James McGlinchey, Exhibitions Manager at IGPTY says; *"The upcoming IGPTY exhibition at Verdant Works is significant because it allows the people of Dundee to see stunning scenes of nature from across the world, whilst also showcasing a creative selection captured closer to home – via the 'Dundee's Heritage and Nature' Special Award."*

Sophie Hinde, Heritage Manager at Dundee Heritage Trust says; “We are so excited to be bringing IGPTY back to Verdant Works after the success of last year. It is a beautiful exhibition filled with a wide range of photographic subjects offering something for everyone. The inclusion of ‘Dundee’s Heritage and Nature’ Special Award has made this year even more special. Look out for linked talks and workshops in the upcoming months.”

John White, 1st place winner of ‘Dundee’s Heritage and Nature’ Special Award competition says; “I accidentally found details of the Dundee Heritage Photographic competition online and as I have been taking photographs in and around Dundee for many years thought it worth entering and was surprised and delighted to win and look forward to see my photograph on display at Verdant Works.”

The exhibition will be in the historic High Mill of Verdant Works; the oldest space in the refurbished 19th century jute mill found in the heart of Dundee’s industrial area. The High Mill is most often associated with its peaceful atmosphere and unique architecture.



Finalist of ‘Dundee’s Heritage and Nature’ Special Award competition
© Maciej Lewandowski / IGPTY

Inspired by the exhibition, an exciting programme of talks and workshops will provide visitors additional ways to engage with the themes of nature and photography, including an exclusive talk from renowned photographer Ray Cox. An accomplished photographer of gardens and plant life with over 20 years of experience, Ray is a member of the Cox family of horticultural experts and authors who have run their world-famous business and garden at



Glendoick in Perthshire for three generations. The full programme can be viewed on the Verdant Works Museum website.

Entry to IGPTY Exhibition 17 and 'Dundee's Heritage and Nature' exhibition is free with Verdant Works Museum admission. Admission comes as an annual pass, allowing unlimited repeat visits for the year*. Children aged up to 16 years go free at Verdant Works Museum when accompanied by a paying adult.

*Full terms and conditions at www.verdantworks.co.uk

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The venue address is West Henderson's Wynd, Dundee DDI 5BT.

More information about Verdant Works Museum can be found at www.verdantworks.co.uk.

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Notes to editors:

Dundee Heritage Trust and its operating company Dundee Industrial Heritage Limited, are registered charities formed in 1985 to preserve and interpret Dundee's industrial past. As well as the internationally significant Royal Research Ship *Discovery*, Dundee Heritage Trust has responsibility for Discovery Point, home of RRS *Discovery* and Verdant Works, one of the nation's most important textile Museums. Both sites are accredited museums, 5-star rated attractions with Visit Scotland and have won numerous awards.

Verdant Works is a world-class visitor attraction which tells the story of Dundee's industrial textile heritage in the atmospheric setting of a beautifully refurbished Mill building.

Verdant Works social media channels:

<https://www.facebook.com/ScotlandsJuteMuseum>

<https://www.instagram.com/verdantworksmuseum/>

<https://twitter.com/VerdantWorks>

International Garden Photographer of the Year continues to be one of the world's most respected photography competitions and exhibition, particularly within the genres of garden, plant, flower and botanical photography. It is supported by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, London. The



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main exhibition is usually held annually at Kew, with a rolling programme of touring exhibitions in the UK and all over the world.