



Eighth edition

THE AWAKENING

Villa Erba, Cernobbio (Como)

30th September, 1st - 2nd October 2016

Orticolario eighth edition will start on 30th September until 2nd October, the Event for the passion for gardening and famous **for expressing emotions through beauty and elegance.**

Sixth Sense will guide us into Villa Erba (Cernobbio, Lake Como).

This year event title is: **“The Awakening”**.

Official Sponsor of 2016 Orticolario edition is Generali Assurance Company, central agency offices in Como, via Cecilio.

SIXTH SENSE

Everyone possesses a profound sense expanding beyond the perception of physical phenomena, through which we feel the vital force of nature, which surrounds and involves us, seduces and gives us great pleasure.

It is the *Sixth Sense*: a magic that evokes emotions and invites us to listen to them, invites us to commune with nature, in order to discover new languages and to enhance the awareness of what the plant world is and represents.

<http://orticolario.it/il-senso-del-2016/>

THE FLOWER

The flower of this eighth edition is the ***Anemone*, the flower of the wind.**

The generic name *Anemone* was first used by the Greek philosopher and botanist Theophrastus and deriving from the Greek word *ánemos* (άνεμος), hence the wind.

The genus *Anemone* consists of **more than 120 herbaceous species**, cold-resistant perennials with rhizomes and tuberous roots.

***Anemone* autumnal species are more than 20 varieties, cultivated and selected by Vivai Priola (Treviso) for 2016 Orticolario flowerbeds.**

<http://orticolario.it/il-fiore-del-2016/>

THE AWARD “FOR AN EVOLVED GARDENING”

This year Prize winner is **Fernando Caruncho**, Spanish landscape designer “Thanks to his talent to instil harmony in his own landscape projects, among different contexts and linking together philosophy and garden design, history and botany, culture and nature”.

The award, assigned on 30th September at 11:00 am, is realised by iFlame in collaboration with HortensiaGardenDesigners.

<http://web.fernandocaruncho.com/en>

PSIDIUM GUAJAVA L. “MORITZ MANTERO”

Psidium guajava L. ‘Moritz Mantero’, a compact and short mutation nurtured 15 years ago inside Vivai Torre (Milazzo), was presented for the first time on the occasion of the seventieth birthday of Moritz

Mantero, president of Orticolario. Natale Torre made it grow but never commercialized it before, waiting for the right moment, which is this occasion.

Psidium guajava L. 'Moritz Mantero' is on show and on sell at Orticolario 2016 in front of the Central Pavilion.

Further information at: <http://orticolario.it/psidium-guajava-l-moritz-mantero/>

THE BEER "SIXTH SENSE"

A novelty at Orticolario 2016 is the beer "Sixth Sense", which can be tasted in drafts inside the Garden at the Birrificio Italiano main space (Italian Brewery), and bottled at many Cafeterias and snack bar.

"Sixth Sense" was requested by Orticolario and prepared by Birrificio Italiano (Lurago Marinone – CO) to celebrate the event of beauty and nature. A brew made of wheat, German inspired, produced adding hibiscus and pink pepper, the taste is fresh and at the same time simple and complex, delicate and intense as the most splendid of flowers.

WITHIN THE CENTRAL PAVILION: "KOSMOS" BY VITTORIO PERETTO

The circle. Symbol of perfection, of unity, of cosmos. Glass shatters and becomes a new material, a place where nature grows and conquers its space. Islands of perennial plants rise from a green carpet, whose canopy and foliage play with the glittering glass.

At the same time old and modern, ferns compete for a space with anemones among roots of big birches, ancient sacred trees watching from above. The exhibition space is spotted with "flying" mirrors, reflecting surroundings and catching the eye: a deep symbolism leading to a deeper knowledge of ourselves and to a metamorphosis.

Realised by Orticolario, project by Vittorio Peretto (HortensiaGardenDesigners . Milan).

<http://orticolario.it/nel-padiglione-centrale-2/>

EXHIBITIONS IN VILLA ERBA "WINGS"

At the **Lario Wing** the "Il bosco di camelie" (camellias forest), inside **Platani Greenhouse** on show big spherical azaleas; at the **Cernobbio Wing** the exhibition "Boschiglio Intricante" (Entangled Woods) by the illustrator Lino Stefani; at the **Regina Wing** the "Silk road".

Further information at: <http://orticolario.it/installazioni-nelle-ali/>

COLLABORATION WITH GARDENING SCHOOLS

Installations in Exhibition Wings and Central Pavilion are setup in cooperation with the Fondazione Minoprio (Vertemate con Minoprio - Co) and with the Istituto Professionale dei Servizi per l'Agricoltura "San Vincenzo" (Albese con Cassano - Co).

THE SENSE OF ART: FOUR ARTISTS FOR ORTICOLARIO

Four artists will realise their pieces for 2016 Orticolario.

Lino Stefani, artist and illustrator from Verona, presents his piece "Boschiglio Intricante" (Entangled Woods) in the Cernobbio Wing.

Lorenza Morandotti (Milan) realises "Touch the origin" at the Golfo Platani : the piece was born when the hand of the artist crossed a "coppella", a hole engraved thousands of years ago by anonymous ancestor in a particular erratic stone, in Valle Intelvi (Como).

Inside the "Laghetto delle Carpe", Galp Galleria La Perla (Olgiate Comasco - Co) and Deodato Arte (Milan) present the installation "Return to origins" by **Artheline**, where some curious, big and colourful hippopotamuses finding them at ease in their element: the water.

Artist, poet and traveller **Giovanni Tamburelli** (Saluggia – Vc) puts on water and grass of Villa Erba "Darsena" (dock) his exhibition "Ancestral", sculptures of bronze and metal: big and elegant mosquitoes

with long legs that invite us to imagine their buzz, a persistent sound that, according to some shamanic cultures, could help to synchronize with universe primordial vibrations.

Observe, see them and then close our eyes, listening carefully, we seek a connection with everything around us, exploring ancient paths.

Further information at: <http://orticolario.it/nel-senso-dell-arte/>

“SPAZI CREATIVI” INSIDE THE GARDEN

Walking in Villa Erba Garden, Orticolario visitors may explore eight selected gardens and exhibitions of 2016 International Competition “Spazi Creativi” (Creative Spaces).

Original, usable and liveable gardens placed inside Villa Erba and respectful of the existing landscape, thus ‘Genius loci’.

Selected projects will compete for the **“La foglia d'oro del Lago di Como” Award** (Lake Como Golden Leaf Award), shown and kept at Villa Carlotta, and the **“Giuria Popolare” Prize** (People’s Jury Prize), chosen by visitors.

2016 Orticolario “Creative Spaces” exhibitions are: “Il senso di perdersi” (Losing the way), project and setup by Ginkgo Giardini, Torino (ginkgo-giardini.it); Spazio Floema “Vedere con le orecchie, ascoltare con gli occhi” (To see with ears, to hear with eyes), project by Studio Enzo, Gifu (Japan) (enzo-garden.net); Spazio AM Casali “Inside Nature”, project and setup by P’ARCNOUVEAU, Milano (parcnouveau.com); “Giardini interiori” (Inner gardens), project and setup by Studio Zero, Como (designstudiozero.com); “Pioggia” (Rain), project and setup by Giardini Benatti, Cusano Milanino (MI) (giardinibenatti.net); “Il nastro arancio. Al qua e al di là” (... On both sides of the orange ribbon), project ad setup by Lorenza Figari, Celle Ligure (Sv) (lorenzafigari.it); “Disconnect to Reconnect”, project and setup by Verde Passione, Vedano al Lambro (MB) (verdepassione.it); “Mutazioni” (Mutations), project and setup by Heidi Bedenknecht-De Felice, Como (FB: Heidi Bedenknecht-De Felice).

Further information at: <http://orticolario.it/nel-parco-giardini-e-installazioni-in-concorso/>

Committees will also assign other Awards: **“Stampa” Prize** (Press prize), assigned to a space able to evoke emotions while “telling a story”; **“Giardino dell’empatia” Prize** (Empathy garden prize), assigned to an installation for its strong social connotations and high-level quality specimens selection; **“Giardino d’artista” Prize** (Artist garden Prize), assigned to a space where there’s balance between art and nature, and different languages coexist; **“Grandi Giardini Italiani”** (Great Italian Gardens Prize), assigned to a space where light and shapes fuse tradition and innovation together; **“Essenza” Prize** (Essence Prize), assigned to the set-up exhibiting the best composition of arboreal specimen variety.

DESIGN WITHIN THE GARDEN

“Sofia” (Villa Antica Garden)

It is a huge *cor-ten* iron turtle, designed and projected by Francesco Mazzola | iFlame (Capriate San Gervasio - Bg), with its shell completely covered in a carpet of *Ophiopogon japonicus* ‘Nana’. “Sofia” lets us sit on its legs to observe what surround us, in order to awake and listen to our *Sixth Sense*.

“Musicalia” (Lakefront pathway)

From a decisive collaboration between Vittorio Peretto | HortensiaGardenDesigners (Milan) and Francesco Mazzola | iFlame (Capriate San Gervasio – BG), “Musicalia” was born: a complete whole collection of garden decor, presenting itself within an installation in Villa Erba Garden, facing the lake and among harps, violins, notes... new ideas, new models, new melodies.

Further information at: <http://orticolario.it/design-nel-parco/>

ACOUSTIC VEGETABLE GARDEN

In the centre of the main square, an installation designed by BotanicalDryGarden by Mates piante (Orbetello - Gr): orchard and music to listen and to observe, walking on glittering glass pathways.

Further information at: <http://orticolario.it/orto-sonoro/>

RESTING AREA

In the Garden, visitors could also rest in the shadow of a beautiful *Ginkgo biloba* tree, facing the Lake Como, while sitting on comfortable seats designed by Alessandro Stevanin (Eltisler in Bassano del Grappa – Vi): Adirondack Chairs, handcrafted thrones made of recovered wood, surrounded by the first-time public exhibition of the pomegranate collection (*Punica granatum*), plants that give in autumn extraordinary fruits with magical properties, nurtured by Mauro di Sorte (Vivaio Giardino Tara, Bolsena - Vt). Staging directed by Anna Flower Designer (Cassano Magnago – Va).

INSIDE VILLA ANTICA ... “SENSE”

On 110th anniversary of Luchino Visconti’s birth, Rattiflora (Casnate con Bernate – Co) pays homage to this versatile artist: a visionary scenography staged in his past home.

A surprise awaits at the pier and at Visconti Entrance.

Further information at: <http://orticolario.it/le-scenografie-rattiflora/>

AMONG EXHIBITORS

Among new exhibitors : a great touching installation by the **landscape architect Alexandre Thomas**. He has selected plants coming from the best nursery farmers in France to describe “**Le Jardin Agapanthe**”, his magic and successful garden in Grigneuseville, a little village north of Rouen in Normandy; **DALIA dimensional wall art and BAZZI** (Milan), for an innovative project, combine paintings with ceramic reliefs for all the open space perimeter surfaces, and a staging about shadow and rope-dancing in the wind with DALIA circus papier-mâché characters; **Internoltaliano** (Milan) shows furniture and decor inspired to the Italian way of living, created by the designer Giulio Iacchetti.

In the Garden, under shadows of big *Osmanthus* that almost touch the Villa Antica, there is the **Museo Della Merda - Shit Museum** (Fraz. Campremoldo Sopra, Loc. Castelbosco, Gragnano Trebbiense – PC). A shop where it is possible to buy - for the first time in Italy – products of the Museum totally made of MERDACOTTA® (mixture of clay and manure), like vases, tiles, dishes, bowls... The Museum also offers a prime-time exclusive: entering Villa Antica basement and discovering the Museum between ancient brick vaults and stone walls.

Among well-known exhibitors at Orticolario, another first-time is **TerrariumArt** (Milan) “Quadri diorama” (diorama pictures) exhibition made of stabilized moss, picturing landscapes and miniatures.

Among new nursery farmers : **Pépinières Figoli** from Provence is grower of over 100 varieties of figs (more than 40 for 2016 Orticolario), also on display in the France Pavilion at Expo 2015; **Green Service** from Venice is specialised in ornamental Gramineae and perennial herbaceous plants, *Taxus* and espalier-structured hornbeams.

Aromatiche ClaGia (Sciaccia – AG) presents aromatic herbs like basil perennial, curry plant, thyme-orange scented and Sicilian mint.

Among nursery farmers : **Vivaio Giardino Tara** (Bolsena – Vt) is specialised in rare Hydrangeas for collectors and Hydrangeas in pots. It will also present its collection of pomegranates (*Punica granatum*) nurtured by Mauro Di Sorte and for the first time on public display in the Resting area inside the Garden; **Tillandsia of Michieli Floricoltura** from Padova presents inside Cernobbio Wing a great installation of *Tillandsia* of infinite shapes and colours, also known as the plant of the air; **Cactusmania** (Ventimiglia – Im) , among its rarities, dazzles with a majestic specimen of *Ferocactus stainesii pilosus*, which shows off its fire-red dense and tough thorns covering; **Maioli Enzo Azienda Agricola** (Salvaterra – Re) presents a collection of 40 table grapes vine varieties, Italian and European, completely ecological meaning that they weren’t (and didn’t need to be) treated with chemicals. Among renown nursery farmers, **Centro Botanico Moutan** (Vitorchiano – VT) exhibits two extraordinary specimens from their collection of peonies, both of more than 40-years

old: *Paeonia suffruticosa* 'Shan Hu Tai' (coral throne) and *Paeonia rockii* 'Lan Feng Zhan Chi' (wings spread blue Phoenix).

EVENTS

Orticolario will present a wide program for this edition also:

meetings, floral and botanical exhibitions, book presentations, children workshops, and more...

A detailed schedule can be found online at: <http://orticolario.it/programma-generale-2016/> and with the Orticolario app, downloadable through the website and through the QR CODE on the admission Ticket, on Botanical garden Totems and on folding Maps given at the event.

This edition **guests** are:

Stefano Mancuso is a worldwide renown scientist, executive director of LINV, Laboratorio Internazionale di Neurobiologia Vegetale (International Laboratory of Plant Neurobiology), as well as author of scientific books and of hundreds of publications on International Journals and also included in the "New Yorker" prestigious world changers list. Among his publications, "Brilliant Green" has been translated in 14 languages, "Uomini che amano le piante" (Men who love plants) and "Biodiversi" (Biodifferent). He will speak about a common prejudice that is: plants are insensitive, are immobile and passive.

Marco Martella is founder of Jardins (éditions du Sandre) and, working and living in Paris.

Tiziano Fratus is a poet and a writer for Feltrinelli, Mondadori and Laterza, as well as photographer. He will skilfully tell of his encounters with ancient trees and present his new book "L'Italia è un giardino" (Italy is a garden) published by Laterza.

Francesco Ferrini is tenured Professor of Arboriculture and President of the Florence University School of Agriculture. Along with **Francesco Mati**, a businessman working in the field of plants and gardens with his family since 1909, Ferrini will speak about "Amore per il giardino e l'odio verso le piante: ossimoro o realtà?" (Love for garden and hate for plants: oxymoron or reality?), explaining what really means hating plants and how not so rare is a behaviour like this.

Daniele Zanzi is a researcher, arboriculture populariser and specialist, effective member of Linnean Society of London. He received the Award of Merit from the ISA - International Society of Arboriculture – for his commitment for popularization of the rightful arboriculture procedures. Founder and president of Fitoconsult, he will lead us into discovering trees Sixth Sense.

Giuseppe Barbera is a full professor of Arboreal Culture at Palermo University. Writer for Mondadori, Henry Beyle and Sellerio, he directed the restoration of the Kolymbetra garden within the Valley of temples for National Trust of Italy (FAI) and Donnafugata garden on Pantelleria Island.

He will speak about the apple and its landscapes within nature, history and mind.

Marco Nieri, Ecodesigner, bio-researcher and habitat health expert, pioneer of Forest Bathing and of Therapeutic Landscape. He created the Bioenergetic Landscape, a technique that allows to determine arboreal electromagnetic traits. Bosco del Sorriso of Oasi Zegna has been designed on his principles.

Pietro Testori, doctor and connoisseur of Como local vegetation and of its history, will present at Orticolario "Scalcinati Fiori"(Stone Flowers), a reference point of lake Como landscape knowledge, alongside with **Alberto Casiraghy**, founder of the publishing house Pulcinoelefante and author of poems, aphorisms and tales.

Marjanne Majerus, photographer, collaborates with English and International newspapers and magazines from more than 30 years. She's an acknowledged member of the Photographic Advisory Committee of the Royal Horticultural Society. At Orticolario She will launch the book "Gardens of the Italian lakes" with her photos in it, as well as exhibits inside Spazio Gardenia, at the Cernobbio Wing.

Mariangela Susigan, chef of the Gardenia Restaurant in Caluso (TO), and **Lucia Papponi**, naturalist and botanist, will collaborate for a workshop with tasting itinerary upon wild herbs and flowers and their edibility.

Rosa Teruzzi, writer and newscaster, launches her book “La sposa scomparsa” (The missing bride) (Sonzogno), which tells the story of Libera first investigation, a bookseller who had to close her own shop, reinventing her life as a florist specialised into wedding bouquets. The criminologist **Massimo Picozzi** and **Emanuela Rosa-Clot**, editor in chief of Gardenia, will also take part in the event.

Matteo Ragni, agronomist, **Annarita Manera**, nursery farmer, and **Saverio Chiappalone**, photographer, will talk of their book “Pelle di Spine” (Skin of thorns) (Edizioni Laboratorio Verde), a tale about the awaiting of an incredible event: the blooming of a cactus and how to fill time waiting during years.

Giovanni Pagnoncelli, alchemist, will speak of "Sisto Tempus" and how reality around us shapes and is shaped at the same time by our presence, through a continuous exchange.

FOR CHILDREN...

Even children are involved in the “Sixth Sense adventure”: workshops, experiences, places, shows and plays specifically designed for them, to learn while having fun.

Examples of workshops are “Profumi e sapori del giardino dei sensi” (Scents and flavours of the garden of senses), “Semina creativa” (Creative seeding), “Che profumo...le erbe aromatiche e medicinali!” (A scent...aromatic and healing herbs), “Piccoli amici salvabosco” (Little woodsrescue friends), “Un seme...una zolla” (A seed...a clump of earth), “Gli anemone: I fiori del vento” (Anemones: flower of the wind)...and much more.

...and at the Library for children “Fiori da leggere” (Flowers to read), launch of the book “La notte del ciliegio” (Night of the cherry tree) by Elena Wullschleger, illustrated by Chiara Donelli Cornaro.

Detailed schedule and program at: <http://orticolario.it/orticolario-2016-bambini/>

For further information on initiative and events of Orticolario 2016:
<http://orticolario.it/category/visitatore/>

PATRONISED GROUPS

Orticolario pays specific attention to charity. Since the beginning, profits raised during the main event are given to charitable associations of Como area, dealing with people in need.

Funds raised this year event will be given to associations can be found here:
<http://orticolario.it/orticolario-per/>

INFORMATION

BOAT

Free shuttle-boat service Como - Cernobbio and back will be operative from Saturday 1st to Sunday 2nd October.

TICKETS

Ticket price 17,00 Euro – reduced ticket 14,00 Euro

Special reduced ticket 12,00 Euro (every day starting from 17.00 pm.)

Children under 14 enter free

Free shuttle-bus service included from bus stops at parking areas entrance in Cernobbio and Maslianico.

PUBLIC OPENING

Friday 30th September and Saturday 1st October: 9.00 – 19.30

Sunday 2nd October: 9.00 - 19.00

Information about 2016 Orticolario at:



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