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**LOCAL ARTISTS UNITE FOR A UNIQUE EXHIBITION  
AT THE YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM**

This summer the Yorkshire Arboretum is hosting a joint exhibition of the work of three renowned local artists in very different media but on a common 'Botanical' theme. Landscapes, flora and fauna will feature in works on canvas, print and textiles from the 19<sup>th</sup> August to the 11<sup>th</sup> September in the arboretum's Visitor Centre.



Textile artist Corinne Young's work is inspired by the flowers and insects in her Wolds garden and the artefacts in historic houses. Her artworks reflect the complexity and fragility of their subject matter.

*Gazania by Corinne Young*

Staithes based Stef Mitchell works with nature to make monoprints and folded books that tell their own narratives.



*Dancing Ferns by Stef Mitchell*



Landscape painter Lesley Seeger is based in Ryedale and is inspired by places off the beaten track where nature is strong. Her paintings mirror the history and changes of a landscape and the complex strata of our lives.

*Hutton Bank - Lesley Seeger*

Yorkshire Arboretum Director John Grimshaw said “The natural world inspires all forms of art and it’s a delight for us to be able to showcase such a variety of work on a common theme, while highlighting the talents of Yorkshire artists”.

The exhibition will be open from 10am to 4pm every weekday, and from 10am to 4.30pm at weekends, from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Entry is free of charge.

Members and friends of the arboretum are also invited to a preview evening on Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> where there’ll be an opportunity to meet the artists and discuss their works. Booking is essential for this event. Additional information is available from [visit@yorkshirearboretum.org](mailto:visit@yorkshirearboretum.org)

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#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Yorkshire Arboretum and Ray Wood are gardens of the Castle Howard Arboretum Trust, an independent charity (registration number 1044931) established to maintain and protect these unique collections. Founded in 1997 as a partnership between the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Castle Howard, the Trust’s patron is HRH The Prince of Wales.

The Yorkshire Arboretum is located opposite the entrance to Castle Howard and is open from 10am – 4pm every day from March – November, with extended opening at weekends from May – October. In addition to the 120 acre garden of trees there’s a children’s woodland playground, a café offering delicious home-cooked seasonal food and drink and a gift shop. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Admission is £6 for adults, £3 for juniors (12-16) and £15 for families. Under 12s are admitted free. Find out more at [www.yorkshirearboretum.org](http://www.yorkshirearboretum.org)

The arboretum's annual event programme includes a wide range of family and outdoor activities, botanical and horticultural education, and arts and crafts workshops. Full details are available at

[www.yorkshirearboretum.org](http://www.yorkshirearboretum.org)

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