

Vienna Allotment Garden Fair 2023

For the 19th time the Blumengärten Hirschstetten invited visitors to the "Vienna Allotment Garden Fair" last weekend. Numerous allotment gardeners took advantage of the summer weather to get information about building, designing and feeling good in house and garden.

On Friday shortly after one o'clock, the organiser *Klaus Ranger* asked for the opening with the guests of honour. The host of the „Blumengärten Hirschstetten“ (flower gardens), the director of the city garden *Ing. Rainer Weisgram*, as well as the local councillor *Mag. Gerhard Spitzer* and the head of the district Donaustadt *Ernst Nevrivy* welcomed the guests and wished the exhibitors much success.



The allotment garden family was represented by President *Ing. Wilhelm Wohatschek*. In his welcoming speech he focused on the necessity to enable and promote alternative forms of energy also in the allotment garden in order to push the independence from gas.

Mayor *Dr. Michael Ludwig* welcomed the guests and thanked the organisers for the opportunity to host a fair in this form. By way of introduction he underlined the great importance of allotment gardens for the urban climate. He expressed his wish that the allotment gardeners would set an example for the preservation of biodiversity in the city. The mayor, himself an allotment gardener, then visited the exhibitors and showed great interest.

The almost 80 specialist exhibitors and about 20 stands with decorations and accessories covered a wide range of topics related to home and garden. Particularly in demand were the latest trends and innovations in energy and heating, as well as biological products in the field of plant protection and soil improvement.

The many advice stands were very popular. These included the stand of the *Landesverband Wien* (Vienna regional federation) and *Zentralverband der Kleingärtner* (central federation of allotment gardeners).



Our officials were happy to help with questions about allotment gardens. On our kiosk PC we were this time also able to give direct assistance with our services.

The specialist adviser eagerly answered questions about plant health and gave tips for more biodiversity in the garden.

Of course, the ladies of the *Frauenfachgruppe Floridsdorf* (women's expert group) were not to be missed this year. Their homemade delicacies from their own garden were very happily tasted and bought for a good cause.

At over 20 degrees, the large outdoor area in front of the two glass houses was a special attraction. From a large selection of plants to garden furniture and pools, many things could be inspected and also purchased immediately.

Also in the outdoor area, 23 stations of the "*Genussmeile*" (Pleasure Mile) offered their products. Thus fortified, many took the opportunity to stroll through the lovingly designed theme gardens of the Hirschstetten flower gardens.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the *EvOTION* organising team for the successful days at the fair. We are already looking forward to the 20th allotment garden fair next year.

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