

Germany: Day of the garden

The celebrations for the Day of the Garden took place in Berlin on 10th June, 2012.

In 1984 the president of the German allotment garden federation Hans Stephan initiated the creation of the Day of the Garden. Hans Stephan wanted to underline the importance of the allotment garden for the psychological and physical well-being of people. He additionally wanted to sensitise people to the pleasures of an allotment garden – a leisure oasis not far away from the living area.

Since then this day has been celebrated every year all over the German Republic. At the same time many allotment garden associations throughout Germany opened their doors and presented themselves with many diverse activities.

This year the subject of the Day of the Garden was “small paradises”. The beauty of an allotment garden is different for every person. Some people like the cultivation of fruit and vegetables most, others prefer the recreation in the midst of a sea of flowers. Still others want an ecological garden while their neighbours prefer to create a wellness garden with space for family and children – this of course by respecting the good old “allotment garden use” (Kleingärtnerische Nutzung). All along the year, with the changing of the seasons, the allotment gardens always offer new joys to our senses.

It is evident, that due to the many possibilities they offer, every allotment gardener considers his garden to be the most beautiful. It is our duty to inform all those, who have never heard about an allotment garden, about the pleasures of an allotment garden – the happiness to cultivate a garden.

The celebration took place with the attendance of many honorary guests, politicians and people from the administration as well as partner organisations.

More information:

http://www.kleingartenbund.de/veranstaltungen/tag_des_gartens.