

Germany: Mark the dates

1) Participation of the allotment gardeners of Koblenz

The Bundesgartenschau (federal horticultural exhibition) will take place from 15th April to 16th October 2011 in Koblenz. This fair under the leitmotiv "Koblenz verwandelt" (Koblenz transformed) takes place for the first time since its inception in Rheinland-Pfalz. Obviously the allotment gardeners will participate in this major event. The exhibitions of the allotment gardeners can be found at a strategic location, next to the theme gardens "Naturkreisläufe" (natural cycles) of leisure gardening, the BUGA kitchen and the Green competence center. This is where the allotment gardeners would like to draw the attention by their shows to the "adventure allotment garden". The association of Hessen will focus on useful insects in the garden whereas the association Westfalen and Lippe will present fresh herbs. The association Rheinland-Pfalz has a more practical oriented approach on mixed cultures. The association Mecklenburg and Vorpommern will show everything one always wanted to know about potatoes.

Dates and further information about the Bundesgartenschau under

<http://www.kleingartenbund.de/aktuelles/details.php?cat=101&action=showArticle&articleNr=2463>

2) Deutsches Kleingärtnermuseum: (German museum of allotment gardens) Special events 2011

In addition to the permanent exhibition about the rich history of more than 200 years of allotment gardens, the temporary show "Reine Geschmackssache - zur Kulturgeschichte des Apfels" (All about taste – about the history of apples) is still ongoing until April 2011 in Leipzig. On 7th May for the Museum Night in Leipzig is the opening of a new exhibition "Apfelmus & Himbeersaft - Konservierung von Obst und Gemüse" (Apple purée and raspberry juice – about the conservation of fruit and vegetables). On 15th May the Förderverein Deutsches Kleingärtnermuseum (association for the promotion of the museum of allotment gardens) will celebrate the 15th anniversary of jewels to be followed on 9th July by the summer celebration, the "Tag des offenen Denkmals" (Open memorial day) on 11th September and on 22nd October the event "Apfelsortenbestimmung mit einem Experten" (determination of apple types with a specialist).

Further information under www.kleingarten-museum.de