



ISU

International Perennial Society

Summer Days

Lund/Sweden
16-20 August 2026



Welcome to Sweden!

Dear Perennial friends,
two years have passed since the last
Summer Days, but we have not been
resting on the lavender.

Gerben Tjeerdsma and his colleagues have prepared a truly unique program for Summer Days in Sweden. Let's go and discover together the beauty of a country where reindeer say good night and the growing season is so short that some asters do not even manage to bloom. This time together will allow us to meet colleagues from our field in person once again, exchange experiences from the perennial world, and become acquainted with new people, new ideas, and fresh inspiration for our future work.

Kind regards

Jana Holzbecherova
CHAIRMAN OF THE ISU

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SATURDAY - 15.08.2026

Arrival of the board members in Lund.

19:30 Dinner at the hotel.

SUNDAY 16.08.2026

9:00-12:00 Meeting of the ISU Committee
& the trial commission at the hotel.

12:00 Lunch in Lund.

15:00-17:00 ISU Committee & trial commission
visiting the trial field by car.
Arrival of the participants
at the hotel Concordia in Lund.

19:30 Welcome dinner at a restaurant
a few minutes from the hotel.



MONDAY 17.08.2026

8:00 Traveling by bus to Alnarp, the University off Agricultural.

8:30-10:30 ISU General assembly at Alnarp.

10:30-12:00 Visiting the trial field at Alnarp.

12:00-13:00 Lunch at Alnarp.

13:00-16:00 Guiding in Alnarpsparken and National GenBank (Karin Svensson, Linnea Oskarsson).

16:15 Traveling by bus back to the hotel Concordia. Possibility to visit the Botanic Garden in Lund.

19:30 Dinner at a restaurant a few minutes from the hotel.

Alnarpsparken

Deigned plant communities for dry conditions. Karin Svensson at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences is researching mixed perennial plantings for extreme urban growing conditions in Sweden. The plantings are characterised by high diversity and dynamics together with less amount of maintenance, compared to most other plantings. As a part of the research, Karin has planted a big field trial in Alnarp with perennial mixes for dry and sunny conditions, but also for dry shade. The aim of the project is to increase the use of perennials in public space in Swedish cities, despite tight budgets for maintenance of public green space. Karin will show the field trials and tell us about the project.





Alnarpsparken - Karin Svensson project



The Swedish National GenBank

The Swedish National Gene Bank preserves 2,300 historic varieties of fruit, berries, vegetables and ornamental plants, such as perennials and roses. These varieties have been cultivated in Sweden since before 1940, 1950, or 1960 - depending on the plant type - and were collected through the Swedish National Programme for Plant Genetic Resources (Pom). Between 2000 and 2010, Pom conducted several nationwide inventories to rediscover pre-WWII garden plants, when diversity was greater and assortments less standardized. During the inventories, not only plants were collected, but also stories, traditions and local names associated with the plants.



National Gen Bank website

The gene bank consists of three parts: the central collection at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Alnarp, thirty-two regional clone archives and cultivation of berries in protected environments. The central collection includes five hectares of fields and one greenhouse used to conserve the unique collection of older garden plants. Varieties from the gene bank are selected and relaunched in the trade under the trademark "Grönt kulturarv" what means „Green Cultural Heritage".



@nationellagenbanken



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TUESDAY 18.08.2026

8:00 Traveling by bus.

8:15-11:00 Visiting the nursery Lackalänga Trädgård in Furulund.

11:00 Traveling by bus.

11:30-15:00 Visiting and lunch at the garden of Peter and Julia, Klinta Trädgård in Höör.

15:00 Traveling by bus back to the hotel Concordia.

16:00-17:30 Lecture about soil by Professor Håkan Wallander.

19:30 Dinner at a restaurant a few minutes from the hotel.



Lackalänga Trädgård

Lackalänga Trädgård is a family-owned perennial nursery founded in 2001 and run by the Holgersson family. The operation covers approximately three hectares of production area and is focused on growing plants for professional customers.

Today, more than 1.5 million plants are produced annually, comprising approximately 600 varieties of perennials, ornamental grasses, ferns, and herbs. Production is primarily outdoors and adapted to the Swedish climate. During peak season, the company employs around 25 staff members.

Production has been developed progressively through investments in facilities, technology, and the working environment. In recent years, peat use has been reduced by 50% in the standard growing substrate, with peat partially replaced by wood fibre, green compost, and biochar. A new product group is semi-bare-root perennials, which are grown to order.



Klinta Trädgård

In the fall of 2015, Peter Korn and his partner Julia Anderson bought an old nursery outside Höör and started Klinta trädgården. They created a large garden with many different rooms where they grow plants from all over the world. Peter is known for making sandbeds and has given several lectures at ISU Winterdays. They design many public and private perennial plantings. They grow the plants they use themselves in their nursery. They have a vision of making Klinta a meeting place for people in the horticultural field; landscape architects, nurserymen, ecologists and other people with great knowledge in their respective fields.

„With our shared knowledge, we can gain insight into the interaction between people, nature, gardens and landscapes. With the goal of helping to create sustainable and beautiful environments, public and private. As part of this, we arrange seminars, courses and conferences, so that people have the chance to meet, exchange knowledge and to enable the emergence of new networks.“



Klinta Trädgård



Julia's part of the garden



Peter's part of the garden



WEDNESDAY 19.08.2026

8:00 Traveling by bus.

8:30-10:00 Guided tour in the Slottsträdgård in Malmö.

10:00 Traveling by bus.

10:15-11:45 Guiding of Patrick Bellan around Malmö Live, Citadellskajen and Solhöjdsparken.

11:45 Traveling by bus.

12:00 Lunch in Malmö.

13:15 Traveling by bus.

14:00-16:00 Visiting the castle Torups slott & Slottspark.

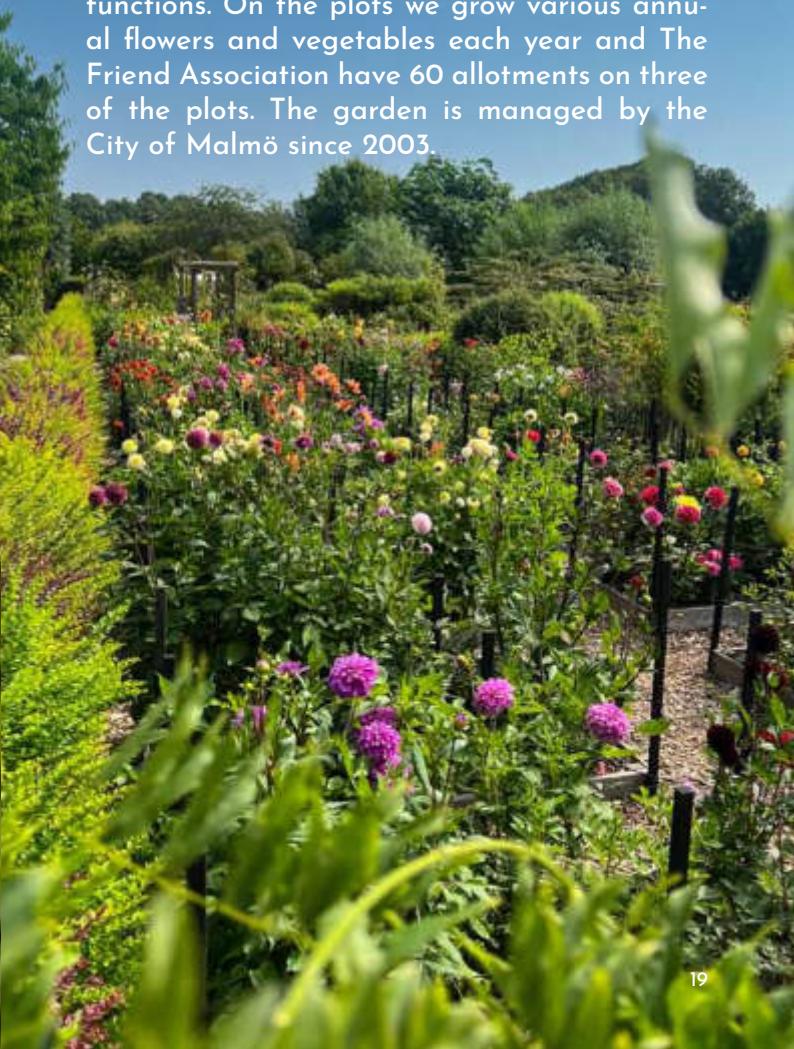
16:00 Traveling by bus back to the hotel Concordia.

19:30 Dinner at a restaurant a few minutes from the hotel. Awarding the best perennial novelties with the ISU Award. Official End of the Summer Days 2026.



Slottsträdgården

A tranquil space in the heart of the city. Slottsträdgården is an organic garden that is open all year round, 24 hours a day. The Garden started as a citizens initiative in 1994 and was officially opened 1998. Here you can follow the changing seasons and enjoy both the still winter days and an abundance of flowering plants from spring to autumn. Slottsträdgården covers 12 000 square meter and consists of several smaller gardens with different styles and functions. On the plots we grow various annual flowers and vegetables each year and The Friend Association have 60 allotments on three of the plots. The garden is managed by the City of Malmö since 2003.



Malmö

The walk begins at Malmö Live and Citadellskajen, where trees from across the world are introduced to the dense urban setting. Here, vegetation is used to soften weather extremes, hard surfaces and create variation in form, seasonal change, and biodiversity.



Solhöjdsparken

Continuing to Solhöjdsparken, the focus shifts. The park integrates reused industrial structures with larger trees and plantings arranged for ecological resilience, play, and everyday use. Unlike the global showcase at Malmö Live, Solhöjdsparken demonstrates a more systematic landscape strategy, where vegetation is embedded in a framework of historical elements and functional design.

Torups slott & Slottspark

Torup Castle & Castle Park is one of the best-preserved Renaissance castles in the Nordic countries, with a castle park with traces from five centuries next to the Beech Forest. The castle park has been a popular destination for recreation for several decades and has been owned by the city of Malmö since the 1970s. The foundation for the park's current appearance dates back to the early 19th century when the owner family Coyet reintroduced water as an important element with a canal and spring water and established a walkway system that connects the castle with the surroundings. In addition to many exotic trees such as tulip trees, Chinese sequoia, plane trees, chestnuts, lilacs, real chestnuts and quinces, there is also a remarkable specimen of hornbeam and several walnut trees. Behind the castle you will find a hidden oasis, the recently restored walled garden from the beginning of the 20th century. There are two magnificent flower beds adjacent to the old walls with mixed plantings of perennials, fruit trees, various shrubs and bulbs, trimmed yew and summer flowers. The site also features a rose garden and a decorative kitchen garden, all in true Arts and Crafts spirit. The grass in the open clearing is grazed and cut with horse power. The maintenance of the park is carried out whenever possible using artisanal methods, which also creates experiences for our visitors.



ISU SUMMER DAYS ADDITIONAL PROGRAM

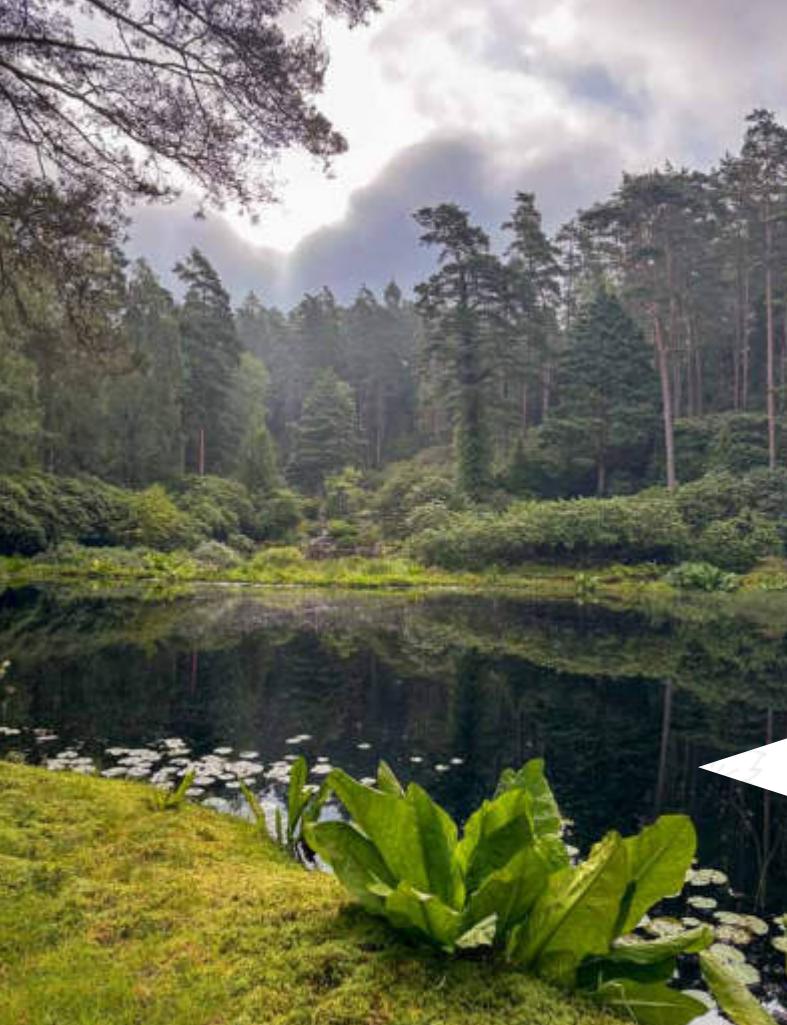
THURSDAY 20.08.2026

- 8:30 Traveling by bus.
- 10:30-11:30 Visiting the moose park Elinge Älgpark in Hamneda.
- 11:30 Traveling by bus.
- 12:15-13:15 Lunch in Simlångsdalen.
- 13:30-15:30 Visiting the park Vargaslätten & nursery Gerbianska Trädgården.
- 15:30 Traveling by bus back to the hotel Concordia.
- 19:30 Dinner at the hotel.

Elinge Älgpark

Scenic moose park where everyone can feed the moose all day long. See the moose in a natural environment, and get really close to them. Watch them, pet them, take pictures and feed them.



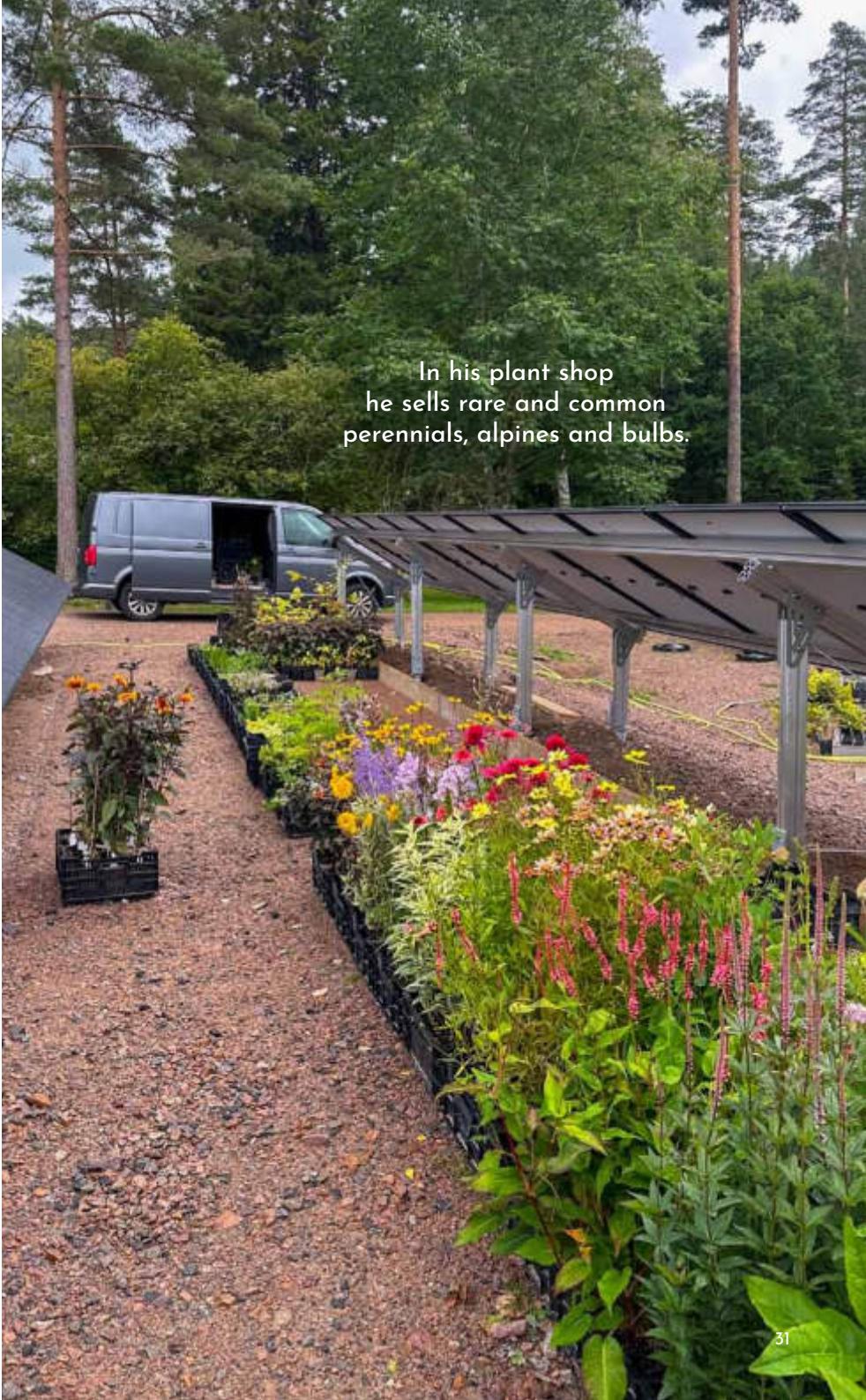


Park Vargaslätt & Gerbianska Trädgården

Vargaslätt - a "Gesamtkunstwerk". Around the year 1900, many architects designed after the idea of a total work of art as an all-embracing art form, where the planning of houses also took into account the surrounding nature, art, craft and painting. For the architect Sigfrid Ericson, his 14-hectare large Vargaslätt was such a work of art: a unit from the Nordic-inspired house, its minimalist furniture, the rustic pe gola, the Japanese ornamental rock garden and his wife's Ruth's large utility garden. Everything is thought of as a unit. Inspired by the Arts & Crafts movement from England and with the admiration for traditional Swedish craftsmanship, a perfect Art Nouveau Garden was created here. minimalist furniture, the rustic pe gola, the Japanese ornamental rock garden and his wife's Ruth's large utility garden. Everything is thought of as a unit. Inspired by the Arts & Crafts movement from England and with the admiration for traditional Swedish craftsmanship, a perfect Art Nouveau Garden was created here. At the same time, Vargaslätt became a cultural centre around the couple Ericson in the village Simlångsdalen. Sigfrid was also a plantsman and was in love in Lilies, Primroses and Gentians. He bought plants from nurseries in Europe and got plants from his friend Carl Skottsberg who started the Botanical Garden of Gothenburg. Still, you can find his beloved plants in the park.

The latest owner, Göran Johansson, and the plantsman Gerben Tjeerdsma got in contact with each other in 2019. A half year later Gerben moved his nursery to Vargaslätten and he started to maintain and restore the park.





ADDRESSES

HOTEL:

Hotel Concordia
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NURSERIES & GARDENS:

Alnarp Slott och Parker
Slottsvägen 5
234 56 Alnarp

Lackalänga trädgård
Nyhemsvägen 82-32
244 94 Furulund

Klinta trädgård
Snogeröd Klinta 660
243 95 Höör

Malmö slottsträdgård
Malmöhusvägen 4
211 18 Malmö

Hyllievängsparken
Ymers Gata
218 45 Vintrie

Torups slott
Torupsvägen 515-13
230 40 Bara

Elinge Älgpark
Jakobsgård 7
341 75 Hamneda

Vargaslätten & Gerbianska Trädgården
Vargaslätten 601
313 97 Simlångsdalen



HOW TO GET TO THE HOTEL IN LUND?

If you arrive by plane at the International Copenhagen Airport in Denmark, you take the train, 35 min, to the center of Lund. From there, it's a 10 minutes walk to the hotel.

If you arrive by car, you find a few parking garages in the center of Lund, nearby the Hotel.



GOOD TO KNOW

In Sweden you can't pay with cash anymore. If you want to buy something, you have to pay by card.



RESPONSIBLE PERSON DURING THE ISU SUMMER DAYS 2026 IN SWEDEN

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This is your space to note down
your favorite perennials
you've met in Sweden!
...and for your other scribbles ;)

This image shows a vertical sheet of lined paper. The paper has horizontal ruling lines spaced evenly down its length. The background of the paper features a delicate, repeating pattern of tropical foliage and flowers, such as palm fronds and hibiscus, rendered in a light gray or white ink that is semi-transparent. The overall effect is a clean, organized page with a subtle, decorative aesthetic.

on the cover: Klinta Trädgården



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