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Celebrate spring with Branklyn's snowdrops

More than 100 varieties of snowdrops will be on show at the National Trust for Scotland's Branklyn Garden in Perth on Saturday 25 February.

The event is the first to be organized by new property manager Jim Jermyn, who has taken over at the garden after Steve McNamara retired.

For snowdrop enthusiasts, Jim is running a special seminar on 'Northumberland's Yellow Snowdrops and their impact on gardens'. Entry to the talk costs £10 (including soup and a roll). Spaces are limited and pre-booking is advised – call 01738 625535.

Jim said:

"This is my first season at Branklyn Garden and I am looking forward to showing off its many charms with visitors all through the year. Many people don't know about our lovely snowdrops, so we hope to tempt folk out for some fresh February air."

As well as exploring the garden's many varieties of snowdrop, crocuses and hellebores will be in bloom too. Tours will run throughout the day, and the Terrace Café will be open for tea, coffee and cake.

Entry to the garden is free for member of the National Trust for Scotland, the charity that conserves and promotes Scotland's heritage and costs £4 for non-members.

Two acres of magnificent garden, set on the side of Kinnoull Hill overlooking Perth, Branklyn Garden holds an impressive collection of rare and unusual plants. A haven of peace within walking distance of Perth, it was developed by John and Dorothy Renton with the help of seed collections from plant-hunters such as Forrest, Ludlow and Sherriff. Gardeners and botanists come from all over the world to see its outstanding collection of plants particularly rhododendrons, alpines, herbaceous and peat-garden plants. Branklyn holds the National Collection of the striking and unusual vivid blue Himalayan poppy, *Meconopsis*.

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