



art & jardins
Hauts-de-France

THE GARDENS OF PEACE

A PEACE TRAIL UNIQUE IN EUROPE

*The art of landscaping in the service of remembrance
and the resilience of the First World War*

L'ASSOCIATION ART ET JARDINS | HAUTS-DE-FRANCE

Since 2017 and at the initiative of the Hauts-de-France Region, **Art & jardins | Hauts-de-France is deploying a unique project around the theme of the garden.** After taking over the organisation of the *International Garden Festival - Hortillonnages Amiens*, work commenced on remembrance by creating *Gardens of Peace* on the whole of the Hauts-de-France territory, with the support of the Mission for the Centenary of the First World War.

A real catalyst for emotions and a showcase for talents, the Art & jardins | Hauts-de-France association is implementing several objectives:

- **To assert itself as a production structure** and to support landscape, architectural and plastic creation, with a particular focus on young designers
- **To question natural and heritage sites** to enhance and preserve the patrimonial and cultural heritage while developing the attractiveness of the territory, and stimulating economic development
- **To encourage reflections about Peace**, its memory, its preservation at a time when Europe is looking inwardly and when it is essential to remember that European construction was built on peace and that peace is the future of our planet
- **To encourage professional integration** with an insertion workshop and an accreditation for volunteering in civic service as well as a partnership with the prison administration
- **To re-examine the nutritional capabilities** of certain sites, and more broadly to integrate the societal and environmental issues - particularly those of water, food and climate change
- **To participate in the social and solidarity economy** by distributing the food that is produced
- **To encounter new audiences**, especially the younger generations with little or no access to culture, to raise their awareness of creation, landscape, food production, short supply chains, eating well, the issues of climate change, and to be involved in group and civic actions
- **To build international partnerships** around our artistic, ecological, social and societal approach and preoccupations.

In order to meet these objectives Art & jardins | Hauts-de-France is deploying several structural projects:

- The creation of Gardens of Peace, in the Hauts-de-France, the Grand Est and Belgium
- The establishment of strong local partnerships with the mining basin: five participatory citizen gardens were created in 2019-2020 in Lens, Calonne-Ricouart and Grenay, mobilising our teams
- The production and organisation of the International Garden Festival - Hortillonnages Amiens (created in 2010 by the Maison de la Culture in Amiens) will celebrate its 12th edition in 2021. True artistic originality, this event has welcomed 450,000 visitors to date and enabled the creation of 170 works by 245 visual artists, landscapers and architects
- The enhancement of the Somme Valley with the design of landscaped gardens from Saint-Quentin to the Bay of the Somme, thus participating in departmental itineraries along the river and becoming part of a major regional project. This project will be extended and developed within the framework of a partnership with the Departmental Council of the Somme
- The development of cultural and artistic partnerships with Lille 3000 (participation in Eldorado in 2019 and Utopia in 2022)
- In partnership with the Rectorates of the Academies in Lille and Amiens, and in conjunction with the services of the Hauts-de-France Region, the association is also working on the creation of vegetable and educational gardens in high schools to raise awareness among young people of nourishment and "healthy eating", short circuits and the societal challenges of tomorrow linked to climate change: Lycée Pasteur in Lille, Lycée Pierre de Coubertin in

Calais, Lycée Delambre in Amiens, Lycée Cassini in Clermont de l'Oise, Chauny high schools

- The exchange of international expertise and experience with Franco-Belgian and Franco-English cross-border projects, and also with Morocco. Cooperation agreements have been concluded with the School of Architecture of Marrakech in Morocco and with the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 for the construction of a Belgian Garden of peace in France at Le Quesnoy and a French Garden of peace in Passchendaele in Belgium (European project PLATO). From June to November an exhibition of photos of our achievements will be presented at the Schloss Dyck Foundation in the Rhineland.

The association's work in numbers (2021):

- More than 40 artists and landscapers under contract
- 50 regional service providers under contract
- More than 45 employees including an integration project of 14 agents
- 10 volunteers in civic service
- 1 regional collection of 80 permanent contemporary landscape works
- 1 objective of 110 contemporary, landscape and architectural permanent exhibits by 2023/1 attendance of 1 million visitors and tourists per year to the sites

To carry out these missions, Art & jardins | Hauts-de-France is supported by the Hauts-de-France Region, Europe, the State (Ministry of the Armed Forces, DIRECCTE), Amiens Métropole, the Departmental Council of Pas-de-Calais, the Departmental Council of the Somme, the Community of the Agglomeration of Lens Liévin, the Community of Agglomeration of Cambrai, the Community of Agglomeration of Béthune-Bruay Artois Lys Romane, and by sponsors.

A map of the landscaped creations in 2021:



- Orange: International Garden Festival Hortillonnages Amiens
- Red: Gardens of Peace
- Green: Gardens of the Somme Valley
- Blue: Educational vegetable gardens in high schools
- Brown: Citizen and participatory gardens in the Mining Basin
- Purple: Lille 3000

A PEACE TRAIL / THE GARDENS OF PEACE

A unique landscape project on the emblematic memorial sites of the First World War, the association Art & jardins | Hauts-de-France and the Centenary Mission of the First World War have developed a creative and innovative journey in the colours of the warring nations who now embrace the cause of peace in the contemporary world. It is an **invitation to landscape architects from warring countries to trace lines of reflection on the world today**, which is riven by economic, political and ecological upheavals.

Since 2018, the centenary year marking the end of the Great War, 14 Gardens of Peace have been created in the five departments of the Hauts-de France region and in Belgium. They offer a different, sensitive and complementary approach to places of memory: from the moats of the Château de Péronne to those of the Vauban fortifications in Le Quesnoy, from the Glade of the Armistice in the forest of Compiègne to Vieux-Craonne on the Chemin des Dames, via the Targette in Neuville-Saint-Vaast, Arras, Thiepval, Vimy, Notre-Dame-de-Lorette and on to Passchendaele in Belgium.

Created with the support of local communities, the Gardens of Peace create spaces for rest and internal reflexion, offering an alternative look **at our future and this ever-challenged Peace. The Karel Komárek Family Foundation has financially supported the Czech and Slovak Garden of Peace in Neuville-Saint-Vaast in 2019.**

Seven Gardens of Peace are in the process of being created in the Hauts-de-France Region: a Polish Garden of Peace in Neuville Saint-Vaast, an Australian Garden of Peace in Amiens, a New Zealand Garden of Peace in Arras, a Franco-British Garden of Peace in Flesquières, a Chinese Garden of Peace in Noyelles-sur-Mer, a Portuguese Garden of Peace in Richebourg and a Danish Garden of Peace in Braine.

Since 2020, the association wishes to extend the Gardens of Peace to other territories in France and thus proposes new projects in the Grand Est region in partnership with the French Ministry of the Armed Forces in particular. The aim is to create a **Peace Trail** by 2023 (consisting of 40 Gardens of Peace) dedicated to the First World War and which would extend from the Belgian boundaries to the Swiss border via the Nord, the Pas-de-Calais, the Somme, the Aisne, the Oise, the Ardennes, the Marne, the Meuse, the Moselle, the Bas-Rhin and the Vosges. This first Peace Trail in France will form a complementary itinerary to the traditional Remembrance Trail. This will also be enhanced by the **creation and publication in 2023 of a beautiful book** presenting all the landscape works and retracing this extraordinary human adventure. Discussions are underway with the Editions de la Martinière in this respect.

While pursuing the development of the Gardens of Peace in the Hauts-de-France region, the association is planning the creation of the first 8 Gardens of Peace in the Grand Est region. They will be located near or within national cemeteries that will be chosen in agreement with the Ministry of the Armed Forces, which is supporting the association for this project for three years. **In all, we hope for the creation of 15 Gardens of Peace in the Grand Est region.**

Among these, one will be dedicated to the Czech and Slovak memory.

The association Art & Jardins Hauts-de-France calls therefore upon the support of the Karel Komárek Foundation for its realization.

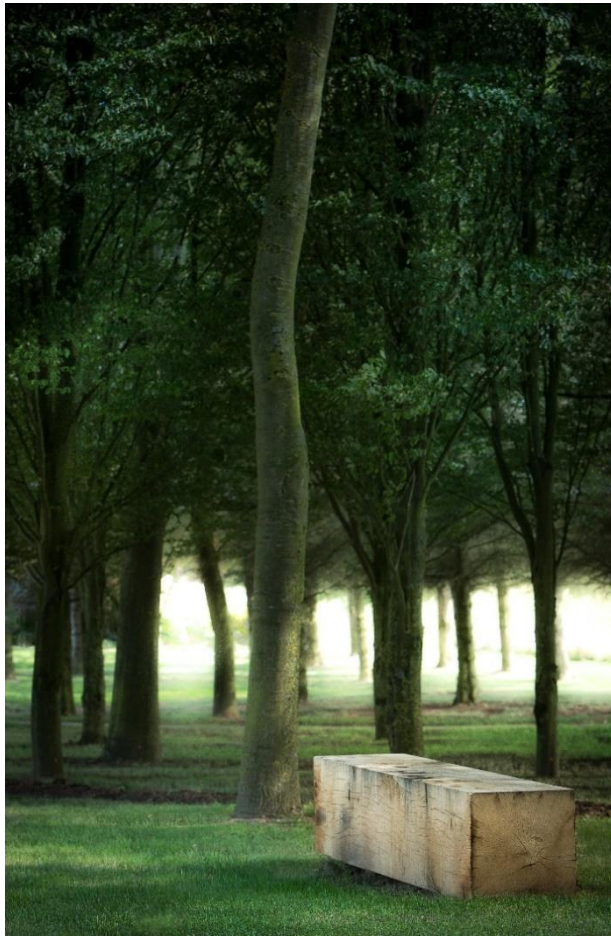
THE 14 GARDENS OF PEACE COMPLETED 2018-2020

SOME OF OUR EXISTING GARDENS OF PEACE

Scottish Garden of Peace in Arras (*Pas-de-Calais*), *The pipers of peace*, Anna Rhodes and Melissa Orr



Czech and Slovak Garden of Peace in Neuville-Saint-Vaast (*Pas-de-Calais*), *The walk of peace*, Dřevjaná and Zuzana Němečková- with the support of the Komarek Foundation



English Garden of Peace in Thiepval (Somme), *Pax Dryades*, Helen and James Basson



**Irish and Northern Irish Garden of Peace in Péronne (Somme), *the Garden of Eutychia*
Peter Donegan and Ian Price.**



Moroccan Garden of Peace in Craonne (Aisne), the Garden of Hesperides, Karim El Achak (Maroc) and Bernard Depoorter (Belgique)



German Garden of Peace in Craonne (Aisne), *Cultivate the Memory*, Thilo Folkerts



THE 8 GARDENS OF PEACE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE HAUTS-DE-FRANCE 2020 - 2022

Chinese Garden of Peace in Noyelles-sur-Mer (Somme)

A garden to remember the 140,000 Chinese workers and fighters who made an essential contribution to England and France during the conflict. Near the Chinese cemetery of Nolette, located in the town of Noyelles-sur-Mer, where more than eight hundred Chinese workers are buried (completion in 2021).

Polish Garden of Peace in Neuville-Saint-Vaast (Pas-de-Calais)

A garden to pay tribute to the many Poles who fell at the front. The garden is located behind the Monument to Polish Volunteers, between Neuville Saint-Vaast and Souchez (construction in 2020/2021).

Portuguese Garden of Peace in Richebourg (Pas-de-Calais)

A garden to pay homage to the 7,500 Portuguese who died in combat in April 1918. The garden is near the cemetery of Richebourg-l'Avoué which has 1,831 Portuguese graves (completed in 2021).

Indian Garden of Peace in Richebourg (Pas-de-Calais)

A garden to pay homage to the Indians who died during the First World War. The garden is near the cemetery of Neuve-Chapelle (completion in 2022).

Franco-British Garden of Peace in Flesquières (North)

A garden to pay tribute to the French and British Allied troops who fell during the Battle of Cambrai from 20 November to 7 December 1917. Near to the Interpretation Centre, the "Cambrai Tank 1917" (completed in 2020/2021).

Australian Peace Garden of Peace in Amiens (Somme)

A garden to pay homage to the 60,000 Australians who died during World War One. In the immediate vicinity of the Citadel, a major site for the defence of the city of Amiens (construction in 2021-2022).

New Zealand Garden of Peace at the Wellington Quarry in Arras (Pas-de-Calais)

A garden to pay tribute to the New Zealand engineers who extended the tunnels of the Wellington quarry to allow 24,000 men to emerge from the ground and surprise the German lines on 9 April 1917. Near the memorial wall. It will mark a new pedestrian entrance (completion in 2021-2022).

Danish Garden of Peace in Braine (Aisne) (support from the Ministry of the Armed Forces)

A garden to pay homage to the Danish soldiers who died during the First World War. The garden is near the Danish necropolis, the only Danish memorial on French territory (completion in 2021).

THE FIRST 10 SITES PROPOSÉD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MINISTRY OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR 2021-2023

A partnership has been signed with the Ministry of the Armed Forces to allow the creation of Gardens of Peace in the national necropolises. 10 sites were studied in consultation with the ministry. Site visits took place in February 2021 to refine these choices. The Association will be responsible for negotiations and partnerships with the local communities where they are located. **This will make it possible to provide the territory of the Grand Est region with its first Gardens of Peace in 2021, to extend the existing Gardens of Peace in the Hauts-de-France and Belgium.**

National necropolis of Chestres-Vouziers (Ardennes) - (2021)

Monument to the fallen of the armies of Champagne and the ossuary of Navarin (Marne) (autumn 2021- spring 2022)

National Necropolis of Douaumont (Meuse) - 4 Gardens of Peace planned (autumn 2021- spring 2022)

National Necropolis of Metz-Chamblère (Moselle) (autumn 2021- spring 2022)

National necropolis of Montauville (Meurthe-et-Moselle) (2021)

National necropolis of Ban-de-Sapt- la Fontenelle (Vosges)

(autumn 2021- spring 2022)

National Necropolis of Hartmannswillerkopf (Haut-Rhin)

(2022)

The nationalities envisaged for the creation of these Gardens of Peace are France, Germany, Algeria, ex Indochina (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia), United States, Russia, Austria, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovakia and a country of Sub-Saharan Africa.

Other sites are being studied to increase the number of Gardens of Peace in the Grand-Est region and will be reviewed during field visits in 2021. These new sites will be the subject of other partnerships and will allow a rebalancing of the collection between the Hauts-de-France region, the Grand-Est region and Belgium.

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