



**NATIONAL BOTANIC
GARDENS OF IRELAND**



1. Martin O'Keefe - Listen to her

Look at your reflection in this piece and listen - Mother Earth is calling to you. What do you think she is saying?



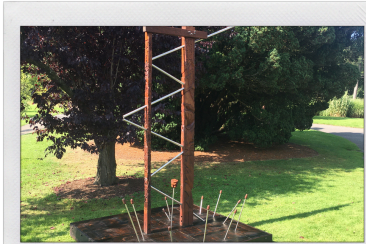
2. Ana Duncan - A Statue for Ellen Hutchins

Ellen Hutchins (1785-1815) was a plant hunter and Ireland's first female botanist. Based in West Cork, she discovered and collected seaweeds, mosses, lichens and liverworts. She was also a skilled artist, illustrating many of the plants she collected.



3. Conall O Caoimh - Photosynthesis

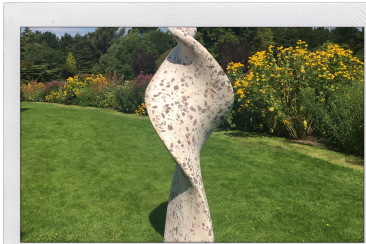
How many colours can you see in this leaf? Green is the most important. It is the pigment chlorophyll which captures sunlight to make the plant's food. In short autumn days this process stops and the green pigment fades, allowing red, yellow and orange time to shine before the leaf falls.



4. Eoin Guidera - Roodadoor

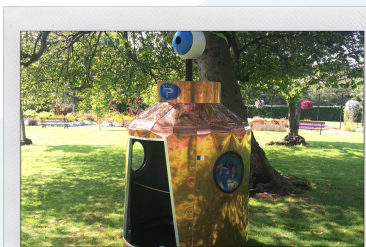
Homage to Georgia O'Keefe

This sculpture is made completely from recycled materials. Notice the carved flowers on the mahogany wooden poles, inspired by the American artist Georgia O'Keefe and Japanese artist Etsuro Sotou.



5. Ken Drew - Polished Growth

This concrete spiral looks like it has grown from the earth behind the herbaceous border. Maybe it has turned to follow the sun as it moves through the sky! Are there any yellow flowers close by that might do the same?



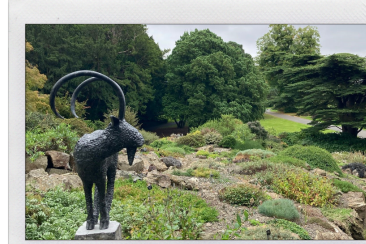
6. Creative Crew - The Sky is not the Limit and Comos Creatures

As a rocket lands in the gardens, stardust falls and creatures appear. Can you find them? Look across the pathway too. You might find a cosmic jelly fish, a crab and a hedgehorse!



7. Niamh Synnott - Ocean Wave

The growing amount of waste and plastic in our oceans has inspired the artist to create this piece. As you walk under this piece, think about what changes we can make to get our oceans clean again.



8. Donnacha Cahill - Malachy

Malachy the bronze goat perches at the edge of the rockery. There are lots of endangered plants and some that are extinct in the wild grown in the botanic gardens. What would happen if Malachy came to life in the gardens?



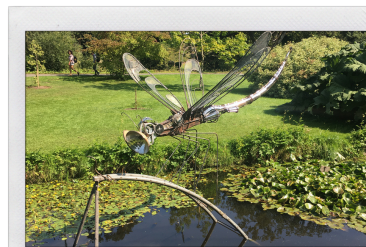
9. Kevin Pierce - Harvest

Take a walk around this sculpture and look at it from every angle. What does it remind you of? Different people will see different things.



10. Deirdre Ní Argáin - Grounded

Read the poem, in English or *as Gaeilge*. What does the shape the words make remind you of? Lie on the grass and look up to the sky. Can you see anything which reminds you of the shape of the plane?



11. Frank Hallinan Flood - Dragonfly

All of the parts of this amazing dragonfly come from different recycled items collected by the artist. Why do you think that he chose to place the dragonfly here in the pond?