

Jaunrūjas Garden

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Early peony varieties begin to bloom in May in the gardens of Jaunrūjas, and in June other varieties start opening up one by one under the care of Līga Popova. She is responsible for around 250 varieties of peonies.

At the same time as the peonies, the Siberian irises start blooming, and in mid-July the phlox (several hundred varieties and Guna's hybrids) and the lilies. Throughout the season you can admire the diverse garden of hostas with 250 varieties and the 70 varieties of water lilies that bloom in the ponds and pools. Guna Rukšāne tends to this collection of perennial plants. She has described her experience with horticulture in two books – *Dārza maģija* (Garden Magic, 2013) and *Flokši* (Phlox, 2017). Guna also designs the greenery around Jaunrūja and gives lectures together with Jānis.

Open days and excursions take place during flowering season in Jaunrūjas. Anyone who is interested can also buy flower bulbs and seedlings from the catalogue. The catalogue is re-issued every year as the selection changes. Orders are mailed in May and September. Customers can also arrange to arrive in person to collect their plants by calling in advance.

Features

- Plants for purchase
- Restrooms for customers
- Picnic or resting places
- Coffee
- Pre-booking required

- Shelter in case of rain or sun
- Playground for children
- Pets are welcome

Styles

- Collection garden

Opening Hours

Open by prior agreement.

Group Visits

Up to 70 persons in a guided group.

Parking

Plenty of parking space.

Tickets

Donations welcome.
Guided tour - 10 EUR

Seasonality

Open from March to October.

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Garden Plan

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