

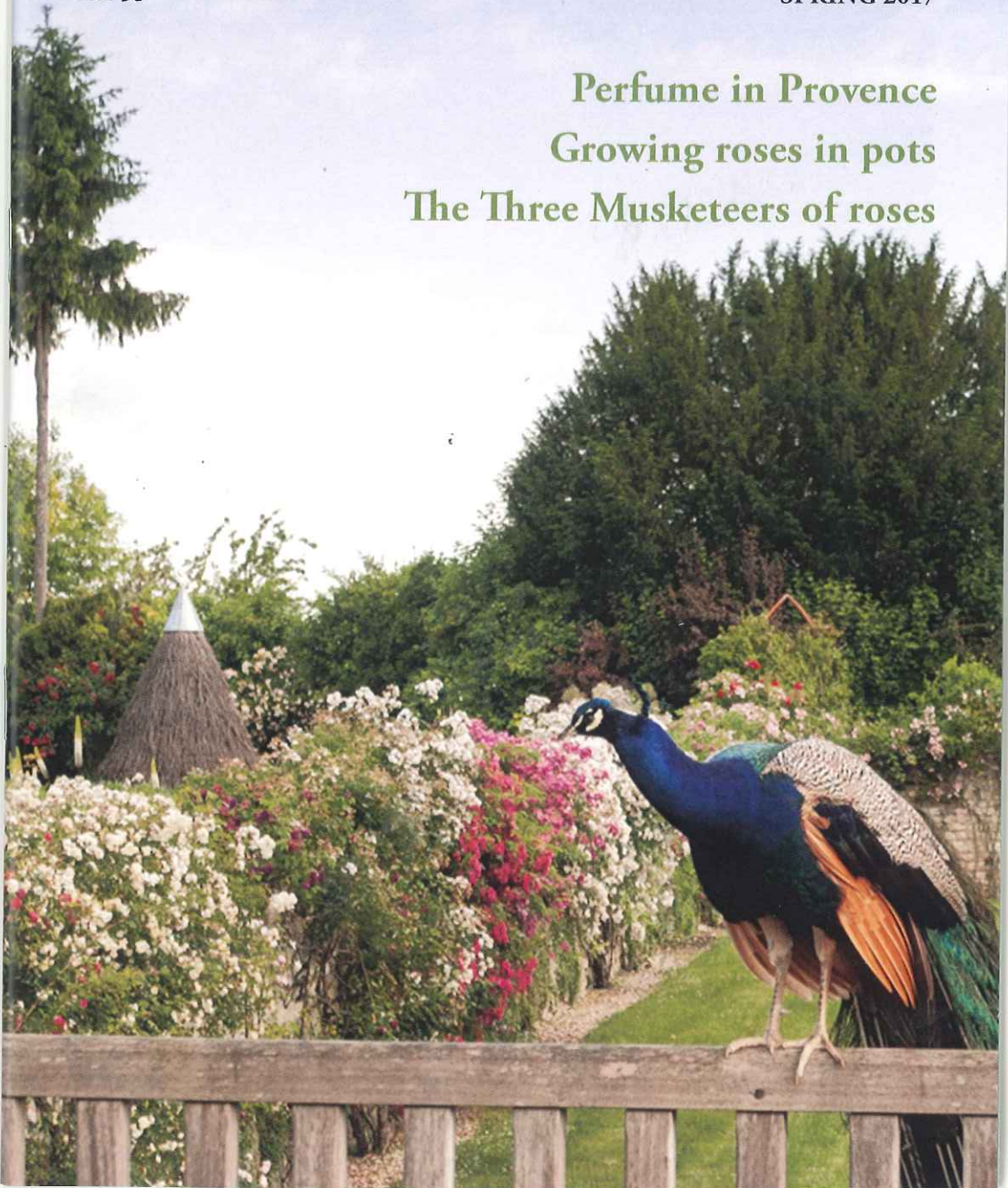
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Perfume in Provence
Growing roses in pots
The Three Musketeers of roses



2017: The Val de Loire celebrates gardens



Credit: Chateau du Rivau

The medieval Chateau du Rivau, flanked by roses

France's Loire valley with its magnificent chateaux and gardens is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and this year nearly 80 venues will be putting the spotlight on gardens, with events, special exhibitions and new gardens unveiled.

Members who participated in the Touraine visit in 2008 will recall the fairytale Chateau du Rivau and its collection of fragrant roses in gardens full of whimsical touches, created by owner and garden designer Patricia Laigneau. Since then the gardens have evolved considerably.

Now Mme Laigneau has sent us their special programme of summer weekend events about fragrant roses from 21st May – 2nd July, with plant swaps, guided walks, talks, and over 50 exhibitors. Topics include companion planting for roses, 'green cooking' including roses in gastronomy, plus arts, crafts and fragrance workshops, music and poetry recitals, and a musical show performed in the gardens, 'The Ideal Rose' based on Debussy's music. 🌹

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