



Love Lock Tree

This sculpture in steel and copper was created by Clare Grotefeld for Lord Montagu's half brother Jonathan, on the occasion of his marriage to Nathalie Daoust on 4th October 2014.

The love locks are inspired by an ancient custom believed to have originated in Mount Huang, China, where lovers lock a padlock to a chain or gate and then throw the keys into the misty valley below.

In keeping with this tradition, family and guests at the wedding were invited to secure their locks to the tree. Each couple attached a personalized padlock to their partner's and, shortly afterwards, the couples made their way to the nearby Beaulieu River where they threw the keys into the water, reaffirming a bond that can never be broken.

Others getting married at Beaulieu are similarly invited to add their locks and leaves so the tree will continue to flourish over the years to come. A small supply are available to purchase from the main Beaulieu Gift Shop.

Please note Beaulieu reserves the right to remove padlocks from the sculpture if and when the tree becomes too full.

