Institute for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Wales

Research group on Women and the Sacred in Medieval and Early Modern Britain

**In Search of our Mothers’ Sacred Gardens**

**A one-day Colloquium, Monday 18th January 2016, Conran Room, Bangor University**

 (Room 305, second floor of New Arts – access via main university entrance, College Road)

10.00 Welcome and introduction

10.15 Liz Herbert McAvoy (Swansea University): ‘For our vineyard hath flourished’: Gendering the Sacred Garden’

10.45 Coffee and tea

11.15 Theresa Tyers (Swansea University): ‘'Vineyards and Domesticity: The use of the vine in healing’

11.45 Elizabeth Clarke (University of Warwick): The Poetry of Elizabeth Melville, Lady Culross (c.1578 – c.1640)

12.15 Discussion

12.30 Lunch

1.30 Sue Niebrzydowski (Bangor University): ‘“A gardyn, walled al with stoon”: The Virgin Mary and May in the Hortus Conclusus’

2.00 Helen Wilcox (Bangor University): ‘Nipt blossoms’: gardens and spiritual melancholy in early modern women’s writing

2.30 Tea and coffee

3.00 Communal reading for the garden: ‘The Pistil of Swete Susan’ (copies to be supplied)

3.30 Discussion and conclusions

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