

2019 RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE GARDEN FESTIVAL LIFESTYLE GARDENS

Returning for their second year, this category creates real gardens for real people – perfect for visitors wanting ideas to grow a garden they love, brimming with take home elements for individual lifestyles.

Please note: All information is provided by exhibitors and is subject to change.

For images, planting lists or further information for any of the gardens, please contact showspr@rhs.org.uk

1) The Lower Barn Farm Outdoor Living Garden

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In a nod to the growing trend of outdoor living and alfresco dining, the garden is set at 45 degrees creating an altered sense of space and depth. The clients are a young couple from New Zealand, with impeccable taste. It aims to show people that they can extend their entertaining season way past the dark or cold of night.



A corten steel bio-climatic pergola provides shade, shelter and style in equal measure to extend entertaining time, while a rolling outdoor kitchen allows for a succinct alfresco dining experience with seconds between the flames and the plate. A reflective gravel pool offers a sanctuary away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

The pergola has automated louvered blades to create shade from the sun or shelter from the rain, where rain then discharges from the internal gutters down pipes in the legs.

Lower Barn Farms is a one stop shop when it comes to building and styling your dream garden. The new Outdoor Living collection includes terrace roofs, outdoor kitchens, fire pits, fireplaces, designer furniture, lighting and bbq's.

[Planting/Colour Scheme](#)

It uses modern materials and blends rich and pastel tertiary colours together for vibrancy and energy. The warm oranges of *Kniphofia* and *Isoplexis* are tempered by the purples of *Salvia* and *Eryngium*, and gentle browns from *Astelia* and *Digitalis* create a harmonious rapport between the richer colours.

Kniphofia 'Tawny King', *Betula albosinensis* 'Fascination', *Isoplexis canariensis*, *Eryngium planum* 'Jade Frost' and *Salvia nemorosa* 'May Night' are among the key plants used in the garden.

2) The Naturecraft Garden

Designer: Pollyanna Wilkinson

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The garden will demonstrate how plants are not only beautiful but useful in so many ways. Inspired by botanical crafts, the garden will form a creative sanctuary that explores the instagrammable trend for creating beautiful objects from what we can find and grow in nature.



Whether the plants are for a delicious meal, to dye wool and fabrics, or to create medicine and oils for our physical and mental health, the planting will promote the medicinal, decorative and edible properties of plants found in our gardens.

Featuring its own shepherds hut, the space will lend itself perfectly for range of creative projects and the production of beautiful items. From flower crowns and wreaths which fill many social media feeds, to traditional crafts such as dry stone walling and natural dyes and essential oil production.

The garden is focused on nurturing creativity hand in hand with nature as it encourages the viewer to think imaginatively about how they use the plants in their garden and inspire them to have a go at the crafts on display.

Planting/Colour Scheme

The planting will see a colour scheme of yellow, white and pink but more importantly will be the functions of the plants, a majority of which are medicinal, used in dye, or edible.

Planting will include *Foeniculum vulgare* which is used in medicine for digestion and in essential oils; *Daucus carota* which is often used as a yellow dye as well as being edible; *Anthemis tinctoria*, also known as dyer's chamomile; and *Hypericum perforatum*, otherwise known as St John's wort, which will be used for its antidepressant qualities as well as its pink dye properties.

Other plants include *Achillea millefolium* and *Lavandula angustifolia* alongside a variety of herbs such as sage, thyme, bay, dill and various fruits and vegetables including rhubarb. These are used not only for their edible elements but their uses in medicine, essential oils and dye.

The plants will be replanted at a local school (St Albans in Molesey) and other local gardens near to Hampton Court Palace following the festival.

3) Stop And Pause Garden

Designer: Dave Green

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A space inspired by meditation and the various forms it can be practised in, this garden aims to provide a calm, still and quiet space in a woodland setting that lends itself to the activity and help improve mental wellbeing.

Surrounded by trees, the garden offers a secretive feel, hiding the tranquillity that lies within. At the centre will sit a reflection pool, encompassed by soft woodland planting help to create a relaxing atmosphere.

Reclaimed timber is used throughout to give an aged feel. Slate stepping stones will link in to rich woodland soils while a gravel pathway through the garden provides texture for a different walking sound. Visitors will have areas to stop on the path's journey through the garden, providing opportunities to pause and reflect on inner thoughts or just enjoy the sight, sounds and smells of nature.

With increasing evidence that natural spaces and being in nature can have a positive impact on people's wellbeing, this gardens aims to showcase its benefits.

Planting/Colour Scheme

Woodland planting will feature a colour scheme of whites, greens, purples and blues to reflect the tones found in natural woodlands, with some plants grown from seed to ensure a succession of sizes.

Key planting will include *Luzula nivea*, *Visnaga daucoides*, *Thalictrum delavayi*, *Foeniculum vulgare*, *Digitalis purpurea* 'Dalmatian White' (Dalmatian Series).



4) The Urban Pollinator Garden

Designer: Caitlin McLaughlin

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A contemporary urban back garden fusing design, function, and wildlife-friendly values. The theme of this garden is pollination, encouraging pollinators, specifically insects, to thrive. In turn, it will help to support a range of wildlife and promote biodiversity in an urban setting.



It provides an area for the user to relax, connect with nature and immerse themselves in wildlife while highlighting the importance of pollinators within our own gardens and the wider environment.

It can be easy to forget about wildlife and the roles it plays in our ecosystem, particularly in a city environment but this garden showcases how providing for pollinators can be done without any hard work or compromising on style.

It will include contemporary features that double as homes for insects, bumblebees and solitary bees. Honeycomb sandstone hexagon paving to create the habitat wall for insects and solitary bees will run along the length of the garden while hexagonal timber boxes will be stuffed with twigs and branches for insects to use.

The garden will be relocated to Cransley Hospice after the show to be rebuilt with the support of Warner's Distillery who share the garden's passion for sustainable production and pollinator conservation. It will provide a space for patients and staff to use at the hospice.

Planting/Colour Scheme

Naturalistic planting will feature pops of colour from perennials woven through grasses. Plants have been carefully selected to ensure they appeal to pollinators. Bee-friendly plants in calming purples, whites and pinks will be used throughout the beds, including *Campanula sarmatica* 'Hemelstraling', *Astrantia* 'Superstar' and *Digitalis purpurea* 'Sutton's Apricot', with bright bursts of colour from *Achillea* 'Terracotta' and *Cirsium rivulare* 'Atropurpureum' reflecting the heat of summer.

Using multistem crab apple trees *Malus toringo* there will be architectural structure and a food source for insects and perennials, annual poppies (*Papaver rhoeas* Mother of Pearl Group) and cornflowers (*Centaurea cyanus*) will provide interest for pollinators throughout the summer.