

## 2019 RHS FLOWER SHOW CARDIFF SHOW GARDEN EXHIBITORS

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### **1) A Reading Room For A Rebel Girl**

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Inspired by the books 'Bedtime stories for rebel girls', the garden provides a reassuring and private space at the bottom of the family garden. It creates a secluded spot for a 10-year-old girl looking to bury herself in her books.

This gothic and ghoulish garden will feature a hut in the shape of skull amongst a verdant and almost creepy woodland scene. Evergreens such as Scots pine, ivy and holly will add to the dark atmosphere alongside mossy logs and rotting wood.



The mouth of the skull will lie open, allowing the girl to crawl through to a collection of books and magazines to read. It is a space for her to hide away and open her mind through reading, as the garden aims to encourage young girls to be brave and different as they follow their ambitions.

### **2) The Perennial Garden**

Designer: Peter Donegan  
Sponsor: Perennial  
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Featuring a simple outdoor kitchen, *The Perennial Garden* has been designed primarily as an entertainment space to enjoy time relaxing with friends and family. It will have a clean, modern look and feel with crisp lines, contemporary design features and lush planting.



The garden demonstrates what homeowners can achieve with a small, urban garden. A planted screen provides the backdrop to the garden to make the most of the small space while a mix of seasonal planting will complement Welsh slate stone hard landscaping. The changes in elevation will provide added interest and create a focal point in the raised area for entertaining with an outdoor kitchen space and barbeque.

2019 marks Perennial's 180th anniversary of helping people in horticulture and the garden aims to raise awareness of its life-changing support services. The garden invites visitors to look beyond the polished exterior and imagine what challenges its owner or creator may be facing.

## SHOW FEATURE EXHIBITORS

### 1) *Gardd Lles*

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Attention restoration, stress reduction and physical exercise are all examples of the positive benefits that people experience when enjoying gardens, with studies indicating the human need to have a meaningful relationship with the natural world. *Gardd Lles*, meaning 'Wellbeing Garden' in Welsh, aims to share the secret of gardeners to promote good health and wellbeing.



The garden features two secluded seating areas offering private spaces for contemplation and the practice of mindfulness. A planting scheme of calming white and pastel colours aims to soothe and is complemented by textured foliage of grasses and layers of perennials. Pollinator-friendly plants in particular have been selected to further enhance the visitors' connection with nature.

The plants will live on after the show at Morriston Hospital, Swansea, to create an enriching environment for patients and staff.

## **2) Getting the younger generation growing!**

Designer: Pennard Plants

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Going back to basics, Pennard Plants will be demonstrating how gardeners of all ages and levels can get to grips with growing your own this spring.

With an interactive exhibit to encourage children to grow edible plants, the feature will explore different methods to grow from seed to plate with a display of edible plants in pots and containers and a raised bed.

Planting demonstrations will run alongside the exhibit where children will be able to plant up and take home a strawberry plant to grow their own strawberries.

## **3) Maenor Malwen**

Designer: RSPB Cymru, Cardiff Council Park Rangers and Buglife

Sponsor: Big Lottery Fund

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Built by Giving Nature a Home in Cardiff, British wildlife is the inspiration behind Maenor Malwen.

The design incorporates a snail friendly habitat with curves and circles to represent snail shells, with an elaborate shell at the centre adorned with plants in celebration of the snail – a hugely important part of our garden ecosystem. A mixture of seasonal bog loving plants, soft grasses, rustic walls, homes for nature and garden bird feeders will fill the garden with life and interest.



The interactive feature invites visitors to explore nature through various viewpoints around the perimeter. Show-goers can peek into the wildlife pond, search through wildflowers, hunt among the flowerpots, and have the chance to discover UK land and water snail species hidden within.

In this celebration of Great British garden wildlife, visitors will be surrounded by native wildlife as it aims to engage children and families with nature. Visitors will also have the opportunity to take a Snail Selfie with a giant Sedum Snail.

#### **4) The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales: Into the Nest**

Designer: The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales

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As a Wildlife Trust, it aims to highlight the challenges facing British birds following the 2016 State of Nature Report revealed that 40% of our birds are in decline.

*Into the Nest* is a garden designed from a bird's perspective and looks to inspire action while celebrating some of the iconic species in Wales and nature reserves.

Comprising a large nest border with room inside for visitors to explore, willow woven chicks will take pride of place inside and a variety of games will be on display to help families identify certain birds more easily by their eggs, feathers and what they eat.



#### **5) A Cwtch and a Cuppa**

Designer: Patients from the Grow Well project, Cardiff

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Promoting health and wellbeing, this garden forms a vibrant celebration of therapeutic community gardening. Visitors can feast their eyes on a trampoline teapot, flower river, herbs, fruit and vegetables all grown by patient volunteers.

Community gardens are places of welcome (the 'cwtch') where the kettle is always on and people are always ready to listen – a place of healing, health and wellbeing.



All designed, grown and built by patients from the Grow Well project, it aims to grow their confidence and teach new skills, many of whom have little experience of gardening. The garden showcases their transformation and all that can be achieved when local people come together to create and grow.

## 6) *Discovering Your Wales, Understanding Our Wales*

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This exhibit will allow show-goers to discover the world how the Museum's scientists see it, unlocking their doors to discover the world in minute detail through a microscope.

Visitors will see a mini representation of Wales in a raised bed with green mosses carpeting the floor, a tranquil looking pond and an area of archaeology. Above the ground, giant moss spores and pollen blow in the wind, while oversized diatoms float in the water.



Show-goers will discover what a diatom is (is it a plant or an animal?) and explore how pollen helps us read the past. Their scientists who have named over 750 new species of plants and animals will be on hand throughout the show, while children can follow the trail as they earn stamps to become mini scientists through a series of interactive activities that showcase the Museum's work and collections.

## 7) *The Green Lady of Caerphilly*

Designer: Phil Turner, student at Bridgend College

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A team of six Higher National Diploma students studying Horticulture, Landscaping and Garden Design at Pencoed College Bridgend, will create a tribute to the iconic Welsh landmark and a cultural legend, 'The Green Lady of Caerphilly'.

The team will recreate student Phil Turner's design of the mystical character believed to haunt the ramparts of Caerphilly Castle. With an eerie atmosphere, The Green Lady will be wearing a dress made of foliage as she's surrounded by a mass of predominantly green planting. She will be constructed against the walls of Caerphilly Castle.

