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IS GARDEN DESIGN just a frivolity in these tough economic times? That's the question posed by this month's Outside Edge on page 46. Clearly when our whole *raison d'être* is design, the answer has to be 'no'. But not everyone thinks it is so straightforward – maybe it's about what value people put on design – and therefore how much they are prepared to pay for it. In this climate, these are arguments we can't afford to ignore.

In this month's *Journal* we are featuring two interesting designers, one of whom will be familiar and the other perhaps less so. Suffolk-based Thomas Hoblyn was the designer behind the eye-catching 'waves' of redwood in his Chelsea garden this year, that caused some controversy, and on page 15 Catherine Heatherington reviews his work (so far.) On page 20, US designer Raymond Jungles talks about his design philosophy and projects. Did you leave Chelsea and Hampton Court pondering over some technical achievement of one of your peers, muttering to yourself – how did they do that? Well, help may be at hand, as Stephen Paul Reilly sets out to deconstruct some of the more intriguing elements within the show gardens on page 28.

The coming of autumn brings bounty into the garden and good things to us all. The SGD autumn conference is in a couple of weeks' time (from time of writing) and I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. The organisers tell me that the early booking scheme was a big success, so thank you to so many of you for signing up in good time – if not, last chance is on page 27. **Jackie Bennett, Editor** gdj@jppublishing.co.uk

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It was green, with not much in the way of flowers (unless you count *Alchemilla mollis*), but the result was restful and inviting

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