

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SHARP FOCUS ON GARDEN DESIGN AT CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW  
FOR SOCIETY OF GARDEN DESIGNERS (Stand PW/1)**

Where better to find gardening inspiration and ideas than at next month's Chelsea Flower Show (20 – 24 May) and who better to help turn these into gardening reality than the Society of Garden Designers? SGD, the UK's only professional garden design body, whose registered members include many of gardening's best-known names, will have its biggest presence ever at the world's most famous flower show.

SGD registered members always feature prominently among Chelsea garden designers and this year will see the work of Arabella Lennox-Boyd, Andy Sturgeon, Cleve West, Geoff Whiten, Paul Hensey, Tom Hoblyn and Philip Nash take centre stage. Members will also be in the daily line-up of high profile gardening experts speaking in The Marshalls Garden Design Forum. Five SGD student members will make their Chelsea debut and another has designed furniture for a sundries exhibitor.

The Society of Garden Designers itself will return to Chelsea after some years with a stand, (PW/1), specially designed to showcase the talents of its diverse membership. A dynamic audiovisual display will feature many different styles and scales of garden design by SGD registered members and visitors will have instant access to expert garden designers throughout the UK via the SGD's newly redesigned website [www.sgd.org.uk](http://www.sgd.org.uk), to be launched at the show.

SGD registered members will be on hand to provide expert advice on choosing and working with a garden designer, as well as the inside track on the latest trends and fashions in the world of garden design.

"As the professional body for garden designers, we are pleased to take this great opportunity at Chelsea to offer advice and guidance to garden owners," says SGD Chairman Peter Thomas. He explains, "It's wonderful to see the show gardens and smaller exhibits but often conversations with the designer have to be curtailed to make room for others wanting to view the garden. Having an SGD stand at Chelsea will provide another opportunity for designers and garden owners to get together."

For further information on the Society of Garden Designers visit [www.sgd.org.uk](http://www.sgd.org.uk) or telephone 01989 566695.

### CHELSEA SHOW GARDEN EXHIBITORS

Ian Dexter	Marshalls Garden That Kids Really Want	MA14
Arabella Lennox-Boyd MSGD	The Daily Telegraph Garden	MA19
Philip Nash	Elevations	MA1
Andy Sturgeon MSGD	The Outdoor Room	MA21
Cleve West MSGD	The BUPA Garden	MA15
Geoffrey Whiten FSGD	Real Life by Brett	RHW43

### SMALL GARDEN EXHIBITORS

Sue Hayward	Motor Neurone Disease – Shetland Croft House Garden	Courtyard Garden	RM10
Team including Victoria Mills, student member and Helena Fidler, member – tutor	Berkshire College - 42 Catherine Street	Courtyard Garden	RM13
Adam Frost	New Ground Landscapes – A Welcome Sight	Urban Garden	RHW46
Paul Hensey MSGD	Recess	Urban Garden	RHW49
Tom Hoblyn MSGD	Foreign & Colonial's Tempest in a Teapot	Urban Garden	RHW50
Alison Lloyd	Simmons & Simmons Garden – A Journey to Work	Courtyard Garden	RM14
Angela Potter, Ann Robinson with Sylvia Ong-Mortl	Ratty's Refuge	Urban Garden	TR/6

Fiona Ritchie's furniture will be displayed on the Mark Stoddart International stand

Andrew Fisher Tomlin FSGD will have a stand displaying his garden and landscape design EA94.

### SGD REGISTERED MEMBERS' WORK ON DISPLAY ON STAND PW/1

Jill Billington FSGD	John Brookes MBE FSGD	Sally Court FSGD
Cheryl Cummings MSGD	Bella D'Arcy MSGD	Susan Dodge MSGD
Andrew Fisher Tomlin FSGD	Kristina Fitzsimmons MSGD	Jonathan Ford MSGD
Robert Frier MSGD	Michael Gerrard FSGD	Catherine Heatherington MSGD
Paul Hensey MSGD	Pamela Johnson MSGD	Philip Nash
Amanda Patton MSGD	Anthony Paul FSGD	Nigel Phillips FSGD
Emma Plunket MSGD	Charlotte Rowe MSGD	Charles Rutherford MSGD
Hugh Ryan MSGD	Juliet Sergeant MSGD	Fiona Stephenson MSGD
Robin Templar Williams FSGD	Catherine Thomas MSGD	Peter Thomas MSGD
Sally Tierney MSGD	Sue Townsend MSGD	Gianna Utilini MSGD
Andrew Wenham MSGD	Julie Wilson MSGD	John Wyer MSGD

## **PRESENTERS IN THE MARSHALLS GARDEN DESIGN PAVILION**

Sarah Eberle MSGD (22 May, 1200)

Andrew Fisher Tomlin FSGD (20 May, 1200; 24 May 1200)

Tom Hoblyn MSGD (23 May, 1600)

Arabella Lennox-Boyd MSGD (20 May, 1400)

Andy Sturgeon MSGD (21 May, 1500)

Cleve West MSGD (22 May, 1400)

Andrew Wilson MSGD (20 May, 1800)

The Society of Garden Designers will be on stand PW/1 at Chelsea Flower Show. It will also have a stand at Hampton Court and Tatton Park Flower Shows.

### **NOTE TO EDITORS:**

SGD Registered Members (MSGDs) have proven experience and have passed the SGD's rigorous accreditation and appraisal process. They can provide a professional design service which covers a wide range of skills. The complete Garden Design portfolio covers:

- All aspects of hard landscaping including structure and drainage
- Planting design and sourcing
- Maintenance
- Costing
- Project management
- Specialist elements including water, lighting and gardening furniture
- Many member have further specialist skills eg expertise on historic garden restoration

**Expert SGD spokespeople will be available throughout Chelsea Flower Show to comment on aspects of garden design including trends, fashions and issues and to give the SGD perspective on Chelsea news as it develops.**

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