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MEDIA NOTE



L-R Peter Seabrook with Verbena 'Margaret's Memory', Tina Worboys winner of Best Border and Antony Nutley and Tom Wooldridge from TAW Landscapes winner of Best Show Garden

BBC Gardeners' World Live Special Edition Winners Announced

The one-off, late summer edit of BBC Gardeners' World Live, the 'Special Edition', opens today (Thursday 26th August) for a fabulous four-day garden extravaganza at the NEC, Birmingham.

Managing Director for BBC Gardeners' World Events, Rachel Poletti-Gadd, said: "We are thrilled to be back in Birmingham after more than two years away. It's a joy to be working alongside such a fantastic team of designers, landscapers, contributors and exhibitors to put on this event and to see it all coming to life again."

The organisers are delighted to announce the awards.

Beautiful Borders sponsored by eBay

PLATINUM:

- Crowning Glory by Marie-Claire Edwards
- Meadow Border by Tina Worboys
- Garden Envy by Kate Mason

GOLD:



- Make Do And Mend by Andy Wright
- Inspired by Great Dixter by Victoria Legg
- The Power of Flowers Is Everything by Lynn Cordall
- Rosebed In Floral Fantasia by Peter Seabrook
- The Earth Smiles with Flowers by Jessica Nicholls
- See You, See Me by Deborah Hale
- May The Flora Be With You by Agata Macioszek
- The Health and Relaxation Border by Chris Sellars and Nick Osborn

SILVER MERIT:

- From Seed to Flower by Jayne Probyn
- Explore The Rainbow by Ashley McElvaney
- Carpe Diem by Laura Keating
- Flower Power For Bees by Nickki Hollier

SILVER:

- Little Star by Ben Stubbs
- In Momento by Cath Fletcher
- The Florist's Palette by Fiona Campbell
- Reflect and Bloom by Katie Smith
- Blooming Apothecary by Christine Mulinder
- Summer Magic by Amanda Sanderson
- From Hippocrates to Vaccines by Annette Yannaki

BRONZE:

- Border on a Budget by Kitty Chew
- The Power of Flowers by Phoebe Aubury

The honour of Best Border was awarded to Tina Worboys for her Meadow Border.

Tina Worboys said: "I'm so excited and proud to win Best Beautiful Border. I've grown up watching BBC Gardeners' World, so to win here really means everything. After such a difficult year I hope The Meadow Border puts a smile on people's faces and encourages them to let a little more wild into their gardens."

The Best Interpretation of the Border Theme went to Deborah Hale for See You, See Me.

The Best BBC Gardeners' World Magazine Subscriber Border was awarded to Crowning Glory by Marie-Claire.

Chairman of Beautiful Borders Panel, Richard Barnard, said: "We were given a hard task in deciding on our winners, it took us over an hour to decide. All of the Beautiful Borders show a tremendous effort. I've been chairing the judging panel for six years and this is the best year ever."

Show Gardens

GOLD:



- Staycation Tropical Cornwall by Kim Parish
- On Your Bike by Hana Leonard and Armstrong Landscapes
- What Lies Beneath by The APL and David Stevens
- Woodland Fall by by Antony Nutley and Tom Wooldridge

SILVER MERIT:

- Nature's Resilience by Lisa-Marie Elkhadraoui, Nicola Cooper and Samantha Wright
- The Sea Garden by Julianne Ferdandez
- Shades of Grey by Gunns & Roses
- A Very British Affair by Earthstone Landscapes Ltd

SILVER:

- The Lillian Prime Garden by Derby College

The accolade of Best Show Garden was awarded to Woodland Fall by Antony Nutley and Tom Wooldridge of Anthony Lionel Landscapes.

Tom said: "We were unbelievably elated when we heard we had won the award. We never expected it but it was something we always hoped for. To be given this accolade amongst such accomplished landscaping industry peers is humbling."

The Best Construction Landscaper was awarded to What Lies Beneath by The APL and David Stevens.

Tidiest Contractor During Build went to Earthstone Landscapes.

Floral Awards

- The Geoff Hamilton Award for the Best Exhibit in the BBC GWL Floral Marquee: Larchfield
- Plant of the Year Award for the Best New Plant Introduction at the Show: Larchfield for *Taxus cuspidata*
- Best Display of Late Summer Plants: Moore & Moore Plants
- Best Retail Area in the Floral Marquee: Harts Nursery

Mark Gregory led the Show Gardens Assessment, with Richard Barnard and Jim Buttress assessing the Beautiful Borders and Floral categories.

Head Assessor, Mark Gregory, said: "It's a privilege to be asked to judge gardens of this calibre. This year's show has certainly set the bar very high. It is an absolute joy to welcome back such an incredible array of gardening talent, and to acknowledge the hard-work and dedication behind it all."

The show opens to the public today and runs until Sunday 29th at the NEC in Birmingham.



For images of the winners please download [HERE](#)

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The BBC Gardeners' World Live Special Edition takes place from Thursday 26 – Sunday 29 August 2021 at Birmingham NEC. Advance adult tickets £20, on the door £23.

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