

# IT'S SHOWTIME!

Held in the grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea since 1913, RHS Chelsea is the world's most prestigious flower show that inspires millions through showcasing the best in garden design

It's a catwalk of colour and creativity highlighting the brightest new ideas, the latest plant trends and the pinnacle of garden design.

One of the biggest attractions at RHS Chelsea are the spectacular show gardens – perfect examples of horticultural excellence and innovative and inspiring landscape design.

The Artisan Gardens represent some of the most imaginative and attainable designs. These are smaller gardens putting a modern twist on timeless rustic ideas.

Fresh Gardens aim to redefine the perception of the garden. Taking more of a conceptual approach, they embrace new technology, trends and materials to create truly innovative designs.

The jewel in the RHS Chelsea crown is the Great Pavilion, a 12,000 sq metre marquee big enough to park 500 London buses, which features more than 100 exhibits from the world's best nurseries, growers and florists.

An array of Trastandards transform the showground into a shopper's paradise, selling the very best in garden structures, accessories and products, and complementing the quality of the gardens and floral exhibits on show.

Professor Nigel Dunnett has designed the 2017 RHS Greening Grey Britain Garden (right). Set within an urban

context of high-rise and apartment developments, Nigel demonstrates and celebrates the multiple benefits of plants and gardens in even the smallest of areas.

Fresh Garden highlights include Jack Dunckley's The Bermuda Triangle which will resemble an active volcano surrounded by tropical planting (below left).

Laurie Chetwood and Patrick Collins are teaming up for the third time at RHS Chelsea for their Show Garden The Chengdu Silk Road Garden which combines architecture and planting in a conceptual East-West landscape with a dramatic 'Silk Road' bridge linking the different elements of the garden (below right).

For more details see [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)



RHS/Hannah McKay



Nigel Dunnett



Jack Dunckley



RHS



# ROOM OUTSIDE



## BRIGHT IDEAS

Just as you plan ambient lighting in your indoor living space, you can change the mood of your garden or roof terrace at the touch of a button.

Lucca uplights, Contour LED strip and Syon spotlights  
[www.johncullenlighting.com](http://www.johncullenlighting.com)

A lighter touch – Solvinden solar-powered pendant lights from £6  
[www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com)



## GROWING UP

No space for a conventional garden? A green space can still be yours.

Just go vertical! Green walls make a fabulous visual feature and create a habitat for insects.

Many specialist companies now offer a set-up service or garden centres have basic kits.

You can grow herbs and veg as well as flowers and exotic greenery.

*(Picture: BBC Gardeners' World Live 2012 RHS/ Lee Beel)*



## COOKOUT

Forget a barbecue on the decking, the latest desirable is a fitted kitchen in the garden. You can go the full three-courses with the Island Kitchen from Indian Ocean. It incorporates all the usual key appliances under a grey granite work surface with hermetically sealed cabinets, £1,4995 [www.indian-ocean.co.uk](http://www.indian-ocean.co.uk)

For more casual dining out there's the Uuni Wood Fired Oven. Stylish even when its not working, the oven reaches 500 degrees C and can cook a pizza in 90 seconds. Anything that needs a short cooking time works well, too – salmon, steaks, vegetables and flatbreads. £199. [www.gardenhousedesign.co.uk](http://www.gardenhousedesign.co.uk)

