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Awards

The winning designs
in The SGD Awards 2012

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SPONSOR: Stonemarket
WINNER: Patricia Fox MSGD

SMALL RESIDENTIAL AWARD

Awarded for domestic projects less than 100m² – including courtyards and roof gardens

PROJECT: *Front and back gardens for Victorian House*
LOCATION: *Chelmsford, Essex*

The designer's role

Patricia Fox carried out the design and supplied and installed the soft landscaping. The client wanted a garden in keeping with the Victorian house – which had just been renovated – a garden that could be used all year.

About the garden

Both the front and rear gardens suffered from a lack of views and therefore the beauty and seclusion had to be found within the space – without blocking out the light or making it feel claustrophobic. To make the most of the confined space, the designer successfully created a journey – a flowing and intriguing path up to the front of the house and making the planting really interesting in the back garden. Materials such as the wrought iron work and trellis were chosen to suit the age of the house.

The Judges said:

- "A clever design that has transformed the very drab stone flag-covered areas that existed before and made the space feel enclosed and private, but at the same time it was given a sense of depth through good use of dense, jungle-style planting, which, given the Victorians' love for ferns and palms, is entirely appropriate in a Victorian town garden; the planting also helped to make the garden feel much larger than it really is by blurring the awareness of the garden boundaries."
- "The hard landscaping is beautifully finished and hard-wearing, and elevates the property."
- "An exciting, but easy to maintain, garden design that makes use of plants and other devices to take the visitor on a visual and physical journey."

Finalists in this category were: Stuart Craine MSGD for a London garden; Charlotte Rowe MSGD for a garden in Putney



FROM TOP Patricia Fox MSGD with Geoff Moulton of Stonemarket; the Judges commented how a sense of depth had been created by jungle-style planting; hard landscaping was described as 'beautifully finished'



Photo: John Glover

The Awards Ceremony

ON FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER, the SGD 2012 Awards Ceremony, sponsored by Lorenz von Ehren, took place at The Millennium Gloucester Hotel in London. Guests enjoyed a Champagne reception in the hotel's roof-top conservatory before sitting down to dinner. Following welcome speeches from SGD Chair Juliet Sargeant and Peter Fluegge from Lorenz von Ehren, James Alexander-Sinclair hosted the SGD Awards presentation.



IN THE PICTURES:

- (1) Guests enjoyed a three-course meal
- (2) James Alexander-Sinclair
- (3) Peter Fluegge from Lorenz von Ehren
- (4) Designer and journalist Darryl Moore with Amanda Patton MSGD
- (5) Rosemary Alexander FSGD with Geoffrey Wheating from Gaze Burvill
- (6) David Keary MSGD, chef Raymond Blanc and Juliet Sargeant MSGD
- (7) The Champagne reception
- (8) Joe Swift presents the Future Designer Award
- (9) Sally Court FSGD with John Brookes MBE FSGD
- (10) The SGD Awards Finalists

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