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## BALI Landscape Design Excellence Awards

# 2010



Winners of the 34th  
BALI National Landscape  
Awards continue to  
showcase the talent,  
innovation and skill  
of UK designers

**The BALI National** Landscape Awards showcased the tremendous achievements of both landscapers and designers, rewarding those who have demonstrated extremely high standards of professionalism and skill in the landscape industry.

Following on from last year's Principal Winner success for Andy Sturgeon's stunning and innovative rooftop scheme at Great Ormond Street Hospital, and the success of the design entries in 2009, BALI decided to introduce another category to the 2010 awards.

The **Landscape Design Excellence Award**, has two categories, for projects whose budgets came in at under £50,000, and those above £50,000 – the latter is sponsored by the **Society of Garden Designers**.

Robin Templar Williams FSGD, who judged the design category, commented, "It was encouraging to see the number of entries significantly rise on previous years. This can be directly attributed to the increase in the BALI Designer Membership. I am confident this trend will continue, and as a direct result, so will the entries into the design category of the BALI Awards. The schemes entered demonstrated a broad spectrum of differing and often challenging gardens and sites, highlighting the skill and capability of the designers." ➤

### THE WINNERS

Overall project cost  
under £50,000

**Principal winner**  
**Patricia Fox MSGD**  
Chelmsford, Essex  
*Private Garden*

**Award winners**  
**Susan McLaughlin**  
Mannings Heath  
*Private Garden*

**Rebecca Crowley**  
Sheffield  
*Private Garden*

**Nigel Philips FSGD**  
The Water Garden  
*Private Garden*

**Liz Saward MSGD**  
Pitsea Mount  
*Private Garden*

Overall project cost  
over £50,000

**Principal winner**  
**Andrew Wenham FSGD**  
London  
*Private Garden*

**Special award winner**  
**innovation**  
**Hannah Genders**  
The National Memorial  
Arboretum



Principal  
winner  
Project cost  
under £50k

## Patricia Fox MSGD Aralia Garden Design

### ➤ Overview

A magnificent Victorian-style garden in Chelmsford, Essex, transformed the outdoor space to bring it up to par with the specialist interior of the house. This domestic garden is used all year round and includes the use of an iron archway. A glass sculpture complements the ambience.

### Brief

The designers were set the task of creating an overall plan for the front and rear gardens including the driveway. The essence of the garden was for the plants to provide a feeling of calm, tranquillity and relaxation, and there was the possibility of introducing curves.

The garden was not to be used primarily for entertaining, but as a private space, and the client was relaxed about the issue of the sun, preferring the warmth it provides on cooler days.

### Design solution

Because of restricted space, the client allowed Patricia Fox to direct the project on a 'no-compromise' basis. This involved designing and building bespoke items to suit the garden, instead of using standard versions that wouldn't work in tight spaces. Losing the boundary fence/wall, gained previously lost access to views and the opportunity to create beauty and seclusion without blocking out the light or incurring a feeling of being hemmed in.

The custom entrance gate to the garden evokes exclusivity and security, and focus is drawn to the vast array of *Heuchera Micrantha Diversifolia* 'Purple Palace' on show.

A weaving paddle-stone path leads to a custom bench, complimented by *Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola', *Lavandula stoechas* and *Muscari botryoides* and from where the whole garden can be observed.

### Judges' comments

"A gratifying design that greatly compliments the design brief, making proficient use of all resources to achieve a standard valued to the highest degree. A sterling display of hard materials and beautiful planting, which took the emphasis away from some awkward junctions."

Robin Templar Williams commented: "A lovely garden which absolutely met the client's brief. A very good and sensitive use of hard landscape materials, working perfectly with the property and appropriate to the style of the garden. A clever composition of plant material resulting in a beautiful planting scheme."