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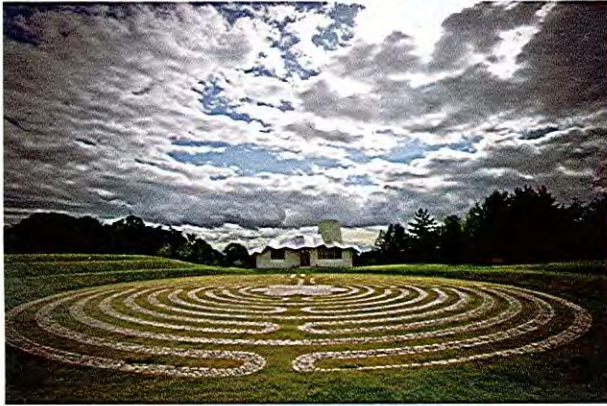
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Sculptor **Marc Nucera** crafts
an innovative garden in Provence

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BALI Design Excellence Awards 2009

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Now in its 33rd year, the BALI National Landscape Awards, held on 4 December at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London, were a celebration of the achievements of those landscapers and designers who have demonstrated exceptionally high standards of professionalism and skill.

One of the highlights was the announcement of the Principal Winner of the Landscape Design Excellence Award. The award, sponsored by the Society of Garden Designers, is open to Registered Designer Members of

BALI to recognise the talent of the designer who satisfies the design brief of the client.

Robin Templar Williams FSGD, who is part of this year's judging panel and specialises in judging the design category, commented: "The standard and calibre of entries this year was the highest it has ever been, and we look forward to this upward trend. We would urge designers to put forward their work for this prestigious industry ceremony so that these exciting projects can be shared and appreciated." ➤

Landscape Design Excellence Award

Principal winner: Andy Sturgeon, Great Ormond Street Hospital

Award winners: Chris Parsons (Hallam Design), Ashgate Hospice Day Centre Garden, Chesterfield; Patricia Fox, School Cottage, Allens Green; Arabella Lennox-Boyd, The Maggie's Centre, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee



**Award
Winner**

Patricia Fox

School Cottage | Sawbridgeworth

A good, well-balanced design responding to and meeting the client's brief well. This is a delightful domestic garden with soft and sophisticated planting that is in keeping with the overall style.

Client's brief

A busy professional couple with a young family were looking to redevelop their rurally sited garden, as an attractive but child-friendly garden. The property is a beautiful 18th Century cottage, with a garden approaching quarter of an acre, and the garden design needed to be very much in keeping with both property and the surrounding landscape. The soil was typical Essex clay, and required enrichment with organic composts to open the texture up and allow improved drainage.

Project description

A new extension was built between carrying out

Phase 1 & 2, and it was discovered that the pipe which allegedly took the roof rainwater away to the far end of the garden, actually discharged into what was meant to be the new lower patio. After excavation and heavy rainfall there was then the beginnings of a 'swimming pool'.

Work had to be done with the local council to seek their agreement to discharge the water from this area into pipework that was owned by the Village Hall, and which then discharged from there into a Ordinary Watercourse.

Judges' comments

A good well-balanced design – responding to and meeting the brief well. The planting is good but there is a lack of structural planting against the boundary in the main area of the garden. It has a soft and sophisticated appearance, in keeping with overall style. The presentation is very good.