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- 1 Winners of National Young Designer of the Year – (from left) Andrew Percival, Katharine Wills, Tristen Knight.
- 2 Rooftop Workplace for Tomorrow, by Pat Fox MSGD.
- 3 Homebase Teenage Cancer Trust Garden, by Joe Swift MSGD.
- 4 The Brontes' Yorkshire Garden, by Tracy Foster MSGD.

CHELSEA GLORY

Society members taste victory at this year's RHS event

It was a record year for SGD Members at RHS Chelsea with two of the most prestigious RHS Chelsea Awards – 'Best in Show' and the 'People's Choice' Awards – granted to Registered Members of the Society. Cleve West MSGD took the highly sought-after Best in Show Award for The Brewin Dolphin Garden – a spectacular topiary garden that used controlled structure in the shape of beech hedging and yew topiary forms, to contrast with loose layers of herbaceous plants. It is the second year that Cleve has clinched the award and the third consecutive year that an SGD Member has received the title.

People's Choice awards

Back on Chelsea's Main Avenue, Tom Hoblyn MSGD was awarded the coveted People's Choice Show Garden Award in addition to a Silver Gilt medal for a formal Mediterranean garden inspired by the great Renaissance gardens of Italy for charity sponsor Arthritis Research UK while, in the Artisan Gardens category, first-time exhibitor Tracy Foster MSGD took a Gold medal and the People's Choice Small Garden Award for The Brontes' Yorkshire Garden for her interpretation of the Yorkshire landscape, in particular the wild and windswept Pennine Moors which so inspired the famous Bronte sisters.

Tracy described her time at Chelsea as "a very positive experience and a wonderful opportunity to research new plants and techniques that I wouldn't normally use for client projects". Like many Chelsea designers

she described Chelsea as "addictive" and something she would love to be given the opportunity to experience again.

Tracy was one of 15 members to be awarded medals at the show including coveted Gold medals for Society Fellow Andy Sturgeon and for first-time Chelsea Show Garden designer and broadcaster Joe Swift MSGD whose dry, sustainable garden for the Homebase Teenage Cancer Trust highlighted the power of plants and natural forms in an urban and suburban environment.

It was interesting to note the blurring of boundaries between the small gardens and trade stands as several Society designers had been commissioned to design trade

stands at this year's Show. Designers such as Rosemary Coldstream MSGD who designed a memorable stand for The British Plant Nurseries; Chris Deakin MSGD and Jason Lock MSGD who created an indoor/outdoor concept for The English Glasshouse and Aga and Amanda Patton MSGD who used modern block planting to create an inspired stand for the SGD.

New design talent

The RHS Chelsea Flower Show was also the venue chosen to announce the finalists in the RHS/SGD National Young Designer of the Year Award. This is the first year the SGD has supported this national competition run by the RHS. The three designers chosen as finalists are Katharine Wills, Andrew Percival and Tristen Knight.

All three designers will now have the opportunity to create a show garden from their winning entries for the RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park in July, where the gardens will be judged and the overall winner announced. The award is a fantastic opportunity for young designers to compete alongside their future contemporaries at an RHS Show that is building a reputation for launching new garden design careers. It promises to be a hotly contested title.

Further information on all the SGD member gardens at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show can be found on the SGD website www.sgd.org.uk. For more information on the RHS/SGD National Young Designer of the Year please visit www.rhs.org.uk.

