



## Beautiful Borders celebrate *Gardeners' World* at 50

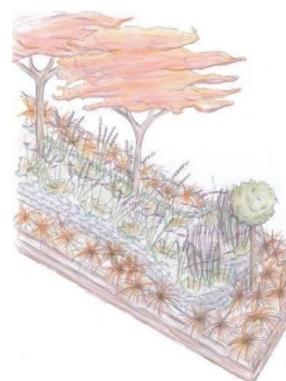
With 73% of BBC Gardeners' World Live visitors stating that they own a medium-sized garden or smaller, never has it been more important to inspire gardeners to make the most of their space, no matter how challenging. The Beautiful Borders Competition is unique to this Show, packed with take-home ideas of how to squeeze the most into your garden be it; growing veg in tight spaces, dynamic planting combinations or clever ways to use material.

With this year's Beautiful Border theme '50 years of Gardeners' World', garden designers around the country have been creating their homages. Here's a selection of those going forward to create their Beautiful Borders at BBC Gardeners' World Live 2017, with more to be confirmed:

### **NIGEL THE DOG**

**Aspire Garden Design**, Heather Stevens

When you thought you couldn't love *Gardeners' World* any more than you already do, along came Nigel! This design is homage to all things Nigel, including a raised central border made from thick rope shaped like a giant bone. The colour scheme is inspired by Nigel's beautiful coat and finished by two trees in the shape of balls to chase.



### **...AND ACTION**

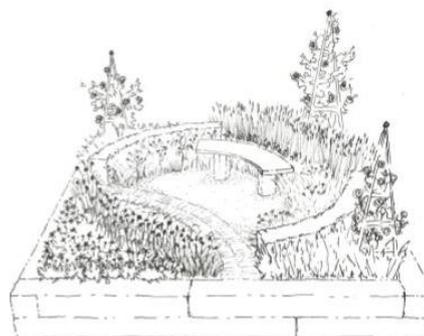
**Globe Gardens**, Kate Savill

This Border celebrates the moments when *Gardeners' World* was filmed and aired. The planting is a nod to 1960's fashion, with a striking colour palette of black and white tone, also referencing black and white television of the era. Film reels in the border have varying designs which look like the strong bold artwork around the time *Gardeners' World* was first aired.

### **FULL CIRCLE**

**Jenny Patterson Garden Design**, Jenny Patterson

This garden is inspired by the connection between Geoff Hamilton and Adam Frost. Adam's first appearance on the show was with Geoff and now he has come full circle. Golden Calendula are a nod to Adam's award-winning achievements; while a seat is surrounded by Rosa "Geoff Hamilton" and fragrant Lavandula, often associated with memory recall.





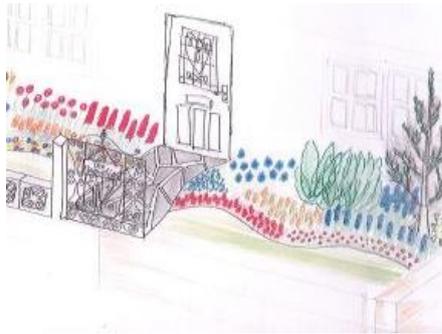
**TO PLANT A GARDEN IS TO BELIEVE IN TOMORROW**  
**Kingston Maurward College, Emma Hearne**

50 years of *Gardeners' World* has inspired us to believe in our ability to plan and create our own place of beauty in which we can dream and feel at one with nature. Viewers look through the rectangular window, within a pleached beech hedge, on to a planting scheme including cultivars named after *Gardeners' World* presenters.

**GLASSHOUSE SANCTUARY**

**Oaklands College, Tee Roberts and Level III Students**

The centrepiece, created with hazel, represents a glasshouse, a regular feature on *Gardeners' World*. There is a combination of pastel shaded flowers and vegetables in and around the main feature. Rosa and Lathyrus odoratus, named after presenters from the last 50 years are included within the design. See if you can spot Nellie & Nigel the golden retrievers!



**THE MAGNOLIAS**

**Pershore College, Kirsty Fitchett, Savannah Jones & Alfie Russell**

The design plays homage to Percy Thrower and his garden, The Magnolias. The design and colour scheme is retro and loosely based on the Union Jack with popular plants from the era. As the father of modern gardening, Percy inspired us to get the most out of our gardens.

**50 YEARS OF COLOUR**

**Sprouts Gardens, Mark Emmerson**

In this celebratory border, height and colour are blended to create a dramatic display with minimal green leaves. As a tribute to the current presenters, the display features 50 of one of their favourites, the primrose. The border is crowned with three golden celebrity standard roses.



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