

## **The Belvoir Flower and Garden Festival – Countryside Borders**

**Sponsored by the London College of Garden Design**

### **Call for entries**

The London College of Garden Design is delighted to support this exciting new garden show launched last year with a competition to help budding new garden designers and experts to show what they can achieve with plants.

**The competition is open to anyone involved in garden design and landscaping.**

### **The lucky winners will receive:**

- Recognition and coverage for all the exhibitors involved.
- The opportunity to meet potential new customers.
- The opportunity to be creative, do something a little different and start your show garden career.
- A grant of £250 to help you cover the costs of materials.

There are 4 places available and you will be given a raised bed ready to go.

### **Your brief**

The Belvoir Flower and Garden Festival takes place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and is located in the grounds of the beautiful Belvoir Castle.

We want you to design a great planting scheme that shows off your skills to visitors on a theme of 'Countryside Borders'. Show us your perfect country border. You might decide to create a wildlife friendly design, a waterwise planting for summer droughts, or a party planting for a small town garden, whatever your chosen story it should work within the overall theme of 'Countryside Borders'.

You will be given a 2.4m x 2.4m raised border in timber and the rest is up to you to design, plant and finish to show standard. We will also supply a display board alongside the garden so that people can find out all about you. You will not be able to excavate the ground for trees but the border will be raised above ground.

### **The build**

You have just 2 days before the show to put your border together and further information will be sent to all successful applicants.

### **How to enter**

Your submission should be no more than 1 A3 page and include:

- An outline drawing of your idea including an elevation of the planting design.
- A mood board showing an idea of some of the plants you will use.

Entries should be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

Remember that we are only looking for a concept design at this stage and the winners will be asked to liaise with the show's office regarding access etc. The show's office can also help you with advice on sourcing material locally if this is required.

Please email your submission either as a pdf digital copy to:

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or as a hard copy to:

**Halcyon Days Garden Events**  
**Greenaway**  
**202 Papplewick Lane**  
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The successful designs will be selected by leading UK designer's **Andrew Fisher Tomlin**, course leader of LCGD's Planting Design Diploma and **Jo Thompson** who is creating a garden for Wedgewood at this year's Chelsea Flower Show.

### **Some show display tips**

Here are some top tips for designing a Countryside Border.

- Focus on one big idea that fits within the "Countryside Borders" theme.
- Think about what idea might appeal to visitors or promote an idea that you are interested in such as a hobby, activity or charitable cause.
- Borders with unusual and interesting plants might attract more attention.
- Think about how your design reflects your image and the work you do.
- When thinking about your plants remember that the show is the second week of July.
- You may even be able to grow some of the plants yourself.
- Don't be too restrictive in varieties chosen. You may find that you'll need to substitute plants and flowers nearer to the time.
- Remember that getting top quality vegetables in a show garden is hard but not impossible.

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