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## GOOD HEALTH

Visitors to this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show got a glimpse of what Matt Keightley's Garden for Wellbeing will look like when it opens at RHS Garden Wisley in 2020. It's one of three learning gardens that will surround the new National Centre for Horticultural Science and Learning and designs for all three have now been revealed. The Garden for Wellbeing (above) will be approached through cloud-pruned *Pinus mugo* cultivars and is made up of a series of large, fragmented beds, filled with exuberant plantings of perennials and grasses. A serpentine rill will lead from the café terrace to a still pool, and terraced lawns will create a transition between this garden and Ann-Marie Powell's Wildlife Garden (right). Here, in a design that borrows from the structure of a bee's wing, steel-edged beds will support separate plantings of native and non-native plants. A path through the trees on Battleson Hill will lead visitors to the World Food Garden, also designed by Ann-Marie Powell.





## NEWS

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### ① ART, VILLES & PAYSAGE

The 9th Festival of Art, Villas & Paysage – Hortillonnages opened on 9 June in Amiens, France, with ten new exhibits and around another 40 exhibits from previous years. This year new installations have also been created for the nearby towns of Abbeville, Saint-Quentin and Long. At Abbeville, the French landscape architect practice, Atelier LJJN has devised a series of tall observation platforms on stilts, sited in the marshy landscape between two large lakes in Bouvaque Park. The cone-shaped structures provide places to sit and observe nature. Until 21 October. [somme-tourisme.com](http://somme-tourisme.com)

### ② PARK LINKS

London-based landscape architecture practice Gilliespies has landscaped gardens for a new residential development in London's Holland Park. Clipped hornbeams and a mature *Acer palmatum* create an elegant entrance to the two-acre garden. At its centre a secluded courtyard, ringed by a moat and planted with multi-stem trees provides a tranquil space. Stepping stones lead through naturalistic planting to steel-edged reflective pools and clipped box balls. Beyond this a woodland walk with wildflowers wraps round the development on three sides, linking it to the adjacent park. [gilliespies.co.uk](http://gilliespies.co.uk)

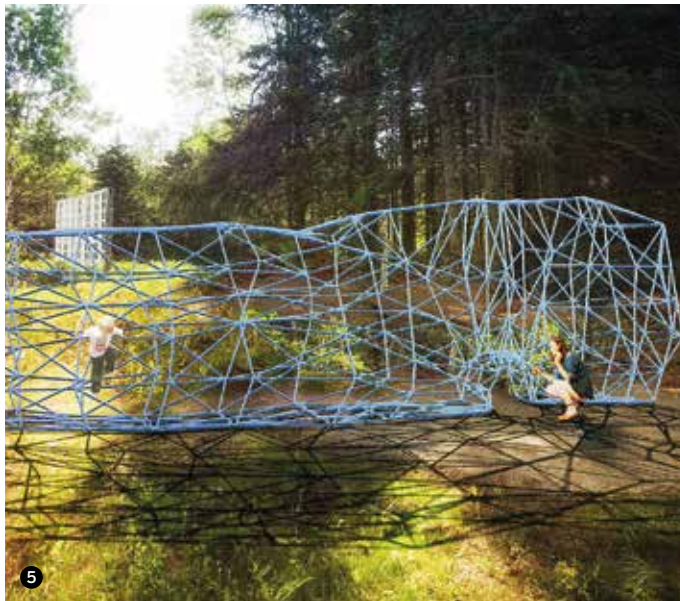
### ③ SINGAPORE GARDEN FESTIVAL

Thirteen international designers, including Malaysia's Inch Lim, winner of Best in Show in 2016, Kate Gould and Tom Massey from the UK and Ireland's Paul Martin, will create gardens in the Landscape and Fantasy Gardens category of the seventh edition of the biennial Singapore Garden Festival. The British designer Andy Sturgeon is collaborating with Australia's Jim Fogarty on a garden that reflects the problem of screen addiction in children. Stone cubes and pavers will symbolise keyboard keys and lead to a simple pool surrounded by organic plant forms 21 July – 3 August. [singaporegardenfestival.com](http://singaporegardenfestival.com)

### ④ RHS FLOWER SHOW TATTON PARK

Now in its tenth year the RHS Young Designer Competition at RHS Flower Show Tatton Park will give five new designers all aged 28 and under the chance to kickstart their careers with their designs for a 'feel good' garden. The youngest finalist is Will Williams, 22, who has incorporated masses of plants that attract bees and butterflies into his geometric plan (above). Nicola Oakey, 28, has based her garden, Raised by Rivers, around memories of growing up in Devon, while Eds Higgins, also 28, has taken the potential of wasteland sites as valuable green spaces for his Finding (Urban) Nature design. 18-22 July. [rhs.org.uk](http://rhs.org.uk)





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### ⑤ INTERNATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL AT GRAND-MÉTIS

The theme of last year's International Garden Festival at Grand-Métis, Canada, was *Playsages* (Go Outside and Play). For this year's, 19th edition that theme continues with seven new projects, selected from 148 entries from 27 countries. The winning gardens include aMAIZEing by Spanish duo Marta Milà Pascual and Marc Torrellas Arnedo and Le Rocher Très Percé (above) by Humà Design and Vincent Lemay from Montreal. The festival is open daily until 7 October. [internationalgardenfestival.com](http://internationalgardenfestival.com)

### ⑥ RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE FLOWER SHOW

Renowned Dutch landscape designer Piet Oudolf will create a walk-through border at this year's RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. Sited opposite the Palace, the border is the first in a new Iconic Horticultural Heroes feature, and will use bold drifts of perennials and grasses, which will relocate to RHS Garden Wisley after the show. And to mark the centenary year of women's suffrage in the UK, all four gardens in the new Lifestyle Gardens category have been created by up-and-coming women designers: Alexandra Noble, Ula Maria, Anca Panait and Lilly Gomm. 2-8 July. [rhs.org.uk](http://rhs.org.uk)

### ⑦ HORATIO'S GARDEN, STANMORE

Tom Stuart-Smith, in collaboration with architect Stephen Marshall, has designed a new Horatio's Garden for the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore. The garden, the fifth in a series of spaces for specialist centres treating patients with spinal cord injuries, consists of two separate areas, linked by a corridor. One colourful side has a greenhouse and barbecue area, while the other is a greener, more contemplative space with a series of enclosed pods where patients can feel surrounded by planting. Fundraising is underway and it's hoped the garden will be completed by 2020. [horatiogarden.org.uk](http://horatiogarden.org.uk)

### ⑧ TROPICAL RAVINE, BELFAST BOTANIC GARDENS

The Victorian Topical Ravine at Belfast Botanic Gardens has re-opened after a £3.8 million refurbishment. The ravine was originally opened in 1889 as a sunken glen filled with temperate species. It was later extended in 1900 to house tropical plants, and today contains some of the world's oldest seed plants as well as plants such as the Killarney fern, orchids, cinnamon trees, banana trees and bromeliads. The three-year restoration has introduced a state-of-the-art fogging and misting system and a frameless glass façade. [belfastcity.gov.uk](http://belfastcity.gov.uk)