



Gold Again at Chelsea Flower Show

ANOTHER Gold Medal for the office wall. Our team built two large show gardens at this year's Chelsea show, The Savills Garden (see picture opposite), which won a Gold Medal, and a show garden for London Zoo which won a silver for its gorilla garden.

The Savills Garden, designed by Philip Nixon and Marcus Barnett, gained its inspiration from the modernist architect of Mies van der Rohe. It relied on precise construction detail which this year was near impossible to deliver. Mark Gregory, Landform Managing Director, described this year:

"I was proud of our team's work at Chelsea this year. We have built well over sixty gardens for the R.H.S., thirty plus at Chelsea alone, but this was one of the more technically challenging.

The weather was also terrible and pushed our finish to the wire. I have never known such a difficult build year. The Savills Garden really focused all our skills. Only the very best



could have pulled this one off. This year's gold medal takes our total Chelsea gold's to twelve with seven gained consecutively – we have built at Chelsea continuously since 1988.

Mark Gregory also acted as construction advisor to the Garden Club of America's Ravine Garden built by Scenic Blue for the designers CMS Designs. This garden won a

silver gilt medal.

We continue to be fully committed to build show gardens and we again build for Savills in 2007 for designers Marcus and Phillip and also for the Children's Society charity for new Chelsea designer Angus Thompson. All preparations are well advanced for these two stunning gardens".

Landform Scoop Three Major National Awards

Continuing its winning streak, staff collected three major awards for both its construction and maintenance at this year's prestigious Annual BALI Awards (No, not the Island!!) British Association of Landscape Industries at the Hilton, Park Lane, London on November 3rd.



We won 2 (No) principle construction awards in the very competitive large garden category, one of which was for best use of lighting.

The garden in West London construction started in January this year for the designer Luciano Giubbilei and he was there with us to collect our awards from Lord Coe. Judges



Photography by Stephen Wooster

described the scheme as "an exquisite formal garden constructed to exacting standards" and this entry represents the industry at its best.

Kew Colour Palette

THIS YEAR saw the end of the successful colour palette, a floral colour wheel fully maintained by Landform staff at Kew Gardens for the last four years.

Landform were instrumental in its design and formation which started in 2002 and used a full array of the colour wheel, using vegetables, herbaceous and sown annuals to provide a riot of summer colour.

The scheme won an Association of Professional Landscapers Award in 2002.

We hope to be involved with the creation and maintenance of a planned giant pizza which replaces the colour palette next year.



“Maintenance goes from strength to strength”

OUR SISTER COMPANY, Landform Maintenance Ltd, continues to grow as its success in gaining new contracts continues.

Landform Maintenance employs fifteen full time skilled gardeners and ground staff who look after a multitude of corporate blue chip clients, private gardens very large to small, hotels, marinas and shopping centres in London and the Home Counties.

Alex Marsh has been promoted from Domestic Maintenance Foreman to Assistant Manager in charge of looking after all domestic garden clients and the mobile teams who look



after them. Alex has been with us for three years and is seen on the right being congratulated by Maintenance Director Glenn Satterthwaite.

Landform Maintenance were also successful in this year's BALI Awards, being awarded a category winner for their work at St.Katherine's Docks contract, London. Our two full time staff, Head Gardener Tom Dawson and his assistant "H" have done a remarkable job this year looking after the thirty eight acre site with hanging baskets and extensive bedding areas and high tourist numbers, not to mention the heat and lack of water!

“Gorilla Kingdom Comes to Life”

LANDFORM are in the final stages and nearing completion of the state of the art exhibit at London Zoo in Regents Park. Landform have been contracted by main contractor Crispin and Borst, part of the Vinci Group of Companies to carry out this extensive landscape led project, part of a multi-million pound contract.

Our works involve the importing of 1,000 cubic metres of topsoil to provide contouring and shaping of the site which is about one hectare and right in the centre of the zoo and the sourcing and planting of a wide range of new tender tropical looking plants from all over the U.K. and Europe.

The exhibit, due to open prior to Easter 2007, cleverly uses water, moats and glass to try to make the animals more accessible yet safe – gone are the cages.

Landform's £500,000 soft landscape contract commenced in August 2006 and is due for completion in January 2007.

Landform's Contract Director, Matt Moore, described the project, “We have had to work extremely close with the main contractor, as safety to the zoo's visitors was paramount. All deliveries had to be in and all the vehicles gone by 10.00 a.m. each day before the zoo opened its doors, which put a lot of pressure on our suppliers and installation team. It will be amazing to see the gorillas in their spacious enclosure with few visible boundaries”.



“Fit for a Queen”

LANDFORM have planted an avenue of twelve 8 metre tall semi mature Cypress Oak at the new visitor centre in Savill Gardens, Windsor.

They start in the new car park and run into the Savill Gardens and forms the start of the “Royal Landscape”. We were employed directly by the Crown Estates who brought the trees from northern Italy. The avenue is now known as “Queen's Avenue” and the works were completed in time for the Royal opening of the stunning new building.



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