

Newsletter - January 2009

Welcome everyone to the New Year at the Garden Design Society of New Zealand.

Past Events

Guest speaker Andrew Pfeiffer

We had a fabulous turnout of members plus invited guests to listen to renowned international landscape designer Andrew Pfeiffer. Andrew shared with us his vision of gardens having a spiritual quality, and how he passionately believes in always using ecologically compatible plants in his designs. Many members also enjoyed listening to Andrew at the Speaker Series at the Auckland Flower Show.

GDSNZ Christmas Party 2008

A big thank you goes out to Glenys and Rachel Yeoman for providing a fabulous meal, entertainment and venue for this year's Christmas party. The weather let us down on the day, but a completely enjoyable evening was had by all.

Auckland Flower Show

The first of this new annual gardening event for Auckland was assisted by the contributions of a significant number of GDSNZ members. They all did an amazing job and deserve a special mention and our congratulations.

Event Co-ordinator: Jenny Pullar

Designers: Trina Tulley, Sue Peachey, Trish Waugh, Lynn Cairney, Kirsten Sach, Caroline Wesseling, Matt Mclsaac, Matthew Ransome.

Judges: Michael Jones, Bev McConnell (GDSNZ Patron), Sue McLean, Jacqueline Margetts, Penny Cliffin, Sue Wake, Norma de Langen.

Speaker Series: Rose Thodey, Gil Hanly.

MCs for Speaker Series: Glenys Yeoman, Deb Hardy, Phil Oster, Simon Noone-Jones

We apologise if we have omitted to mention someone. If there are any names missing please email these details to waltersj@woosh.co.nz and we will include these in our next newsletter.

Check out our website for photos of past events.

Upcoming Events

Totara Waters - 18 February 2009

An interesting and unusual sub tropical garden, creating an idyllic place to enjoy and be inspired with a large variety of bromeliads and other subtropical plants available for sale.

When: Wednesday 18 February 2009 meet at 10.00am

Where: Totara Waters, 80 Totara Rd, Whenuapai

Cost: \$8/person + \$2 tea, coffee & biscuits

Followed by lunch at **BeesOnLine** (optional)

791 State Highway 16, Waimauku

Cafe opens 11am-4pm for indoor or outdoor dining. Shop sells Organic honey, culinary & medicinal based honey products and related accessories.

Return via PlantWholesalers plantlink

160 SH16, Whenuapai

Wander through the new layout and check out the summer stock.

Please indicate your interest by **15 February** to Margaret Chapman m. 0210332135 or magenta@quicksilver.net.nz

Ellerslie Flower Show Christchurch 11-14 March 2009

The Events Committee is planning a trip to the all-new Ellerslie International Flower Show in Christchurch from 11-14 March. Associated tours include some of the finest gardens in Canterbury - not to be missed! Contact Rose Thodey by **22 January** as we need names to confirm the booking: thodey@ihug.co.nz or call (09) 3762 765, mobile: 021 762 765.

Winter events

We are looking at something different for our winter get-togethers, showcasing the renowned programme "*Around the World in 80 Gardens*". If anyone has a suitable media centre/large screen and venue that could host members, please contact Janet Walters on waltersj@woosh.co.nz

NZ Landscape & Garden Design Conference "Designing the Liveable Garden" 5-6 September 2009 Waipuna Hotel, Mt Wellington

The dates and venue have been confirmed. Pencil this into your diaries, as GDSNZ members qualify for discounts.

The tentative line-up for 2009 includes:

Marta Montero, former associate with Roberto Burle Marx in Brazil.

Louisa Jones, a key authority on gardens, cuisine and lifestyle of Provence.

Nancy Power, brilliant landscape architect based in California.

Rosemary Alexander, Principal of the English Gardening School, based at Chelsea Physic Garden, London.

Eric Ossart and **Arnaud Maurieres**, known for their work at Chaumont, the famous garden at Colombieres, France and in Morocco.

Fergus Garrett who has succeeded Christopher Lloyd at Great Dixter, UK.

Fernando Caruncho

For more details, email jennytaylor@iconz.co.nz

What's happening overseas?

2nd INTERNATIONAL GARDENING CONTEST - BILBAOJARDÍN 2009

The purpose of the second edition of BilbaoJardín 2009 is to create 27 new spaces in our city, 27 personal and creative conceptions of modern gardening.

These 27 spaces have been carefully selected in order to form a creative mesh within the city, allowing locals and visitors alike to enjoy a very special stroll throughout the different quarters of Bilbao and marvel at the garden projects participating in the contest.

BilbaoJardín 2009 aim is to continue on its invitation to the development of creative gardeners, landscape artists, architects and other creative people wishing to participate. The contest has no theme, so contestants are free to choose their own topics.

The prize of the second edition of BilbaoJardín 2009 will be a permanent Park or Public Garden Project in the city of Bilbao, (a new one or the reform of a previously existing one) with an honorary of 30.00 EUR VAT included.

www.bilbaojardin.com/english.swf

Imagina Awards 2009 with Topos as Media Partner

Entries are invited for the Imagina Awards competition, with winners to be honoured at Imagina 2009: the European 3D Community Event taking place in Monaco from 4 to 6 February 2009. The objective of the Imagina Awards is to recognize and reward the very best use of 3D modelling, simulation and visualisation. Representatives from the Media & Entertainment, Architecture & Urbanism, Landscape & Territory, and Industry sectors will thus be given the opportunity to enter their creations and present the ways in which they have used 3D simulation in the design or the realisation of a project. Entries can be submitted for the Best Film Promotion, the Best Film Expertise and Best Film 3D Simulation Awards in the Architecture & Urbanism and Landscape & Territory categories.

www.imagina09.com

International Garden Festival 2009 in Grand-Métis, Quebec, Canada

The International Garden Festival is preparing its tenth anniversary edition. In this connection it is issuing a call for entries to invite designers to create temporary gardens for presentation from 27 June to 4 October 2009 at Reford Gardens in Grand-Métis. This international call for entries is open to all landscape architects, architects, artists and designers. The International Garden Festival 2009 is organized around the theme of Festivities.

For its tenth edition, the festival will be presenting the 20 temporary gardens, an exhibition on its first ten years and a documentary on the creative and constructive process of the festival.

www.jardinsdemetis.com

Gardens of South America - September - October 2010

A tour to Chile and Brazil featuring the gardens of Juan Grimm, including the landscapes of Chile - gardens, colonial buildings, native culture, maritime and Andean scenery, then on to Brazil for more outstanding gardens and features of Rio de Janeiro including gardens of Roberto Burle Marx.

To register your interest contact Warwick Forge e: warwick@bloomings.com.au

Wanting more information?

For details and photos on our past events, and our Members Page, don't forget to check out our fabulous website www.gdsnz.org.nz