

A Garden in Time, Chelsea Flower Show 2007

We were proud to be invited by Cardiff City Council to join them and BBC Wales in creating 'A Garden in Time' at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The garden had a time travel theme with two gardens in one, designed to reflect the contrasting horticultural styles and approaches to garden design from two different periods, separated by Doctor Who's TARDIS. One half of the garden showed a typical 1960s urban garden, reflecting the era when Doctor Who first came to our screens. The design recreated the straight paths and borders which were prevalent in gardens of this period and featured shrubs, flowers and a vegetable area.



In contrast, the 2007 garden featured modern ideas and styles which are now easy to create and feature in many modern urban gardens, with different planting styles, a water feature and a more relaxed outdoor environment.

The garden also reflected a developing awareness of sustainability; composting waste materials for recycling in the garden, using mulches within plant areas to suppress weeds and retain moisture, and selecting plants that can cope with drier conditions, reducing the need for watering.



The two gardens were separated by a narrow band or 'void', where a TARDIS is positioned, complete with light and familiar sound. This central area also contained 'shards' representing the 'fraction' of time, but allowing views between the gardens and, together with predominantly silver leaved and wispy foliage, gave an ethereal atmosphere to this central area.

This was the first time that both Cardiff City Council and Landcraft had exhibited at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. The garden was awarded a Silver Gilt medal by the RHS judges.



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