



Marian Boswall MSGD won the Grand Award. Pictured with Stuart Williams from sponsor Marshalls



The SGD Award winners who collected their accolades at the ceremony



Photos: Edward Hill

Host Nigel Mead entertained the attendees



Adolfo Harrison MSGD was presented with the Judges' Award by judge Richard Sneesby and sponsor Stephanie Harrod

# THE SGD AWARDS 2019

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## THE WINNING DESIGNS

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**THE LANDMARK HOTEL** in London was the place to be on Friday 1 February, when hundreds of garden designers, contractors, suppliers, sponsors and press filled the Grand Ballroom for the SGD Awards 2019 ceremony. In true style, attendees enjoyed a champagne reception before a three-course dinner, and introduction by Nigel Mead, host and entertainer.

The winners this year were a diverse range of projects, from roof terraces to country landscapes, and hospital courtyards to family gardens. Some talented designers walked away with multiple awards, including Marian Boswall MSGD, Tony Woods MSGD, Adolfo Harrison MSGD and Pre-Registered Member Noël Van Mierlo.

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There were also joint winners in several categories, including Large Residential, Fresh Designer, Paper Landscapes and Student Design – Commercial.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dutch landscape designer and plantsman Piet Oudolf, who attended the event and was the subject of a specially commissioned film shot at his garden and studio at Hummelo, which was shown on the night. There will be a larger interview feature with him in the next issue of *GDJ*.

Turn the page to discover details of all of the winning designs. You can see more and find out how to enter the 2020 awards at [www.sgdawards.com](http://www.sgdawards.com).



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# LARGE RESIDENTIAL AWARD & GRAND AWARD



**WINNER:** Marian Boswall MSGD, Reighton Wood

**SPONSORS:** Gabriel Ash, Marshalls

**SIZE:** 9,275m<sup>2</sup> **BUDGET:** £350k

**CONTRACTOR:** Donovan Landscapes

**MARIAN BOSWALL MSGD** is a double winner for this outstanding garden, receiving the coveted Grand Award as well as being joint winner in the Large Residential category. The project brief was to create a garden containing episodes, areas, movement and planting for pollinators and people. The exposed garden began as a field at the end of a long lane, and the house faced away from the rural outlook. Boswall worked with an architect to refocus the house, and designed structures to embrace the countryside views and ground the garden in the landscape, creating what she calls "a mannered microcosm of the land around it".

The main garden features dense borders of grasses and perennials in drifts to echo the rolling countryside and contrast with low gravel planting around the house. A small existing pond was enlarged and turned into a waterlily and marginals garden, with beds of Japanese irises, and a timber viewing boardwalk. This leads to an oak bench and frame, which provide a visual link to the woodland, and a new pathway leads to a snail mound, yoga yurt and meadow.

**What the judges said:**

"An absolutely stunning garden demonstrating sumptuous planting with texture, mood, atmosphere and playfulness. Includes a great synergy of materials and wonderful links between the different areas that give the garden an elegant and calm pace. Fits perfectly into the setting and shows a great attention to detail."

**About the awards:**

The Large Residential Award is for any domestic project over 3,000m<sup>2</sup> in the UK, and is open to FSGD, MSGD, Registered Practice and Pre-Registered Members (passed submission 1 or 2). The Grand Award is the winner of winners, open to winners in categories 1 to 7.



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The large country garden features year-round planting for wildlife, oak structures and several tree avenues

