

MARIAN BOSWALL

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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Landscape Architect [Marian Boswall MSGD MBALI](#) has been awarded one of the most prestigious prizes in the garden design industry winning the Grand Award at the Society of Garden Designers annual award ceremony - the [SGD Awards 2019](#).

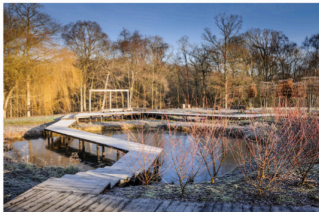


Marian was awarded the prize for her Reighton Wood garden, a part-formal, part-wooded garden on the Kent Weald designed for a botanist who wanted a garden both for pollinators and people.

Originally a field, Marian transformed the space into a garden filled with abundantly planted borders of dense grasses and herbaceous perennials, planted in drifts to echo the rolling countryside beyond and intersected by gravel paths and tree-lined vistas to allow views of the beautiful setting.



Working collaboratively with architect [Derek Rankin](#) to help connect the garden to the contemporary timber-clad house, a simple, larch-clad extension was added framed with a pergola of weathered oak, leading to a vegetable garden and wildflower meadow. A pond was enlarged and turned into a waterlily and marginals garden with edges of irises, while a timber boardwalk, leading to an oak bench and frame, was designed to create a visual link to the 200-acre woodland beyond.



Awarding Marian the top prize at the annual SGD Awards, the judges called Reighton Wood "an absolutely stunning garden demonstrating sumptuous planting with texture, mood, atmosphere and playfulness" which they said "makes an important and long-lasting change to the landscape in which it sits."

On receiving the award, Marian said: "It was huge honour for me and a great accolade for my studio to win the Grand Award. My work is about connecting to the land and creating places for the long term that sit well within their surroundings so I was delighted that the judges recognised that in their comments about Reighton Wood.

"The garden was inspired by the Wealden countryside, with planting evoking the fields and hedgerows in pattern and texture, with lots of colour and scent added in the summer to create a sensual immersive experience. We chose the plants for biodiversity and pollinators and the garden is full of movement, of butterflies birds and bees. We used local materials and skilled craftsmen to create the details, with sculptures by Alison Crowther".

The garden was also a joint winner in the Large Residential Garden category.

Image below: Marian Boswell MSGD and award sponsor Stuart Williams of Marshalls plc. Credit: Edward Hill



About Marian Boswall

Marian is a leading landscape architect known for creating beautiful spaces often in sensitive places. For years Marian taught Historic Garden Conservation at Greenwich University. She is gardens advisor to a number of important gardens, estates and trusts and writes a regular series for Listed Heritage, the magazine for Listed Buildings.

Marian is a Board Director of BALI (the British Association of Landscape Industries) and is an advocate of design and education in the industry. She is also on the Board of the Blackthorn Trust Healing garden, and as a plantswoman is passionate about the healing power of plants.

Marian read French and Italian at Oxford having spent years in Italy as a child. She is interested in creating harmony, in forming places where people can be themselves and project their own personalities. She works with the setting, the people and the available materials to discover and develop the special and the important in each garden and landscape. Respect for the ecology, the history and the future inform her thinking and her designs.

Marian's team includes industry specialists and talented designers who share her passion for achieving rigorous quality through the softest effects.

About the Society of Garden Designers Awards

The SGD Awards is an annual awards programme organised by the Society of Garden Designers to reward outstanding achievement in the garden and landscape design profession. Covering all aspects of design from private domestic gardens to engaging public spaces, the SGD Awards are dedicated to promoting excellence among landscape and garden designers. The SGD Awards are open to Members of the SGD only. Categories include residential garden projects, international and commercial scheme and student design along with awards for planting, hard landscape and lighting design. www.sgdawards.com