



Heatherwick Studio's design

Heatherwick's Little Island in the Hudson

THE BUILDING OF Heatherwick Studio's new park at 55 Hudson Greenway on the Hudson River, just off the shoreline in New York's Chelsea neighbourhood, is now underway, after some wrangling in the courts over its suitability. Little Island is both park and performance space, and the design

comprises 132 planters made up of mushroom-shaped concrete columns that rise above the water. The 2.4-acre green space will include 100 different species of indigenous trees and plants that are suited to the harsh New York climate. It is due to open in 2021. heatherwick.com

£1M TO REJUVENATE HIGHDOWN

A £1M PROJECT is underway at Highdown Gardens in Worthing to protect the fragile plant collection and enhance the visitor experience. The improvements are being funded by the National Lottery's Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and will include new greenhouses to help propagate and preserve the Gardens' rare plants, as well as a new visitors' centre. Highdown, which



An impression of the new visitor centre

is currently closed but will reopen later this summer, is internationally important because of its unique chalk soil conditions, which support hundreds of rare plants and trees. highdowngardens.co.uk

GARDEN MASTERCLASSES LAUNCHES NEW COURSES

THE CURATORS OF the Garden Masterclasses series, Annie Guilfoyle and Noel Kingsbury, have published the list of events for 2020, featuring a stellar cast of speakers and locations, including Exbury Gardens, Denmans and Hestercombe. The

programme this year has a special focus on the use of trees and shrubs. Lecturers include Helen and James Basson MSGD, Andy Sturgeon FSGD, Julie Toll FSGD, Marie-Louise Agius MSGD and Marian Boswall MSGD. For further details visit gardenmasterclass.org

WINNERS OF THE LI AWARDS 2019 LEAD THE WAY

THE JUDGES OF the 2019 Landscape Institute (LI) Awards have put the climate and biodiversity emergency at the top of the agenda this year, bestowing Sir David Attenborough with a Lifetime Achievement Award and an Honorary Fellowship of the LI, and giving other prizes to schemes that address the crisis. These included the winner of the LI President's Award and Communications and Presentation, What's Growing on the Greenway (WGTGW) by Anthony McGuigan & Darren McKinstry of The Paul Hogarth Company; and Kinnear Landscape Architects Ltd, which took the prize in the Adding Value through Landscape category for Walthamstow Wetlands. awards.landscapeinstitute.org



Walthamstow Wetlands by Kinnear Landscape Architects

Europe's largest living wall finished

A £1.5 MILLION living wall measuring 25,000 square feet and featuring 120,000 plants has been installed at the McArthurGlen Designer Outlet in Ashford, Kent. Setting the record as the largest living wall in Europe, it has been designed by green infrastructure company, Biotope, to reduce air pollution, increase biodiversity and lift the mood of visitors. It spans the walls of the new entrance promenade, walkways and many of the 50 new stores, and the planting includes *Euonymus fortunei*, *Lonicera nitida*, ivy and heucheras to provide year-round coverage and texture. biotope.uk.com; mcarthurglen.com



The living wall at the McArthurGlen outlet

WHAT'S ON

2 FEBRUARY

TALK: THE MAGIC OF HELLEBORES, LONDON

Ed Flint, who worked under the legendary Christopher Lloyd at Great Dixter, will give advice about growing these winter favourites. chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk

8 FEBRUARY

BRITISH IRIS SOCIETY EARLY SPRING SHOW, RHS WISLEY

Enjoy rare iris displays as well as a photographic exhibition, tours of the garden, plants for sale and expert advice. rhs.org.uk/wisley

14 FEBRUARY

A CELEBRATION OF SNOWDROPS, ESSEX

Beth Chatto Garden Director and snowdrop enthusiast David Ward will be taking guests on a morning snowdrop tour. bethchatto.co.uk

15 FEBRUARY

CHARLES DOWDING, SUSSEX

The 'no-dig' expert explores easier ways to successful vegetable and fruit gardening in his talk at West Dean Gardens. westdean.org.uk

15 FEBRUARY –

15 MARCH BOTANICAL ART EXHIBITION, LINCOLNSHIRE

This exhibition at Easton Walled Gardens will feature the work of three inspirational artists. visiteaston.co.uk

17-18 FEBRUARY

PLANT SCIENCE & PHYSIOLOGY CONFERENCE, OSAKA, JAPAN

This year's theme is 'Exploring Emerging Innovations in Plant Science & Physiology'. plantphysiology.conferenceseries.com

20 FEBRUARY

NATURE ENHANCED, OXFORD

Hosted by the Oxford Botanical Gardens, Professor Nigel Dunnett will discuss applications of ecological ideas to achieve high-impact-low-input plantings. www.obga.ox.ac.uk

26-28 FEBRUARY 2020

MY PLANT & GARDEN, MILAN Italy's global trade fair for gardening, horticulture and landscape. myplantgarden.com/en