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HOLISTIC HEALING

New York-based design studio OSD is envisioning the landscape for the new School of Medicine at Bentonville, Arkansas, designed by architecture practice Polk Stanley Wilcox. The four-storey Alice L Walton School of Medicine, which will offer a medical degree programme that integrates conventional medicine with holistic practices, will benefit from a campus that seamlessly connects with the surrounding woodlands and the mountains of the Ozarks beyond. It will feature a woodland meditation garden, healing gardens, a wetland, a productive garden and a rooftop garden. Woodland trails will connect the building with its sister organisation, the Whole Health Institute. osd.nyc.com; polkstanleywilcox.com



RENDERING BY OSD AND POLK STANLEY WILCOX



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① MASTERPLAN FOR BORDE HILL

The Reinventing Borde Hill project, which aims to revitalise the parkland at the East Sussex estate, has been awarded an initial grant of £231,000 by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. A masterplan by Marian Boswall Landscape Architects includes a Community Garden and Propagation Project where local people can grow food and receive horticultural training. A series of pathways will provide access to areas of quiet, of exploration and of play. An Eco Lodge on the edge of Robertsmere Lake, designed by Tate + Co architects, will provide a visitor hub. bordehill.co.uk; marianboswall.com

② SEE MONSTER

One of the UK's largest ever art installations was a main talking point of the Unboxed: Creativity in the UK festival. The goal of See Monster, designed by News substance, within the shell of a redundant North Sea offshore gas platform on the beach at Weston-super-Mare in Somerset, was to generate conversations about re-use. Accessible at four levels and animated by a 10m-high waterfall and kinetic sculptures by Ivan Black, See Monster supported a wild garden full of trees, grasses and plants that can survive Atlantic weather. It's now closed but the plants will be reused in a local park. seemonster.co.uk

③ HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

A disused school caretaker's house, which has been transformed into a spacious, light-filled hub for community cooking, has won the RIBA Stephen Lawrence Prize for best small project 2022 for Surman Weston Architects. An important element at the Hackney School of Food, which is identified by a lively mural by Jean Jullien, is the attached kitchen garden, where children can grow food from seed in raised brick planters and food is cooked in a pizza oven. An area is also given over to an orchard with beehives, chickens and a greenhouse. architecture.com; surmanweston.com

④ SGD AWARDS

Tommaso del Buono has won the Grand Award in the SGD's tenth annual design awards for the gardens at the headquarters of organic cosmetics company Davines in Parma, Italy. The scheme (above), based on a square inscribed in a large circle of double hedges, includes a large apothecary garden, two courtyard gardens and key elements of water. Matthew Wilson won the Large Residential Garden Award for a wildlife-friendly family garden in Northumberland, while The People's Choice Award went to Ann-Marie Powell Gardens for The World Food Gardens at RHS Garden Wisley in Surrey. sgd.org.uk

1 MARIAN BOSWALL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS; 2 JIM STEPHENSON