

THE GARDEN EXPERTS

Gardens have been more important than ever this year, as we have focused on our outside spaces. Selected from a list of highly talented creatives, our Top 50 garden designers include established professionals, promising newcomers and practices both large and small – all producing amazing gardens, from traditional country to contemporary urban

FROM LEFT Arne Maynard, Christopher Bradley-Hole, Arabella Lennox-Boyd, Tom Stuart-Smith, Jinny Blom and Luciano Giubbilei. All furniture shown is available from Modernity at 14 Cavendish Square (modernity.se)



LUCIANO GIUBBILEI

An Italian designer based in the UK for more than 20 years, Luciano has made his name creating sleek, top-end urban gardens. His current portfolio is more diverse, embracing larger-scale landscapes and a naturalistic planting style. **WHAT HE DOES BEST** Luciano is admired for creating private gardens with an understated elegance, often influenced by classical Italian design. **DESIGN ETHOS** 'My motivation is to create multi-layered environments where culture and nature are in close communication. Exploring and nurturing a sustained dialogue with architects, artists, plantsmen and craftsmen is key.' **WHAT'S NEW?** Luciano is developing projects in Tuscany, Formentera and Dallas, and plans include planting a large perennial garden in Virginia. He is also working on a design for the walled garden at Raby Castle, County Durham. [// lucianogiubbilei.com](http://lucianogiubbilei.com)

MARCUS BARNETT

Established in 2004, this studio has an international reputation for designing public and private landscapes, and has won three RHS Chelsea gold medals. **WHAT HE DOES BEST** Super-stylish, contemporary design using a refined palette of materials in combination with richly textured planting schemes. **DESIGN ETHOS** 'Our passion is to create gardens that are seductive and absorbing in their visual beauty, with a slowly unfolding story,' says Marcus. 'We create places to inhabit and enjoy.' [// marcusbarnett.com](http://marcusbarnett.com)

MARIAN BOSWALL

Established in 2004, Marian's practice is known for creative, thoughtful design - often in historic settings. Her portfolio includes the public gardens at both Charleston, in Sussex, and Chevening House, in Kent, which are balanced by private projects around the country. **WHAT SHE DOES BEST** Beautiful contextual planting informed by naturally occurring plant communities. **DESIGN ETHOS** 'The most important part of my work is to listen to the client - and to the land,' says Marian. [// marianboswall.com](http://marianboswall.com)

MATTHEW KEIGHTLEY

Designing and building distinctive modern gardens under the name of Rosebank Landscaping, Matthew has both public and private clients in the UK and abroad. He has also designed several award-winning gardens at RHS Chelsea Flower Shows. **DESIGN ETHOS** 'I offer inspiring and expertly crafted gardens, and enjoy finding the balance between function and aesthetic, between innovation and tradition, and between complex and understated,' says Matthew. **WHAT'S NEW?** An appearance on Main Avenue at the 2021 RHS Chelsea Flower Show, with a garden he is designing for the Royal Army Medical Corps. [// rosebanklandscaping.co.uk](http://rosebanklandscaping.co.uk)

MATTHEW WILSON

Known to many as a panellist on BBC Radio 4's *Gardeners' Question Time*, Matthew is a former curator of RHS Hyde Hall in Essex and Harlow Carr in Yorkshire. He was also managing director of Clifton Nurseries before leaving to set up his own design business in 2016. Projects range from creating master plans for National Trust and English Heritage landscapes to designing private gardens nationwide. **DESIGN ETHOS** 'The relationship with the client is as important as understanding the spirit of the place,' says Matthew. 'I want the design process to be an enjoyable and inspirational one.' [// matthewwilsongardens.com](http://matthewwilsongardens.com)

MAZZULLO + RUSSELL

Between them, Emma Mazzullo and Libby Russell have more than 50 years' experience in prestigious landscape-design projects. They create mainly private gardens in the UK, but also abroad, particularly the Mediterranean. **WHAT THEY DO BEST** Beautifully crafted gardens with impeccable landscaping designed by Emma, as well as intricate planting by Libby. **EXCITING PLANTS** Co-chair of the RHS nepeta trials, Libby loves dusky pink *Nepeta racemosa* 'Amelia' (right) and *Nepeta nuda* 'Romany Dusk', with its mauve flowers on dark vertical stems. [// mazzullorusselllandscapedesign.com](http://mazzullorusselllandscapedesign.com)



ABOVE This garden in the Chilterns was devised by McWilliam Studio

McWILLIAM STUDIO

Led by Gavin McWilliam in collaboration with Andrew Wilson, the team at McWilliam Studio is highly experienced and creates slick, contemporary private gardens, mainly in the south east. They have designed several successful gardens for RHS Chelsea Flower Shows, as well as striking show gardens for the Singapore Garden Festival and Beijing Expo. **DESIGN ETHOS** 'We are interested in delivering memorable places and also experiences through our designs. We aim to create carefully tailored landscapes defined by sharply detailed construction, experimentation and inspirational planting design,' explains Gavin. [// mcwilliamstudio.com](http://mcwilliamstudio.com)

NIGEL DUNNETT

As well as being the professor of planting design and urban horticulture at the University of Sheffield, Nigel has designed a number of innovative planting schemes for public landscapes - including Trentham Gardens, in Stoke-on-Trent, and the Barbican, EC2. He also works on private gardens. **DESIGN ETHOS** 'My work integrates ecology and horticulture to achieve low-input but high-impact landscapes that are dynamic, diverse and tuned in to nature,' says Nigel. 'I aim to create an unforgettable enhanced natural experience and to support the wider ecosystem.' [// nigeldunnett.com](http://nigeldunnett.com)

