



DesignFest News

Welcome to AGDF NEWS Issue 2



We are delighted to announce that we have now finalised our selection of gardens for the second Auckland Garden DesignFest to be held on November 16 and 17 this year. Check out the website:

www.gardendesignfest.co.nz to see what an amazing range of private gardens you can visit over the weekend.

These properties are never normally open to the public so don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see them. We owe the owners a huge debt of gratitude for their



generosity in support of both the garden designers and the three children's charities who will benefit this year: Ronald McDonald House, KidsCan and Garden to Table.

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Special points of interest:

- Xanthe White - International award winning designer
- Meet our bus tour leaders

Revamped Website



All 25 gardens are now featured on our website. Brighten up these wintry days by escaping into spring via these gorgeous gardens and see which designers are involved in this year's event.

We have several new faces for you – some

are talented newcomers while others will already be familiar thanks to their established reputations as outstanding garden designers.

The gardens themselves are now presented in a logical geographical order from north to south and west

to east so that you can begin to narrow down your list of the ones you want to see. Final address details and a map will be added nearer the time.

We're on Facebook and Twitter too, search for AGDFest.

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Garden entry tickets now available



You can buy your tickets to all the gardens open over the weekend online, simply by clicking on the TICKETS tab at the bottom of the Tickets page on our website www.gardendesignfest.co.nz.

When you identify yourself and hand over your e-ticket at the first garden you visit, you will be given a printed programme with all the necessary details. Single entry tickets will be

available at individual gardens too.

Alternatively, you can wait until the middle of next month to buy your tickets at Palmers Gardenworld and Palmers Planet Stores throughout Auckland.

Xanthe White - International award winning designer

We are thrilled to have acclaimed award winning garden designer Xanthe White on board this year with two completely different but equally fascinating gardens.

Xanthe is a multiple award winner at the Chelsea International Flower Show and our own Ellerslie International Flower Show and is well known for her popular gardening books and regular columns in the Listener magazine and Taste, among others.

She is also an ambassador for Daltons garden products and we are also excited to have them on board this year as a new sponsor!



Chosen Charities:





Meet our bus tour leaders



Penny Cliffin (left) & Anna-Maria Morris

Anna-Maria Morris, qualified landscape designer and GDSNZ Events Committee member.

For visitors out of town and those who don't want the bother of navigating their own way around Auckland, this is a marvellous way to see a selected range

of gardens with all the extras including lunch and refreshments, besides background material on the gardens, designers and plants to fill you in on the whole picture. Highly recommended!

Don't leave it too late and risk missing out on our famous bus tour which runs each day over the festival. Once again, these will be led by Penny Cliffin, senior lecturer in Landscape Architecture at Unitec, and

Designers featured in NZ House & Garden magazine



living by this talented duo. Put this beautifully designed and maintained garden on your must-see list. It is a wonderful place to spend time in – capable of lifting the most jaded spirits in seconds with its elegant and enduring simplicity and the sheer quality inherent in every detail. Check out the September issue of NZ House & Garden.

Designers Sue and Colin McLean feature in the latest issue of NZ House and Garden magazine with a glorious Remuera garden that has been empathetically brought back to life and adapted for contemporary

living by this talented duo.

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