

Design News

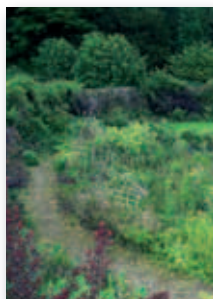


Sandra and Nori Pope's planting at Hadspen House was a fine example of innovative colour and plant combinations.

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Hadspen makeover

Niall Hobhouse, landlord of Hadspen House, is taking a radical approach to the garden's future. The gardens, which were previously planted by his mother Penelope Hobhouse, who lived there until 1979, then replanted by Sandra and Nori Pope who took over in 1986, have a worldwide reputation for their extensive plantings. Following the Popes' departure in autumn 2005, Niall is clearing the garden to make way for a new layout of pathways (below), designed by Foreign Office Landscapes, and is advertising for a gardener with a 'bold and untried approach to making a garden, and the energy and determination to put this into practice' to start in summer 2007. Niall is inviting an open debate via the website which he hopes, "will inform the approach to the project and determine who we give the job to". It is hoped this fluid approach will bring forward both a talent and an original garden. To find out more and to join the debate, visit www.thehadspenparabola.com



ABOVE: The garden is currently in disrepair. BELOW: the new layout of pathways.



'YOU KNOW YOU'VE ACHIEVED PERFECTION IN DESIGN, NOT WHEN YOU HAVE NOTHING MORE TO ADD, BUT WHEN YOU HAVE NOTHING MORE TO TAKE AWAY'

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (writer 1900-1944)

ALSO THIS MONTH

● **THE CALYX PROJECT, SCOTLAND** has set a design challenge – to design a 7m x 11m domestic garden with a budget of £20,000 that will 'heighten the enjoyment and practicality of both the house and garden.' The competition closes 1pm on Friday 6 October. Visit www.thecalyx.co.uk for more information and to enter.

● **THE INCHBALD SCHOOL OF DESIGN** has a new part-time course 'Design Your Own Garden'. The practical course is headed by the new director of part-time courses, Andrew Duff. Starts Monday 2 October; 10-12.30 for 12 weeks. £800. The Inchbald School of Design, London. Tel 020 7630 9011, www.inchbald.co.uk

● **THE ANTHONY NOLAN TRUST** are searching for a designer for their 2007 garden space at the RHS Flower Show Tatton Park. Their 2006 garden, by Barbara and Jon Biddulph of Cheshire, won a silver gilt medal. The open brief has only one stipulation – that a bronze sculpture of the charity's logo, a black cat, is placed somewhere in the garden. A competition pack and further details are available from 0151 733 1444 or www.anthonynolan.org.uk. Closing date Friday 1 December 2006.

● **GRAND DESIGNS LIVE**
After a successful summer show in London, winning Consumer Show of the Year at the AEO Awards 2006, the exhibition moves to Birmingham NEC for its autumn show. Including talks from Kevin McCloud, Diarmuid Gavin and Wayne Hemmingway, the show will have stalls and presentations from companies across the home and garden industry with a particular focus on the eco-friendly. 6-8 October, Birmingham NEC. 10-7 (closes 6 on Sunday). Advance tickets £12. Tel 0870 060 0315, www.granddesignslive.com