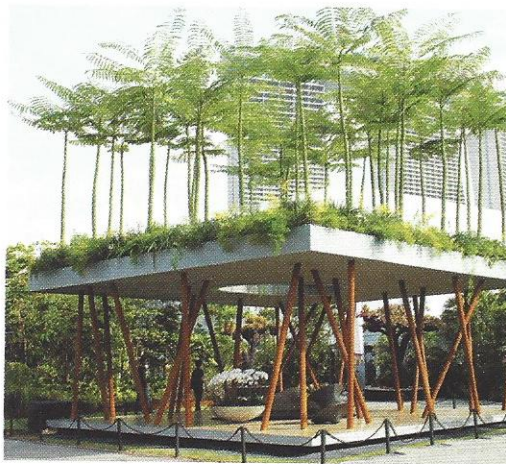
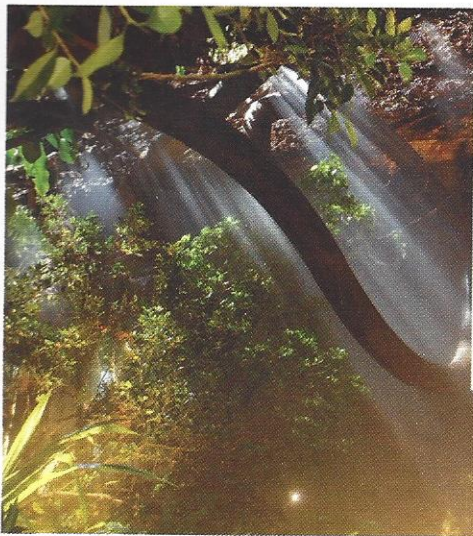


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What's new in the world of garden design *Compiled by Zia Allaway*



WILSON MCWILLIAM WIN AT SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL 2014

SGD MEMBERS Andrew Wilson and Gavin McWilliam, of Wilson McWilliam Studio, were triumphant at this year's Singapore International Garden Festival, winning both a gold medal and Best in Show for their Sacred Grove design.

Andy Sturgeon FSGD also won a gold medal and the award for Best Lighting, while in the Fantasy Category, James Basson MSGD picked up gold and Best Construction and Indoor Lighting for Tartarus. Among the other British designers competing for medals were Adam Frost, who won silver for his Green Abstraction garden, and Chris Beardshaw, who was awarded bronze for his Natura Artificiosa design.

Wilson McWilliam's garden comprised a double height structure,

creating a shady lower level and upper platform planted with *Schizolobium parahyba* trees and tropical meadow plants. A single chair ('Spun' by Thomas Heatherwick) and bowl of white *Phalaenopsis* were set alongside an asymmetric pool, to produce a reflective, calm and spiritual space.

Andrew Wilson said: "The garden took a great deal of detailing in terms of the construction and close liaison with Fluid structural engineers, who had to make sure that the structure would withstand the gusting winds and torrential downpours that occur in Singapore in August. The tower trees also had to be tied to a scaffold grid on the roof to secure them."

Andy Sturgeon's Full Circle? garden included crystalline forms,

blackened on the outside to represent the harm that man has caused to the environment, but gilded on the inside, cradling the plants that are key to our future existence. "This year for the first time the Landscape Gardens were outside rather than in an air-conditioned hall, so we had to endure extreme heat, humidity and sudden downpours, resulting in a Glastonbury-style showground in places," said Andy.

James Basson's design for the Fantasy Category was inspired by the Ancient Greek myth of 'Tartarus', with the lush planting echoing cloud forest vegetation.

For a complete list of award winners, visit www.singaporegardenfestival.com.