

RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024

mgr Changing Tides Garden,

SE809 Balcony & Container Garden

The mgr Changing Tides garden is designed for a wildlife enthusiast, with a rustic and understated aesthetic. It aims to capture the essence of the vast protected landscapes along the Kent coast and distil the elements into a simple, sustainable garden that celebrates the resilience and adaptability required of materials and plants to survive and flourish in such challenging coastal conditions.

At the heart of the garden lies a vibrant tapestry of storm-resilient plants, each with its own story of adaptation, From hardy grasses, swaying gently in the breeze, their deep roots anchoring them firmly in the sandy soil, to salt-tolerant succulents, each species has been carefully chosen to withstand the harsh conditions of coastal storms while maintaining their natural beauty and vitality whilst providing habitat for a diverse array of wildlife.

But the Coastal Garden is more than just a celebration of nature's resilience—it is also a testament to the power of sustainable solutions in the face of environmental challenges.

Reclaimed coastal tropical hardwood forms the perimeter wall with a weathered timber groyne aesthetic, providing a protective boundary to hunker down from the prevailing coastal winds.

Reclaimed steel trench sheets, reminiscent of coastal shoring, have been simply repurposed into sustainable sculptural planters.

With a nod back to the Victorian rock pooling history of Pegwell Bay in Kent, an ensemble of reclaimed Kent Ragstone boulders have been hand-carved into planters.

The ground is dressed with native rounded flint beach pebbles like those found on many beaches in the south of England. They provide texture in a muted colour that compliments the rusted steel and tropical timber boundary.

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KEY PLANTS

- *Crithmum maritimum*
- *Glaucium flavum*
- *Crambe maritima*
- *Silene vulgaris*
- *Tragopogon porrifolius*
- *Silene Maritima*
- *Sedum spathulifolium* Purpureum
- *Sedum reflexum*
- *Sedum spathulifolium* 'Cape Blanco'
- *Ligusticum lucidum*
- *Eschscholzia calif.* Ivory Castle
- *Athamanta vestina*
- *Verbascum phoeniceum* Flush of White
- *Festuca Big Beautiful* and Blue
- *Centranthus ruber* Albus
- *Crataegus monogyna*
- *Pinus sylvestris* 'Watereri'
- *Juniperus squamata* 'Blue Star'



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Press Day Ambassador Paul Rose says “I’m thrilled to support and champion the mgr Changing Tides garden. It’s a beautiful concept that evokes a wild habitat, making it an excellent platform for a meaningful discussion of environmental issues.

Awareness of environmental issues is at a historic high, yet we still suffer from the public perception that the issues are so big that individual actions are ineffective. There is also a sense of ‘shifting baselines’ in that it seems quite OK to miss globally agreed targets, and examples of successful actions are too remote to resonate with or engage most people.

And that’s where the Changing Tides Garden comes in—it reminds us of the natural world beyond our garden fences, acting as an easily accessible conduit to the wild places in our landscapes that we all need to consider and protect.

I’m delighted to have Joe Smith, Director of the Royal Geographical Society, with me at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show to help me advocate this wonderful garden and the wild spaces we should all work hard to conserve.”