

Design

Latest design news
Critique: Sarah Eberle
Reader day with top designers

A photograph of three modern garden stools in a field of pink flowers. The stools are white with a dark blue seat. They are arranged in a row, with the middle one slightly behind the other two. The field is filled with small pink flowers and green grass, extending to the horizon.

Designer Jinny Blom's chic new garden stools are cast in 'mouldable stone' – see page 90 for details.

PRODUCTS

Sitting pretty

Designer Jinny Blom has introduced a range of indoor and outdoor furniture, starting with three stools inspired by her BALI award-winning atrium at the Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour (featured in *Design News* last month). The 'SPORE' stools are made of eco-friendly mouldable stone cast to order and hand finished. Outdoor versions of the stools are available in White Marble, Portland Stone and Buff Sandstone, with a choice of waterproof cast rubber seats or upholstered fabric seats from Lelievre's *Entre Ciel et Terre* outdoor collection. £1,360 each (plus VAT and delivery). www.jinnyblom.com/main/spore.htm or call 020 7253 2100.



TOM MANNION 2008

Notebook

- Designer Andy Sturgeon will be giving a talk as part of Gardens Week in Brighton, his home town, on 27 May. Other events include a tour of the Regency gardens at Brighton's Royal Pavilion with head gardener Robert Hill-Snook. Gardens Week takes place between 25 and 31 May. Tel 0300 029 0900, www.royalpavilion.org.uk.

- Landscape architect Peter Latz, from Latz + Partner, gives a talk with the title *From Landfill to Landscape* as part of the Clusius Foundation lectures. The event takes place at Leiden University in the Netherlands, but Peter will speak in English. 15 April, free (though voluntary contributions are appreciated). www.clusiusstichting.nl/agenda.html (website in Dutch only), or email Uffelen@hortus.leidenuniv.nl.

- A new book by Pierre Nessmann, *A Shelter in the Garden*, is packed with ideas for structures in the garden, from arbours and glasshouses to shelters for birds and insects. £9.99 from Stewart, Tabori & Chang. ISBN 978-1584797715.

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- What makes a successful garden? That's the question posed by Annie Guilfoyle in a short course at West Dean College from 23 to 26 June. The course includes visits to



A Shelter in the Garden

Playhouses, Treehouses, Gazebos, Sheds and Other Outdoor Structures
 Photographs by Richard Hogg

contemporary gardens, lectures and time to work on personal garden designs. Annie is course director at the KLC School of Design. £248, www.westdean.org.uk or call 0844 499 4408.

- The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) is to hold its 2009 annual meeting in Chicago on 18-21 September, on the theme *Beyond Sustainability: Regenerating Places and People*. www.asla.org

APPOINTMENTS

The Society of Garden Designers (SGD) has appointed a new chairman. Annabel Downs is an experienced landscape architect and garden designer who has been involved in horticulture since 1977. Speaking after her appointment, Annabel told *GARDENS ILLUSTRATED* that "Our greatest asset is the members, many of whom come into garden design as a second or third career change. Their broad knowledge base, expertise, skill and insight need to be celebrated, recognised and used in as many ways as possible." She replaces Peter Thomas. www.sgd.org.uk

COMPETITIONS

SIX SEEK SQUARE DEAL

Six firms have been chosen to compete for a major contract – to design a public square (marked in pink below) in front of King's Cross station in London. The winner, from a diverse list of Field Operations, Gehl Architects, Gross, Max., Gustafson Porter, Martha Schwartz Partners and Stanton Williams, is to be announced in the summer. www.malcolmreading.co.uk

