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New releases, spring bulbs, landscaping ideas and all the highlights of Garden Week 2009



GARDEN WEEK

PERRY LAKES RESERVE

APRIL 16-21, 2009 from 9:30am-5pm

PERTH'S ONLY AUTUMN FLOWER AND GARDEN HOME SHOW

PRESENTED BY THE NURSERY AND GARDEN INDUSTRY OF WA

There's over 130 exciting exhibitions at the show

There's lots of plants including new releases at the show

There's unique garden furniture and ornaments at the show

Meet & greet Better Homes & Garden's Graham Ross at the show

There's the Plant Doctors Sue McDougall and John Colwill at the show

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Down to Earth Deryn Thorpe

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Danny's Inferno is one of the five varieties of chilli.

NEW SEEDS

Garden Gurus Trevor Cochrane and Neville Passmore are launching a new range of vegetable seeds and one new vinca flower seed at their Garden Week display.

The varieties include four types of tomato. One is a new variety of Roma with miniature fruit called Piccolo Roma, which has a higher level of lycopene than most tomatoes. Lycopene is the substance that makes tomatoes red and people who regularly eat food containing it are believed to have a reduced risk of developing some cancers.

The range includes five varieties of chilli, including black, red, white and green fruiting varieties. They are Danny's Inferno, El Toro, Kraka Thai, Costa Rica, El Toro Bull Horn and Habanero Blonde.

Other vegetables include three onions, including a red bunching salad onion, Mt Vesuvius, a sugar snap pea, mini butter lettuce, mini cauliflower and branching broccoli.

Seed packets cost \$4 each and are also available by mail order from www.thegardengurus.tv.



Contemplation: Landscape designer Alicia Ferrer's award-winning garden.

Urban Cage simplifies design

New landscaping graduate Alicia Ferrer was the first WA entrant in 10 years to win the Fleming's Nurseries Student Award at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show this month.

Her 5x5m display garden, one of eight finalists' gardens on display at the show, was created around a dining table with low planter boxes filled with a simple planting scheme designed to be enjoyed primarily at seat level. Suspended from the ceiling were a collection of lights with inexpensive white paper shades which, Ms Ferrer said, balanced the cubical aspect of the design.

Ms Ferrer, who was born in Spain and completed landscape design at Challenger TAFE last year after a career as an interior designer, said her design, titled Urban Cage, showed how a three-dimensional approach to design and strong geometry could make a small site appear bigger.

"Central to the design is a table with eight stools which is surrounded by soft planting at a low level so that the space flows around the seating area rather than feeling constrained by boundaries," she said.

"As I was designing such a small area I felt the need to simplify planting schemes, architectural elements and colour. My focus is on cutting-edge, environmentally friendly landscape design that contributes to minimising human impact in our world.

"The hammock is an invitation to relax and contemplate the garden from a different point of view."

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PLANT LIST:

- Acacia 'Limelight'
- Endless Summer hydrangea macrophylla 'Blushing Bride'
- Lomandra cylindrical 'Lime Wave'
- Pieris japonica 'Sarabande'
- Ornamental pears Prunus laurocerasus 'Roundifolia' and Purus calleryana 'Capital'