



The Cedars

Horticultural Centre

The Cedars Horticultural Centre in Wolverhampton has been offering courses for over 40 years, and each year more than 550 students pass through its doors to enjoy the wide range of qualifications available.

The Cedars provides the perfect setting for budding horticulturalists and florists to learn their trade. The two and a quarter acre site, right on the city's doorstep, offers an oasis of calm for those looking to escape busy, modern life, and is home to mature landscaped beds and borders, a range of mature and semi-mature trees, vegetable allotments, a wildlife area, a mini-orchard, 100ft glasshouse and a newly-built log cabin.

Offering many options for people who want to work in harmony with nature, whether with flowers or with the land, the idyllic woodland setting is only a mile out of the city centre.

Whatever your age, the relaxed atmosphere of this friendly and welcoming oasis will ensure that you are able to blossom and flourish.

We are here to help - after all it's what we do and we love it!

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Continuum

A garden inspired by the space-time continuum, where the events of the past and plans for the future meet in the present.

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Plant List

Trees:

Ginkgo biloba
Cornus kousa chinensis

Shrubs:

Laurus nobilis
Viburnum plicatum 'Mariesii'
Pittosporum tenuifolium
Choisya ternata
Rosa 'Emmanuel'
Rosa 'Gentle Hermoine'

Herbaceous:

Brunnera macrophylla 'Looking Glass'
Alchemilla mollis
Primula viallii
Paeonia lactiflora 'Sarah Bernhardt'
Hosta 'Halcyon'
Hosta 'Patriot'
Hosta sieboldiana
Hosta sieboldiana elegans
Digitalis purpurea
Geranium clarkei
Vinca major

Ferns:

Asplenium scolopendrium
Dryopteris affinis 'Crispa'
Polystichum polyblepharum

Climbers:

Rosa 'Rambling Rector'
Rosa 'Frances E Lester'
Clematis Montana rubens
Clematis Montana 'Freda'
Lonicera x browii 'Dropmore Scarlet'
Wisteria sinensis

Grasses:

Carex pendula
Deschampsia cespitosa

Herbs:

Coriandrum sativum
Thymus vulgaris
Ocimum basilicum
Mentha spica
Salvia officinalis

Other edibles:

Rheum x hybridum
Vaccinium 'Top Hat'
Mixed salad leaves.

Continuum

Continuum is City of Wolverhampton College's show garden for the 2009 BBC Gardeners' World Live exhibition, illustrating how an outdoor space evolves over time to reflect changing family life.

Designed by garden designers and lecturers Helen Wood and Darren Rudge, and built with the help of students from the college's Cedars Horticultural Centre, Continuum demonstrates how both events from the past and plans for the future influence the layout of a family garden.

Set in a backyard where the muted colours of Honeysuckles, Clematis and Hydrangea create a sense of safety and calmness, carefully selected plants and construction materials act as constant reminders of the past.

The main focal point of the garden is a garden room clad in reclaimed scaffold boards. The room and adjoining patio are paved with a dark jade slate, formed over thousands of years.

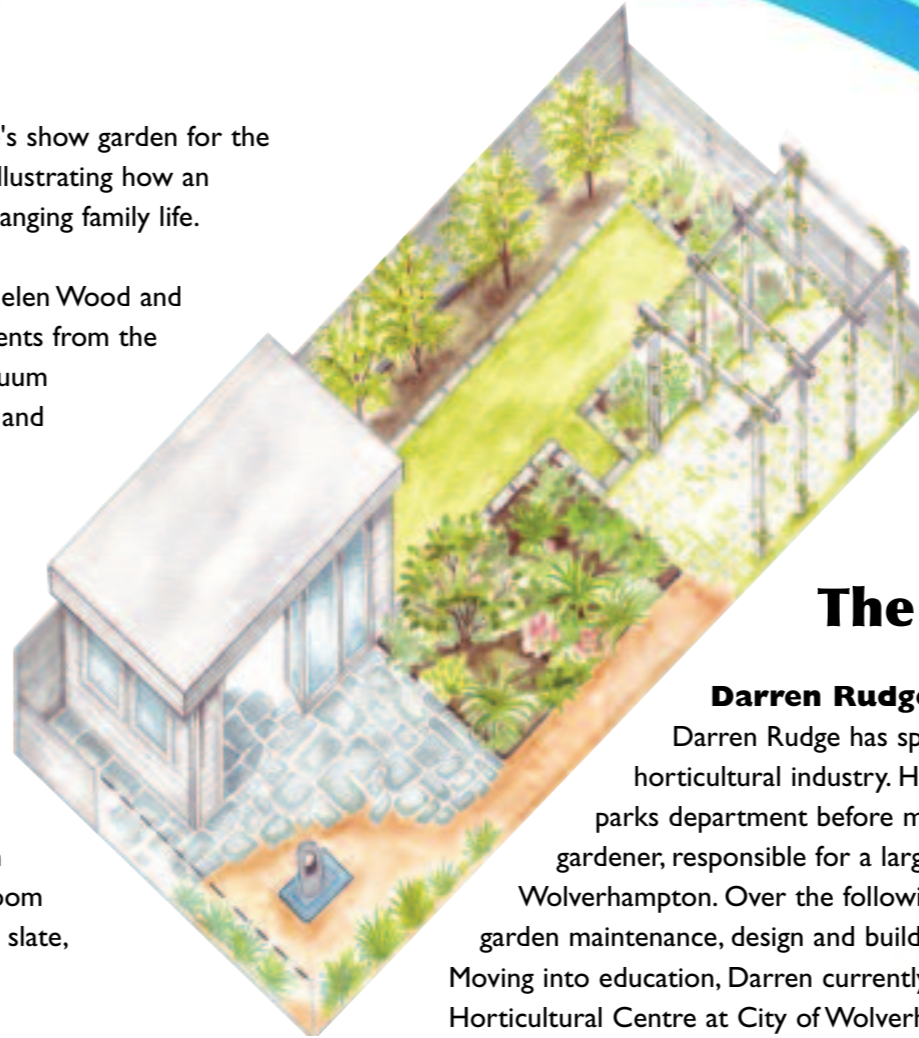
Breedon gravel, also used at Buckingham Palace, surrounds a water feature by artist Peter Newsome entitled *Ethereal*. The water feature stands in what could once have been a child's sand pit, hinting at past events.

This sense of history is echoed in the flora and fauna. Against the reclaimed board fencing, one flowerbed is devoted to the living fossil Ginkgo Biloba, unchanged for millions of years.

But gardens don't just have a past, they will have a future too, and in Continuum these plans for what lies ahead can be seen in the pathways, where ramps take the place of steps in preparation for old age.

The Grassguard concrete block paving patio beneath the pergola also gives the area a multiple uses, allowing it to be used as either a grassed area or driveway in the future.

The garden can be summed up by a second glass sculpture by Paul Newsome, *The Journey*, reflecting the journey the garden has been on to arrive at this point.



The Designers

Darren Rudge

Darren Rudge has spent more than twenty years in the horticultural industry. He was initially employed by his local parks department before moving on to the position of head gardener, responsible for a large private garden in Wolverhampton. Over the following ten years he operated a garden maintenance, design and build practice.

Moving into education, Darren currently manages The Cedars Horticultural Centre at City of Wolverhampton College, where he lectures on a range of garden design and amenity horticulture subjects. He has spent his career creating garden spaces both for private gardens and community garden areas and also runs a garden design consultancy.

This is Darren's fifth show garden to be presented at the BBC Gardeners' World live; winning Silver Gilt (2000), Silver (2006), Bronze (2007) and Silver (2008). Many of these gardens have been co-designed with colleague and lecturer Helen Wood.

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Helen Wood

Garden designer Helen Wood (HND Hort) has spent more than 12 years working in the horticultural industry.

Previously running a successful garden maintenance business, she now uses her experience and extensive plant knowledge in her full-time role as a lecturer at The Cedars Horticulture Centre, City of Wolverhampton College, and in designing domestic and public garden spaces.

Helen has won Silver (2006) and Bronze (2007) RHS medals for show gardens at Gardeners' World live with co-designer Darren Rudge, and in 2008 she was awarded a Silver medal for her 'Dining Room' border at the show.

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