

integrated into the front wheel to ensure maximum traction to the heavily ribbed agri-tyre. With two forward speeds, the wheelbarrow can climb a 12° maximum incline. Main braking is provided by the front disc brake controlled by the hand lever on the steering handles. The wheelbarrow weighs 32.5kg, has three-height-adjustable handles that fold for easy storage. The detachable rear trailing wheels with kick down brake can be adjusted from a width of 480mm to 760mm, which further improves stability and reduces operator effort.

Powered by any of the Makita 18v LXT Lithium-Ion batteries, the new Makita DCU180Z power-assisted wheelbarrow has soft start to ease the load away, constant speed control, twin LED driving lights and locking brake lever for maximum site safety. For site security, an individual ignition lock key is provided. The DCU180Z is a body-only machine, with optional accessories including the pipe frame set and bucket frame set.

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New roots in Warwickshire

Award-winning garden design and landscape company Isola Garden Design has moved to Stoneleigh Park's Rural Innovation Centre, Warwickshire.

Isola Garden Design was founded by James Brash in 2006, and is known for innovative, thoughtful designs in traditional country to contemporary townhouse gardens. Its accolades include a Silver Gilt medal at the Chelsea Flower Show for the build of a rooftop garden with Warwickshire College, and a Gold Medal from the regional heats of the BALI Landscape Skills Competition.

Managing director James said: "The business has evolved significantly over the last decade. We began offering a generalist landscaping service, and soon realised there was a real need for a premium full design and build proposition aimed at the high-end domestic market, outside London.

We have seen the biggest turnaround in the business in the last few years and our rebrand, including a new website has really taken us from strength to strength. We've worked hard to build a strong reputation and people come to us for our comprehensive offering, from design and build through to after-care. Our on-going preservation support is highly regarded by our clients and is a real focus for us this year."

He added: "Gardens are living things and need to be continually cared for. Not only do we want our clients to



enjoy their gardens all year round, we want to ensure their investment is protected. It has been our ambition for some time to move to Stoneleigh Park."

Amy Rogers, manager of the Rural Innovation Centre, said: "Isola is one of Warwickshire's most respected garden design and landscape companies, and is a great addition to the Rural Innovation Centre. Stoneleigh Park is a great fit with its rural setting and focus, and its strong association with land-based organisations, and we look forward to supporting Isola with its further development."

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SGD Awards 2017 winners

At The Society of Garden Designers' sixth annual award ceremony in London, Robert Myers was presented with the Grand Award, Matt Keightley won three awards, and Spanish designer Fernando Caruncho got the Lifetime Achievement Award. In total, 17 designers were presented with awards across 19 categories, including accolades for the best Large Residential Garden, Healing & Learning Garden, International Garden and Roof Garden.

Robert Myers' contemporary playscape (created for the Historic Royal Palace at Hampton Court) was described as 'truly magical' by the judging panel. The garden was also named best Public or Commercial Outdoor Space.

An unanimous decision gave the Judges' Award to Tyre Hill House Garden by Matt Keightley. The panel said the design had 'a clarity, simplicity and purity that was simply beautiful', calling it 'contemporary, peaceful and very, very accomplished.' The garden also won the Planting Award, and was a joint winner in the Medium Residential category with



Ian Kitson. The latter also picked up the award for his Estuary Garden, which also received the Hardscape Award.

Emily Erlam won the Roof Garden Award, Jane Brockbank and Sue Townsend were joint winners of the Garden Jewel Award, and Helen-Elks-Smith won the Small Residential category. Newcomer to the awards Anne Windsor triumphed in the Big Ideas, Small budget category, while Ann-Marie Powell received the Healing or Learning Award, James Basson won the International Award, and Debbie Roberts of Acres Wild won the Large Residential Award.

The Historical Garden Restoration Award was won by Christian Sweet, Carolyn Willitts won the Paper Landscapes Award, and Fiona Stephenson won the People's Choice Award.

Student Sheila Jack won in the Student Design – Domestic category, for two of her submitted projects, and Nicky Burridge, from the London College of Garden Design, won the award for Student Design – Commercial.

The SGD Lifetime Achievement Award was given to international landscape designer and philosopher Fernando Caruncho.

SGD Chair, Sarah Morgan said: "The SGD Awards are all about celebrating the very best in landscape and garden design and recognising the incredible talent being brought to bear across the industry. It's clear from tonight just how much fantastic work is being done within the sector. Each and every one of these awards is richly deserved and I congratulate everyone on their achievements."

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Key Garden Design Trends

Inspiration for garden design trends are found in the award-winning gardens at this year's Society of Garden Designers Awards, which celebrated some of the best landscape and garden design projects.

PLANTER GARDENING

Bold, multi-layered steel planting systems were key features in two of the award-winning gardens at the Society of Garden Designer Awards this year. Designer Emily Erlam used blocks of angular steel planters, filled with plants, shrubs and trees to create a densely planted roof terrace, while Ian Kitson FSGD snaked sculptural Corten steel planters around wooden boardwalks in his design for an estuary garden, with single plant specimens in each.

MONOCHROMATIC GREEN GARDENS

Lush, all-green gardens were evident in two of the award-winning gardens designed by Robert Myers MSGD and Matt Keightley MSGD, with contrasting foliage and textures. Monochromatic foliage creates a perfect backdrop to the bold spherical sculpture in Robert Myers' Magical Garden at Hampton Court, and is the ideal complement to the soft grey landscaping and reflective pool in Matt Keightley's contemporary garden.

SPECIMEN POT PLANTING

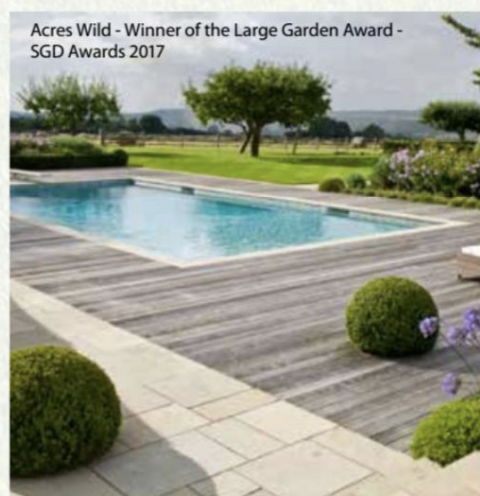
Garden designer Jane Brockbank MSGD bedded plants in individual pots and elevated them centre-stage on a bespoke bench. Set against a custom-made wooden fence, these eye-catching garden exhibits added instant impact to her contemporary garden design, which was joint winner in the 'small residential garden' category.

PINE TAKES CENTRE STAGE

Pine was the feature tree of choice in the winning gardens designed by Matt Keightley MSGD and Emily Erlam. Cloud-forming dwarf Mountain Pines (*Pinus mugo*) planted deep among Mediterranean-style planting were used by Emily Erlam in her design for a London roof garden, while Matt Keightley chose bonsai-form Scots pines (*Pinus sylvestris*) and the slow growing *Pinus sylvestris* wateri in his modern gravel garden.

DECONSTRUCTED TOPIARY

Horticulture met art in the winning gardens by Matt Keightley



Acres Wild - Winner of the Large Garden Award - SGD Awards 2017

MSGD and Debbie Roberts MSGD of Acres Wild with precise placement of sculptural box ball (*Buxus sempervirens*) and mound-form pines (*Pinus sylvestris* wateri).

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