

Designer Biography – Tom Massey

Tom's work has won multiple industry awards and widespread recognition, most recently a gold medal and the BBC People's Choice award at the first and only September Chelsea Flower Show in 2021. Tom is principal designer at Tom Massey Studio based in South West London, where Tom oversees a small team to design gardens for private and commercial clients, as well as for festivals and shows in the UK and overseas. As well as running the design studio, Tom lectures at the London College of Garden Design, based at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, and is an RHS show garden judge in training.

Tom graduated from the London College of Garden Design in July 2015 with distinction and the 'External Judge's Prize'. In January 2016 Tom won both the residential and commercial design categories of the 'Society of Garden Designers - Student Awards'.

In July 2016 Tom was awarded an RHS Gold Medal and 'Best Conceptual Garden' for his first show garden at the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show - The UNHCR 'Border Control' Garden was designed in collaboration with John Ward, for the UN Refugee Agency. Tom returned to RHS Hampton Court in 2017 with a garden for the charity Perennial, which focused on the powerful affect plants can have on mood and well-being and was awarded a silver gilt medal.

Tom designed a large show garden that appeared on Main Avenue at the world renowned RHS Chelsea Flower Show in May 2018. The garden was designed to improve the lives of a community of refugees living in Domiz 1 camp in Northern Kurdish Iraq which Tom visited as part of the design development. Tom was also invited to design a garden for the 2018 Singapore Garden Festival set in the awe-inspiring Gardens by the Bay - the garden 'Precious Land' - received a gold medal and an additional prize for best lighting design. Most recently Tom won a gold medal and BBC People's Choice Award for the Yeo Valley Organic Garden at the first ever September RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 2021. Tom is returning to the Chelsea Flower Show in 2023 with the Royal Entomological Society and Project Giving Back with a garden focussed on insect science.

Released in April 2023 is Tom's first book, Published by Dorling Kindersly and written in close collaboration with the Royal Horticultural Society science team, 'RHS Resilient Garden' is a future focused book grounded in the latest RHS research. It details how to work with nature and adapt your outdoor space to give it the best chance to flourish, using design principles, methods and techniques to support wildlife and promote biodiversity.

RHS Show Medals –

- 2016: Gold and best conceptual garden at RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show - UNHCR 'Border Control' Garden
- 2017: Silver gilt at RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show - Perennial Sanctuary Garden
- 2018: Silver gilt at Chelsea Flower Show - Lemon Tree Trust Garden
- 2018: Gold and best lighting design at Singapore Garden Festival
- 2021: Gold & BBC People's Choice at Chelsea Flower Show - Yeo Valley Organic Garden