

# RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2024

We thank our committee member Suzie Johnson for this month's very interesting article about her visit to the **RHS Chelsea Flower Show**.



I arrived for my second visit to the Royal Horticultural society Chelsea flower show this year with excitement and anticipation for this fabulous annual event. Not only for inspiration for my own garden but also to experience the enthusiasm, positivity and talents of like-minded people on an international scale.

A year of preparation goes into this 5 day event integrating design, propagation, breeding, transportation and displaying.

Mind blowing floral displays from the growers, show gardens by the designers and innovative designs of floral art all including displays for house and garden which did not disappoint.

With my niece and fellow plant enthusiast by my side, both sporting our favourite floral design dresses, we mingled with plenty of sartorially elegant and beautifully groomed Europeans all embracing the subject.

The main theme of the show was sustainability, wild gardens and water conservation and low carbon footprint, all of which were major features of the medal winning gardens.

The grand Pavilion was a convenient shelter as the heavens opened in the afternoon but a perfect place to browse the spectacular floral breeding and art.

My tips for future reference if intending to visit:

- ✓ Try to buy tickets directly from a member. Internet tickets can be double the price.
- ✓ There are plenty of food outlets, but you could take in your own.
- ✓ Comfortable shoes. Not many places to sit.
- ✓ Afternoon sessions can be less crowded as the show goes into the evening every night.

- ✓ I like to book the first day open to members tickets as everyone is so excited.
- ✓ Take extra layers as it got cold when it rained.
- ✓ Only 5 mins walk from Sloan Square tube

Please feel free to ask me any questions if you are going next year.

I thoroughly recommend it.

Suzy Johnson















