

COMPETITION

Breath of fresh air

Fresh Air Squares, a competition launched in April by Team London Bridge and partners to find an attractive and usable pop-up parklet, generated more than 50 innovative entries. The portable micro parks are intended to increase awareness about air quality in the city, and will replace car parking spaces for up to a year. Entries have been narrowed down to a shortlist of four, including the tea terrace

(shown) by design consultancy Atkins, made from recycled plastic crates that feature tea bushes, shrubs and camomile planting. The winning design will be installed on Tooley Street in Southwark in September. teamlondonbridge.co.uk/freshairsquares



TREASURE ISLAND

Robinsonnade in Aire, an island garden featuring a series of nests among luxuriant foliage by Rozenn Duley and Grégory Dubu of A-mar agency, is one of 26 landscaped gardens and 13 installations that can be explored on foot or by boat at this year's Art, Villes & Paysage festival in Amiens. Until 11 October, maisondelaculture-amiens.com



NEW GARDEN

Hunting past treasures

A walled garden, inspired by the plant-hunting trips funded in the 19th century by Veitch Nurseries, has opened at Warren House, Surrey, a conference and events venue that stands on land once part of the Veitch Coombe Wood Nursery. The garden features a concentric design by Andrew Fisher Tomlin, and at its centre

is a *Davidia involucrata*, introduced to Coombe Wood by Ernest Wilson for James Veitch & Sons in 1903. Other Veitch-inspired planting, includes a grove of *Acer griseum*, a spring-flowering bulb meadow, and geometric borders of herbaceous perennials with roses and climbers. Guided tours are planned for the autumn. warrenhouse.com



Notebook

- Andrew Wilson is leading two **short design courses** at RHS Wisley this month: 'Tropical Planting and Planting Design with Annuals', 8 August; and 'Designing for Colour', 20 August. And book now for the two-day course: 'Designing for a Large Garden', 10 October and 7 November. Tel 020 3176 5840; rhs.org.uk/education-learning/courses-workshops
- Glasgow-based artist Sara Baker's large-scale glass, brass and aluminium sculpture, *Patterns*, has been installed as part of the permanent collection at **Jupiter Artland**, Edinburgh, to celebrate the Edinburgh Art Festival. Join her for a tour of the collection and a Q&A session on 22 August. Tel 01506 889900; jupiterartland.org
- A new website, which aims to help people discover **parks in Edinburgh and Glasgow**, is also providing a crowd-funding platform to raise funds for local projects. See mypark.scot
- Book now for the **Garden Museum's autumn** programme of garden visits, including grasses and perennial borders at Sussex Prairies and the renovated plantings at Glyndebourne, 2 September. Tel 020 7401 8865; gardenmuseum.org.uk
- The **'Rethinking the Urban Landscape'** exhibition, which features a range of successful recent urban projects in the UK and beyond, is going on tour. For full list of dates and locations, visit landscapeinstitute.org/news

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