

HorticultureWeek

Bennett's garden designers a big hit in China

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Four British garden designers are among a group of eight from around the world whose gardens being celebrated in China on the opening of the Beijing 2019 International Horticultural Expo.



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Working with his Chinese associate Larry Lee and with support from Mark Gregory of Landform Consultants, [Stephen Bennett attracted expressions of interest](#) and then processed detailed proposals from over 25 applicants, of which seven were selected in Beijing.

The Expo officially opened on 29 April. The four British designers in the group are Gavin McWilliam, Sheena Seeks, Tom Hill and Pippa Probert. All four were flown to China to see the opening of the Expo and to celebrate their gardens.

Others in the group, hosted by Beijing Florascape - the state-owned company responsible for Beijing City's parks and public horticulture - are Ben Hoyle from New Zealand, Charlie Albone from Australia and Claude Pasquer and co-designer Corinne Detroyat from France.

The gardens were constructed and planted by Beijing Florascape on detailed specifications from the designers and have formed an attractive and popular cluster in the 'Horticultural Town' at the Expo.

The Beijing Expo runs from April 29 to October 7 2019.