

## Episode 172 show notes and advice

### Episode description

May is all about the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, and we'll be bringing the abundant beauty of Perch Hill's cutting garden to our trade stand.

That's why in this week's 'grow, cook, eat, arrange', Sarah and Arthur are taking an exciting look forward to our spot at the show, the hard work it's taken to prepare, and highlights of what you can expect to see across the week-long spectacle.

### In this episode, discover:

- How Adam Nicolson's magical design is being brought to life at our stand, inspired by our renowned potting shed from 2017
- Some of the most stunning varieties we'll be bringing with us, and the preparation it's taken to have them ready
- Gardening tips for those with a small urban space, with particular attention for early-flowering plants

### The inspiration behind this year's trade stand (1:30)

Our spot for this year's Chelsea Flower Show allows us a mini-garden which is such an exciting prospect, particularly for Arthur Parkinson whose passion for compact gardening is well documented across the podcast in recent years.

Inspired by our potting shed in 2017, the stand is being designed by Adam Nicolson, and uses plenty of materials which appeal aesthetically, nostalgically, and environmentally.

### Floral highlights (5:30)

Among the flowers you'll see at our stand, many have needed particular attention with regards to timing. The hardy annuals sown in January/February are looking particularly good, with some of the standouts being Calendulas like Indian Prince and Sunset Buff.

Sarah also makes mention of a jovial competition between Josie, Tom and Caroline as to whose Sweet Peas will be the tallest and healthiest - keep an eye out for those if you pay a visit to the stall.

### **A thought on smaller gardens (14:00)**

With such a compact space to work with, it's worth mentioning the importance of presentation, considering that such tips will work wonders for those with a smaller urban garden such as Arthur.

Sarah & Arthur wrap up with a rundown of how the spectacle will come together, so be sure to swing by at Chelsea to indulge in the stunning selection on show this year.