

Shows and Festivals Flowers, plants & biophilia

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May is busting out all over with flowers, plants & biophilia! You can't have missed the fact that it's The RHS Chelsea Flower Show this week. You may also be aware that it has seen the start of the Chelsea Fringe with pop-up events taking part all over London and beyond. Add to that Clerkenwell Design Week where the buzz word this year seems to be biophilia and you'll realise that plants, flowers and all things nature aren't far from everyone's lips.

A little overview: the perfect office

You can't have missed Indoor Garden Design's home office created at Chelsea with IKEA which won a Silver Gilt medal. Not only does this office look amazing - I'd be happy to work there - but it seems the media love it too.



Some of the styling was picked up by Jane Perrone for her article in the Guardian yesterday. You can [read the article here](#).



And this afternoon you can see Ian Drummond interviewed in the office by James Wong for the [BBC's coverage of Chelsea](#). That's at 3.45 this afternoon. If the timing's bad for you, you will be able to catch it later on iplayer.



Green walls everywhere

Meanwhile still at Chelsea, Biotope has built three beautiful green walls. They may not all look quite like those you would find in an office, but they are magnificent, none the less.

The first can be spotted as the backdrop on the Embroidered Minds Epilepsy Garden, a silver gilt artisan garden at Chelsea.



Garden designer Katie Crome with Kirsty Alsopp in front of the wall

They also provided this beauty on the Bowles Wyer stand for sculptor, H Mackie.



And finally, the 80 sq m green wall for the Rock Bank Restaurant at the show.



Last but by no means least, Plant Designs supplied the beautiful orchids for the Octavia Foundation.



Biophilia, green walls and the CDW Festival

Meanwhile over at the Clerkenwell Design Festival, Biotecture were busy again at Interface. They unveiled their new Active AIR living wall alongside Oliver Heath as they ran a workshop and panel discussion with industry leaders showing how this can harness the power of plants to enrich and clean the air.

Biotecture, Oliver Heath and Interface are all core partners for the BRE Biophilic Office Project.





Armando Raish from Biotecture

Biophilia - Love of Life

This ninth annual Clerkenwell Design Festival has been visited by 37,000 designers, makers and thinkers this week. Its cutting edge designs are known to push boundaries and this year, biophilia seems to be THE buzz word.



The green wall installed and maintained by Plant Designs at Koleksiyon

In fact Plant Designs used this topic as their focus for a presentation at Koleksiyon explaining that biophilia literally means love of life and how their green wall benefits all who work in or visit the space. You can [read more about this on their blog](#).



... And biodiversity

Meanwhile over at NomiQue Seating, Scotscape were waxing lyrical about green walls and sustainable landscaping promoting biodiversity, health and wellbeing.



Geraniums at the Chelsea Fringe

At Zetter Townhouse, Garden Designer Claudia de Yong with Ian Drummond has designed a stunning door frame with geraniums.



Ian and Claudia with their Geranium Arch



Additional horticultural elements of ivy and box, interwoven with aged, vintage wood and some playful animal sculptures give an eccentric twist befitting this remarkable townhouse, according to [McQueen's blog](#).

Well done everyone. Now have we miss anyone or anything?

