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FROM MELBOURNE'S  
FLOWER AND  
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# Midas touch

**S**nuggle season is upon us so we've devoted this issue to all things comforting and colourful, preparing to stare down winter and embrace the nesting it demands. Colour is a proven mood changer and, with our featured homes leading the charge, we unveil wonderful combinations, design ideas and eye-catching homewares to put a spring in your step and some energy into your home.

Bedrooms are the focus of the lead decorating story, and here I must acknowledge writer Margaret Wise Brown and illustrator Clement Hurd, creators of a favourite bedtime book in our home, *Goodnight Moon* (\$9.95, Baker & Taylor USA). Published in 1947 and reprinted countless times, it inspired our lovely bedding feature (page 49), styled by Vanessa Colyer Tay, and will surely prompt you to cosy up your boudoir.

The autumn leaves were certainly falling at the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show last month, and the *H&G* team is still on a high after our show garden won a gold medal. The talented crew at Eckersley Garden Architecture embraced our brief to create a place for people to meet and mingle and designed a garden that drew inspiration from, and attention to, the Neighbour Day cause. See our coverage on page 151.

From MIFGS gold to tradie gold... As you might imagine, we've amassed a large number of contacts over the years here at *H&G* and we've decided it's time to share them. This month we kick off a four-part series focusing on various segments of the home-improvement industry. Painters and decorators are first up, nicely timed for this, our colour issue. Features writer Sarah Pickette and regular contributor Georgia Madden have done a fantastic job pulling together the line-up from the pages of *H&G*, awards lists and industry recommendations. We have listed businesses right across the country, from Enviropainters to heritage specialists to paint-effects whizzes. If you think we've overlooked someone worthy of a mention, please send in their details and we'll add them to our contact book for future reference. A professional tradesperson is worth their weight in gold.

Lisa

EDITOR IN CHIEF



**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THE NINE GORGEOUS ROBERT PLUMB LETTERBOXES THAT FEATURED IN *H&G*'S SHOW GARDEN AT THE MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW. SEE PAGE 93 FOR ENTRY DETAILS.**

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## Helen Young

H&G GARDENING EXPERT

Helen was thrilled to report from this year's Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show (page 151). "It was the best show to date and the 'Connections' garden, sponsored by *H&G*, was a great opportunity to meet readers."



## Nicole Haddow

STYLIST

A first-time *H&G* contributor, Nicole writes about the flurry of activity and investment in the homewares market (page 99). "I adore homewares and it was fascinating to learn about the economic reasons for the shift."



# A CELEBRATORY GARDEN PARTY

*The Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show was the perfect backdrop for a party to mark H&G's 65th birthday, celebrate our gold medal garden and highlight Neighbour Day. Reader Samantha Chant won H&G's Neighbour Day competition, and flew in to claim the \$5000 prize to share with her neighbours at Redland Bay, Queensland.*



H&G INSIDER

**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT** H&G editor in chief Lisa Green (centre) with Neighbour Day founder Andrew Heslop and competition winner, Samantha Chant. Andrew and long-time neighbour Joan Nicholas. H&G gardening expert Helen Young (left) with Sarah Appieford from Eckersley Garden Architecture.



Guests dined on canapes from H&G's 65th anniversary issue garden party menu and sipped delicious Duval Leroy Champagne. **ABOVE, FROM LEFT** Kobi Trickett from Reece, sponsor of the party, with Alyssa Simpson from Bauer Media. Cathrine Wahl and Mahesh Ross from Natio with Bethany Hickman from Bauer Media. The talented designers of the H&G show garden: Scott Leung and Myles Broad from Eckersley Garden Architecture.

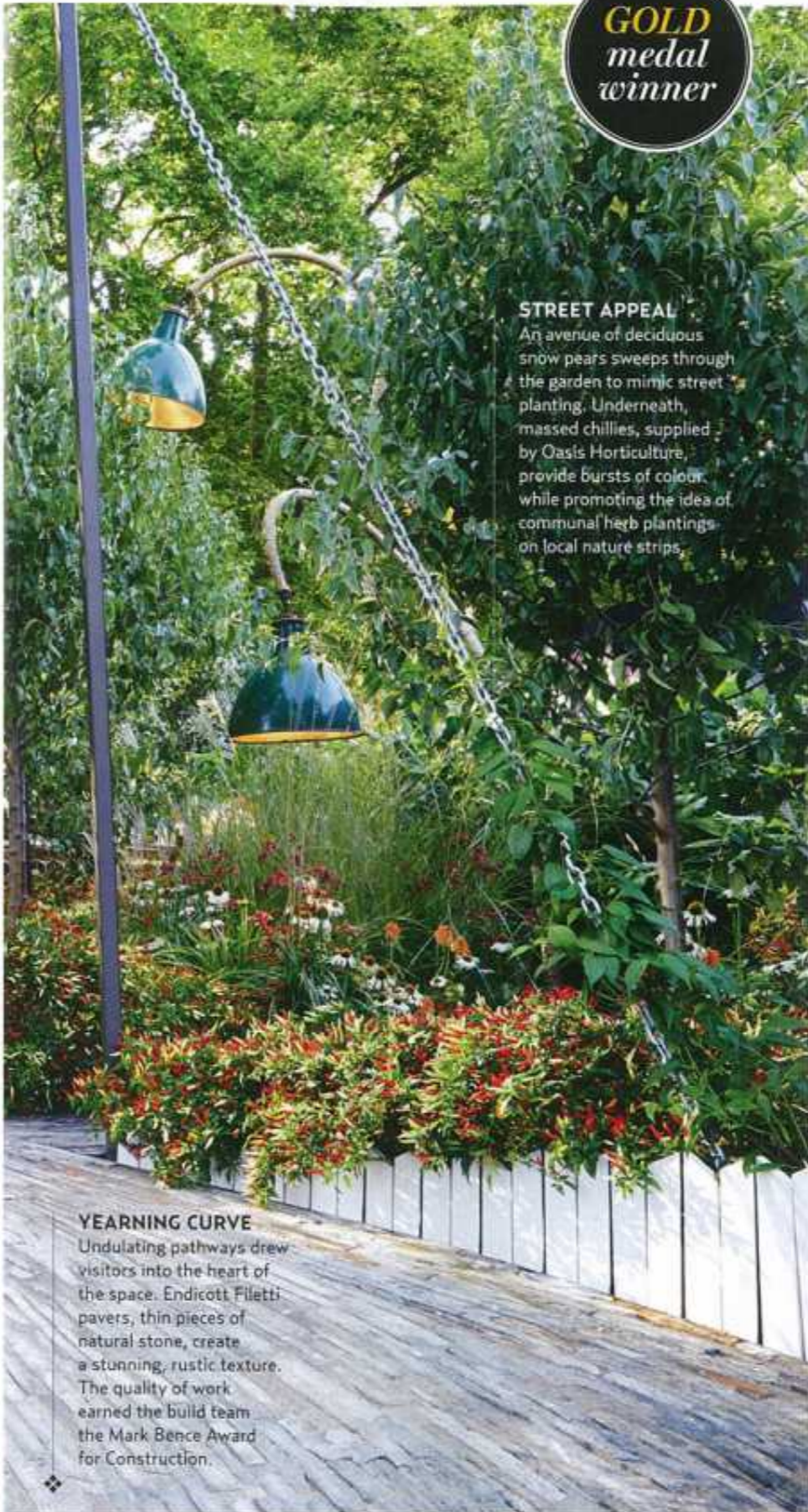


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**DESIGNERS** Myles Broad (left) and Scott Leung, Eckersley Garden Architecture

**STREET APPEAL**  
An avenue of deciduous snow pears sweeps through the garden to mimic street planting. Underneath, massed chillies, supplied by Oasis Horticulture, provide bursts of colour, while promoting the idea of communal herb plantings on local nature strips.

**Connections**

**For Australian House & Garden**  
Australian House & Garden's 'Connections' garden, a collaboration with Eckersley Garden Architecture, pulled in the crowds with its playful, adventurous design. Inspired by the annual Neighbour Day event and its mission to bring communities together, our garden was designed as a place where people could gather and connect. Visitors were invited to explore it up close via three entry paths converging at the central space. A row of bright-hued letterboxes reinforces the idea that this garden is a gathering spot for neighbours. The canopy of rope and chain, a less formal interpretation of a pergola, symbolises the way our lives interconnect. "It is a sculptural but functional garden that we hope will inspire people to think about how we might transition to communal gathering spaces in the future," says designer Myles Broad.  
Eckersley Garden Architecture;  
(03) 9421 5537 or [www.e-ga.com.au](http://www.e-ga.com.au).

**YEARNING CURVE**  
Undulating pathways drew visitors into the heart of the space. Endicott Filetti pavers, thin pieces of natural stone, create a stunning, rustic texture. The quality of work earned the build team the Mark Bence Award for Construction.





### Honour roll

Australian House & Garden and Eckersley Garden Architecture would like to thank the following companies for their generous support of the 'Connections' garden.

- ❖ Oasis Horticulture
- ❖ Turf Australia
- ❖ Robert Plumb
- ❖ Dulux
- ❖ Ash Allen Furniture Design
- ❖ MOJO
- ❖ Burdett's
- ❖ Campbell Family Landscaping
- ❖ Speciality Trees
- ❖ Eco Outdoor
- ❖ H Scapes Landscape Construction & Design
- ❖ Smith & Gordon
- ❖ Bunnings



### FACT FILE

- ❖ Endicott Filetti stone paving, Eco Outdoor.
  - ❖ Lionheart steel-mesh stools, Ash Allen.
  - ❖ Maxi Pod stackable outdoor cushions, MOJO.
  - ❖ Hemp rope canopy supported by steel arches and chains.
  - ❖ Letterboxes and fire pit, Robert Plumb.
  - ❖ Boundary screens in Dulux Design Chalkboard paint.
  - ❖ For more information about Neighbour Day; [www.neighbourday.org](http://www.neighbourday.org).
- KEY PLANTS
- ❖ Snow pears (*Pyrus nivalis*).
  - ❖ 'Basket of Fire' chillies.
  - ❖ Chilean jasmine (*Mandevilla laxa*).
  - ❖ Coneflowers (*Echinacea*).
  - ❖ Ornamental grasses (*Miscanthus* and *Calamagrostis*).
  - ❖ Tall fescue lawn, supplied by Turf Australia. >



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