Subject: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by b_twin_1 on Thu, 03 Jun 2010 01:01:26 GMT
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Flowers.... and more flowers!

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by Melissa Mead on Thu, 03 Jun 2010 01:08:05 GMT
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That's AMAZING! I was thinking of something like our local Garden and Flower Show, which fits in a Community College athletics building.

That's stunning.

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by L.R.K. on Thu, 03 Jun 2010 02:10:08 GMT
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Goodness, you nearly made me want to start gardening! (No, ask my plants...)

Anyway, thanks for sharing your tour with us, AJLR - truly lovely. (And doing it from here has the advantage of not getting sore feet... :))

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by Fake Frenchie on Thu, 03 Jun 2010 05:21:26 GMT
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Pretty Pictures! I want some iris. They are supposed to bloom in June.

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by Diane in MN on Thu, 03 Jun 2010 05:22:18 GMT
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What a beautiful show--worth tired feet to attend! Thanks for the pictures--I really liked the lavender display. I love that color in a garden.

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by AJLR on Thu, 03 Jun 2010 15:47:48 GMT
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I'm glad you like the pictures. Mind you, images in two dimensions can never give one the full sensory impact of the real plants, can they. But as said above, at least you don't have to cope with the aching feet this way, either. I was glad to sit down, on the train going home. :)

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by AJLR on Thu, 03 Jun 2010 15:53:00 GMT
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Fake Frenchie wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 06:21Pretty Pictures! I want some iris. They are supposed to bloom in June.
Well, if you fancy a quick trip south of Paris, you have the notable Cayeux Iris people. They sell some lovely ones and they also do mail-order. I'm contemplating getting some of theirs myself.

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by bonniebythepeak on Thu, 03 Jun 2010 19:04:25 GMT
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Thanks for sharing! Reminds me of my mother who always has something blooming. The big black bowl water feature was so mesmerizing.

Thanks!

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by Fake Frenchie on Fri, 04 Jun 2010 05:16:10 GMT
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AJLR wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 17:53Fake Frenchie wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 06:21Pretty Pictures! I want some iris. They are supposed to bloom in June.
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Oh Oh Oh! I didn't know there were so many iris. Thanks for the link, AJLR.

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by Robin on Sun, 06 Jun 2010 14:05:57 GMT
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Yes. The photos ALMOST make me sorry I didn't go. :) (There's always Hampton Court . . .) I am for example extremely fond of delphiniums (yes, I know, with the rest of the cottage-garden world :)) and standing next to a delphinium forest is heavenly. (Mine are for some reason doing unusually well this year--SO FAR--well except for the two that didn't make it through the winter--never mind, EXCUSE TO BUY MORE.)

WHAT IS THE *NAME* OF THAT ROSE, you irresponsible person???

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by AJLR on Mon, 07 Jun 2010 14:11:57 GMT
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Robin wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 15:05WHAT IS THE *NAME* OF THAT ROSE, you irresponsible person???
:) I *think* it's Antique (http://classicroses.co.uk/products/roses/antique/), but unfortunately my reference system isn't playing properly. I've put a query on the PB forum, to see if anyone can confirm one way or another.

Hampton Court, yes, well... (I definitely need a second income-stream). :)

How are you keeping the slugs away from your delphiniums? And are the surviving ones in the ground or in pots? I've got a 'Black Knight' growing in a pot because that's the only way I can keep the accursed molluscs at bay.

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by claning on Mon, 07 Jun 2010 17:07:21 GMT
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Robin wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 10:05I am for example extremely fond of delphiniums (yes, I know, with the rest of the cottage-garden world :)) and standing next to a delphinium forest is heavenly.

My neighbors grew delphiniums one year and, as I passed them coming home one evening, I was

transfixed with wonder to see a sphinx moth* sipping nectar from the blossoms. I'd never seen one before, though I'd heard of them.

*They are big moths -- though rather drably colored -- and they HOVER, just like a hummingbird. Weird and wonderful.

Subject: Re: Chelsea Flower Show - guest post by AJLR
Posted by Robin on Mon, 07 Jun 2010 19:00:09 GMT
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Oh, Antique! Yes, I grew her at the old house. The way the pink bleeds into the white varies A LOT from rose to rose and I wasn't happy with mine--too much like Handel (everyone's favourite rose but mine).

COPPER RINGS. The wonder gadget. The thing about copper is slugs don't like it, so it's not JUST a physical barrier like plastic rings are, which you have to position precisely or the slugs get in anyway like rabbits under a fence. And by the time your delphs or whatever get big enough to flop out over the top they should be big enough not to be slugs' fave any more. Well, it works a treat for me. I do find with something I grow against a wall (dahlias more than delphs) it's a good idea to put a copper strip (ie unringed ring) against the wall.