



autumn 2024

NEWSLETTER

PFGD NEWS

Welcome to the first Painted Fern Garden Design newsletter.

This year has been a busy one so far. In the first half of the year we were at the Gardeners' World Spring Fair in Beaulieu with our Beautiful Border design. We were delighted to have achieved both a Gold and Best Interpretation of Theme awards.

In between this and working on client projects we also designed and installed a new Painted Fern Garden Design studio which enables clients to visit us to see materials or plants first hand.



Gold and Best Interpretation of Theme Awards

STAR PLANT

Lespedeza thunbergii



AUTUMN GARDEN TASKS

- Regularly sweep up leaves from steps, paths and lawns. Fallen leaves can remain on borders as they will break down and act as a feed for plants
- Start planting bulbs. Most spring flowering bulbs can be planted over the next few weeks. Make a hole three times the height of the bulb, pop the bulb in the hole (pointy end upwards) and firm back soil. Tulips should be planted in November to avoid a disease called Tulip Fire which can weaken and kill the bulb
- Transplant evergreen shrubs in the wrong position now. Ensure they are kept well watered and are not allowed to dry out from cold, drying winds
- Ensure dead and dying foliage is removed from around ponds and cover with mesh if at risk from falling leaves
- Now is a good time to add new planting to your garden as temperatures are cooler, but plants are still growing so will put down good roots. Ensure new planting is kept well watered

GARDEN TO VISIT

Winkworth Arboretum
Hascombe Road
Godalming, Surrey,
GU8 4AD

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/surrey/winkworth-arboretum>

TO TRY AT HOME

Build a hibernaculum for wildlife to overwinter in.

Choose a spot that gets sun during the day and is away from winds. Dig a hole 60cm deep and 1.2m wide. Add 10cm of sand or gravel to the base of the hole. Next add an insulating layer of leaves or straw before adding rocks, bricks or concrete blocks, ensuring they are firmly stacked. Now add a layer of logs and branches and finally top off with soil and leaves. A small piece of pipe can be used as the entry and exit point.

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