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# GARDENS

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International Garden Festival, Quebec



International Garden Festival, Chaumont



RHS Chelsea Flower Show

## Top design shows 2008

Visit garden shows for inspiration, to keep on top of design trends and source new materials. Here is our choice of the most innovative in the world

### CORNERSTONE FESTIVAL OF GARDENS, SONOMA, CALIFORNIA, USA

*All year round*  
Park with contemporary gardens by designers from around the world, including Oehme, van Sweden & Associates, Topher Delaney, Pamela Burton and Planet Horticulture duo David McCrory and Roger Raiche.

- Admission \$5
- [www.cornerstonegardens.com](http://www.cornerstonegardens.com)
- Tel +1 707 933 3010

### INTERNATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL, CHAUMONT, FRANCE

*30 April-19 October*  
This park designed by Jacques Wirtz holds 26 contemporary gardens all summer. Some can be outlandish but all are thought-provoking and intended to display ideas you can take home. This year's theme is 'Sharing the Garden'.

- Admission €9
- [www.chaumont-jardin.com](http://www.chaumont-jardin.com)
- Tel +33 254 209922

### RHS CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW, LONDON, UK

*20-24 May*  
The UK's oldest and most popular show, which attracts big-name designers. This year Andy Sturgeon, Arabella Lennox-Boyd and Tom Stuart-Smith will be vying for Best In Show. (See *Design News* for more details). There's also plenty for plant-lovers, too.

- Admission, £13-£46
- [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)
- Tel 0870 906 3781

### BILBAO JARDIN, SPAIN

*Throughout June and July*  
20 contemporary gardens are temporarily built in public places across the city, maps are available online. Debuted last year to great acclaim.

- Admission free
- [www.bilbaojardin.com](http://www.bilbaojardin.com)
- Tel +34 94 6790488

# Plant fairs 2008

Flower shows around Europe are the place for discovering plant combinations, colour trends and new introductions as well as finding interesting products and design ideas.



## KEUKENHOF FESTIVAL OF BULBS

Netherlands. 20 March-18 May.

- [www.keukenhof.nl](http://www.keukenhof.nl)
- Tel +31 252 465 555

## FÊTES DES PLANTES VIVACES

Saint-Jean de Beauregard, France.

11-13 April and 7-9 November.

- [www.domsaintjeanbeauregard.com](http://www.domsaintjeanbeauregard.com)
- Tel +33 1 60 12 00 01

## FÊTE DES PLANTS ET DU JARDIN

Ancienne abbaye d'Aywiers, Belgium.

3-4 May and 4-5 October.

- [www.aywiers.be](http://www.aywiers.be)
- [aywiers@skynet.be](mailto:aywiers@skynet.be)

## MALVERN SPRING SHOW

Worcestershire, UK.

8-11 May.

- [www.threecounties.co.uk](http://www.threecounties.co.uk)
- Tel 01684 584900-

## BEERVELDE GARDEN DAYS

Beervelde, Belgium. 9-11 May and 10-12 October.

- [www.parkvanbeervelde.be](http://www.parkvanbeervelde.be)
- Tel +32 9 356 81 82

## JOURNÉES DES PLANTES

Courson, France. 16-18 May and 17-19 October.

- [www.domaine-de-courson.fr](http://www.domaine-de-courson.fr)
- Tel +33 1 64 58 90 12

## HEX FESTIVAL OF RARE PLANTS

Belgium. Roses and kitchen garden plants. 6-8 June and 13-14 September.

- [www.hex.be](http://www.hex.be)
- Tel +32 127 47341

## BBC GARDENERS' WORLD LIVE

Birmingham NEC, UK. 11-15 June.

- [www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com](http://www.bbcgardenersworldlive.com)
- Tel 0870 040 0370

## BINGERDEN INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIST NURSERY DAYS

20-22 June 2008, Huis Bingerden, near Arnhem, The Netherlands.

- [www.bingerden.com](http://www.bingerden.com)
- Tel +31 313 48 28 24

## RHS HAMPTON COURT PALACE FLOWER SHOW

Surrey, UK. 8-13 July.

- [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)
- Tel 0870 906 3791

## ELLERSLIE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

will move from Auckland to Christchurch, New Zealand for 2008. Dates tbc.

- [www.ellerslieflowershow.co.nz](http://www.ellerslieflowershow.co.nz)

*Note: all dates were correct as we went to press, but we advise readers to check with show organisers before travelling.*



## INTERNATIONAL GARDEN FESTIVAL, REFORG GARDENS, GRAND-MÉTIS, QUEBEC, CANADA

21 June-5 October

Attracts an international and experimental set of designers. With 19 gardens, including four new for 2008.

- Admission CAN\$16 or CAN\$45 for a whole season pass
- [www.jardinsmetis.com/english/festival](http://www.jardinsmetis.com/english/festival)
- Tel +1 418 775 2222

## CASA FOA, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

October/November (tbc)

A contemporary interior and exterior design show, exploding with young talent, and including fresh work from the likes of landscape designer Cristina Mehauté. The organisers renovate a run-down building each year for use as the show's venue; keep an eye on the website for details.

- Admission 20 pesos
- [www.casafoa.com](http://www.casafoa.com)
- Tel +54 11 4776 6000