

## 'Adventures in Gardening'

### Hillier at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2010

In partnership with The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company

Hillier Nurseries are gearing up for another Chelsea adventure, the pinnacle of the gardening year. On the quest for their 65<sup>th</sup> consecutive Chelsea Gold medal, the team are led by intrepid gardening adventurer, Andrew McIndoe, the designer of this year's Hillier Exhibit 'Adventures in Gardening' and the first non-family member to lead the company as Managing Director.



Hillier's Plant Show Manager is well into his tricky adventure with the vagaries of the British weather, battling a Spring of low light levels and unusually cold temperatures to bring over 3000 trees and plants to Chelsea in pristine condition. "**Gardening is an Adventure is our message for Chelsea 2010,**" says Andy McIndoe, and with even the shirts for the Hillier team supplied by adventure-wear specialists Craghoppers this year, Hillier are clearly living the message!

### The Garden Design – 'Adventures in Gardening'

Andy's Chelsea design 2010 comprises a series of interlinking gardens inspired by the colours and imagery of Venice, Morocco, the Himalayas, the water's edge and woodland glades. Andy hopes to instil a sense of gardening as a voyage of discovery and give the gardening public fresh inspiration to take home. '**Adventures in Gardening**' is all about the essence of gardening – how to create a picture, another world that transports the gardener to a different land, putting plants together to achieve exciting combinations of colour, texture and form. Whilst many of the plants in the Hillier Garden are familiar hardy trees, shrubs and perennials, they are magically woven together into something new, exciting and inspiring. And in the **Secret Garden Diary Room**, visitors will be invited to share their own gardening adventures on film.



**Venetian Adventure:** A masked ball provides the inspiration for this sophisticated scheme with planting in rich Venetian colours - deep plum purple, dark sapphire blue, crimson, cerise pink, burnt orange and black with hints of metallic gold and silver.

**Moroccan Magic:** Deep red terracotta render conjures images of the red walls of Marrakech; bright blue, orange and yellow echo the vibrant hues of Jardin Majorelle; whilst silver foliage and aromatic pines suggest hot, arid conditions. This is a garden for hot summer days and romantic, starry Arabian Nights.

**Indian Intrigue:** English gardens owe much to the flora of the Himalayas and the great plant hunters, and this garden is a plant collector's treasure chest, celebrating some of the gems of the plant world that can be grown by any gardener with a passion for plants.

**White Water:** The illusion of space is created using the dimension of height and depth, and a limited colour palette. You experience the cool, calm effect of green and white planting around still and moving water crossed by stepping stones.

**Sylvan Spirit:** This woodland trail showcases the beauty of slender trees and the plants that thrive in their shadows. The pale bark of birches brings light to the shade, whilst the variety of colour and form of foliage can transform the lower layer of planting with or without flowers. This planting picture could be used for a small shaded town garden or a much larger country plot.

