

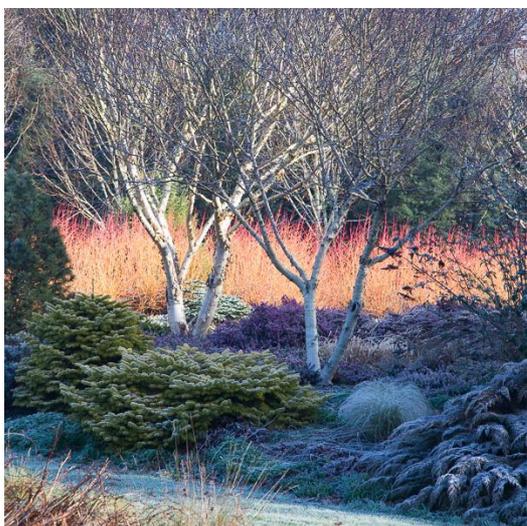
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- ❖ Richard Bloom won 1st place in the 'Beautiful Gardens' category for the International Garden Photographer of the Year (IGPOTY) 2019. This is another major award by IGPOTY, who in 2016 also gave Richard the most prestigious award as International Garden Photographer of the Year ... considered the most outstanding among the 23,000 entrants from across the world. That winning picture was taken early one sunny morning in South Island, New Zealand...



Richard Bloom's winning image for the 2019 IGPOTY 'Beautiful Gardens' category taken in the Summer Garden.

- ❖ Richard didn't need to go quite so far this time... in fact just down the road from his home, to the Bressingham Gardens! The winning photograph was taken early one autumn morning as the sun came up over an area known as the Summer Garden. Richard's father Adrian Bloom has recently re-designed and replanted this large bed with mostly perennials and grasses. Richard caught the light flooding across the plumes and heads of autumn plants, a group of conifers in the background.



The Winter Garden

- ❖ All change for winter! Now the garden that shows how much colour you can have in the winter and early spring – long part of Adrian's design principles for a year-round garden. Conifers come into their own in winter and they are very much part of both gardens. The Winter Garden is one of the finest in England and allied to Adrian Bloom's Foggy Bottom Garden; both are now open through the rest of February to the 28th March. At the end of March the full offer of Bressingham Steam and Gardens will begin for 2019.



- ❖ Gardeners from France and Germany have visited so far this winter, as well as an assistant producer of BBC Gardener's World, Claire Johnson. And so at the end of February or early March, depending on the weather (which as we know can be either spring-like or like last year's 'Beast from the East'!), BBC presenter Carol Klein will arrive with the BBC team to record the colour and plants in the winter garden and Foggy Bottom.



Carol Klein will return to the Bressingham Gardens following her visit with BBC Gardener's World last summer

- ❖ We can expect some reaction from many viewers who are not aware of how much drama plants can create in winter. The aptly named *Cornus* 'Midwinter Fire' just glows, on dull days as well as sunny. We're sure that after people watch the programme they will be coming to see for themselves...



- ❖ so why not beat the rush and come along beforehand? The BBC Gardener's World programme is expected to broadcast on the 8th of March.

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