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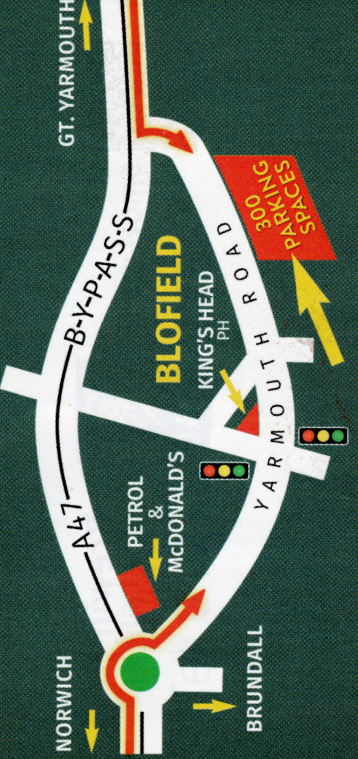
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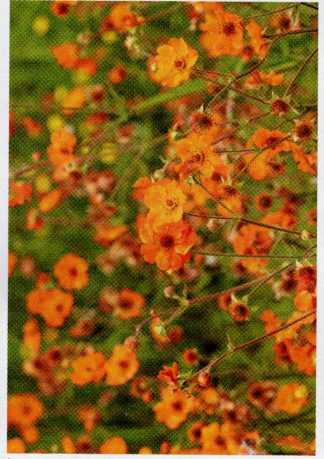
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## Outdoor Living CUTTINGS

Green-fingered news, seasonal tips and finds



Salvia nemorosa 'Caradonna'



Geum 'Totally Tangerine'

### Putting on a show

Fancy adding a dash of Chelsea to your garden and beefing up your borders for early summer? We asked Norfolk based garden designer Sam Outing, who is designing and project managing the RHS-branded site planting at this year's RHS Chelsea Flower Show, to share a few of his favourite late-May/ June pollinator favourites.

### Two to view

Eight varied and interesting gardens in Brinton will open their gates to the public on 15 June (1pm to 6pm), raising funds towards a community warm space in the parish church, St Andrew's. Only four miles from Holt, this pretty village is something of a hidden gem with some lovely Georgian architecture. Explore the well-known gardens at Brinton Hall, where you can also enjoy teas and homemade cakes, stock up at the plant sale, view gardens from cottage to farmhouse style, and learn more about local history at the church. Entry/map £5. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome.

[www.opengardens.co.uk](http://www.opengardens.co.uk)

The beautiful gardens at Wiveton Hall are open to the public for the season. Opt for one of the popular guided tours with owner Desmond MacCarthy on 28 May, 18 June, 23 July or 27 August (11am, £20) or go for the self-guided option (April to October daily, £5). Dogs on leads welcome; pre-booking required.

[www.wivetonhall.co.uk](http://www.wivetonhall.co.uk)



Verbena bonariensis paired with Geranium Rozanne

'For me, it's such a privilege so early on in my career to be involved in such a prestigious project,' Sam tells me. 'My whole design philosophy is there's no reason why a garden can't be equally beautiful and stimulating whilst also being environmentally impactful, and that's a huge part of what Chelsea and the RHS stand for. The design's focus is on pollinator-friendly, high-impact plants which are at their peak in late May - I aim to give pockets of interest and inspiration for visitors, whilst also acting as a backdrop to the main event.'

Without giving too much away, Sam's responsibilities at Chelsea include the planters and containers throughout the site, The RHS Experience planting and borders which weave through the show, which runs from 20 to 24 May.

Sam is a recent graduate of the Norfolk School of Gardening, whose founder, Ruth Darrah, is one of the Norfolk friends who will be amongst his army of volunteers helping to

make it all happen in SW3. 'It's really great to have the Norfolk School of Gardening involved in Chelsea because they've been a huge part of my career.'  
[www.samoutinggardensdesigns.com/chelsea2025](http://www.samoutinggardensdesigns.com/chelsea2025); [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)

### SAM'S EARLY SUMMER STUNNERS

**Front of border:** Stachys byzantina  
**Middle border:** Geraniums, a classic 'good doer' like Rozanne or 'Nimbus' (slightly smaller, less neon petals); Centranthus ruber 'Albus'  
**Back of border:** Bronze fennel; Acanthus mollis; Verbena bonariensis  
**Perfect pot:** Erigeron karvinskianus, Geranium phaeum, Centranthus ruber 'Albus' and Helenium 'Moerheim Beauty'

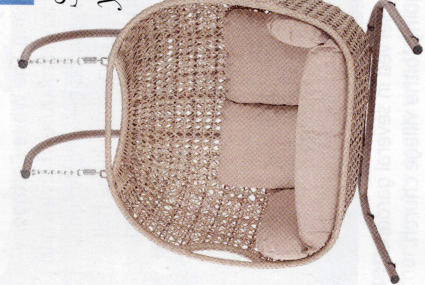
### Show-stopping combo:

Salvia nemorosa 'Caradonna' with Geum 'Totally Tangerine' - beautiful contrasting colours, perfect in containers and borders

### Hot seats

Sit back and enjoy your handiwork!

LEFT: BRAMBLECREST CHEDWORTH DOUBLE COCON CHAIR IN SANDSTONE WITH SEASON PROOF CUSHIONS £699, Norwich Camping & Leisure; [www.norwichcamping.co.uk](http://www.norwichcamping.co.uk)



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