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**THE POETRY LOVER'S GARDEN***Fiona Cadwallader (Pre-Registered Member)***FIONA'S GARDEN**

**SOUNDS** like the sort of place we'd all like to spend some time in and is certain to be a crowd-pleaser. Artisan gardens tend to be

more traditionally styled and this garden is no exception, but it will also contain some striking modern elements in the form of a stainless steel water feature and curvaceous chaise longue. These pieces have been designed by Fiona herself, who has a multi-disciplinary background in architectural interiors and fine art.

The garden is inspired by the poem, 'This Lime-Tree Bower my Prison', by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. The gist is that an injury prevents the poet from enjoying his friends' company in the countryside and he is relegated to spending time in the lime bower, which he views as a prison. Of course, by the end he no longer imagines himself captive, as he is seduced by the nature of his surroundings. This

concept provides the chance to create a tranquil retreat where the client can enjoy a calm moment after work.

Fiona appears to be a bit of a polymath; in addition to her architectural background, she is a Cambridge English graduate and, unsurprisingly, a lover of poetry, "so it was not a huge leap for me to want to design a garden inspired by the words of one of our most famous poets".

Despite not being able to find a sponsor, Chelsea-first-timer Fiona is focused on the positive, "because the idea was entirely my own, the garden is not tied to any branding theme and I have been given great support from the RHS and Landform".

Fiona is also literally breaking new ground on a never-before-used part of the grounds called Plateau Way and will be working with a budget of around £80,000.

Overall Fiona is quite relaxed about the show. "Perhaps the advantage of being a novice is that you aren't necessarily aware of all the things that you should be worrying about before they actually happen."



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