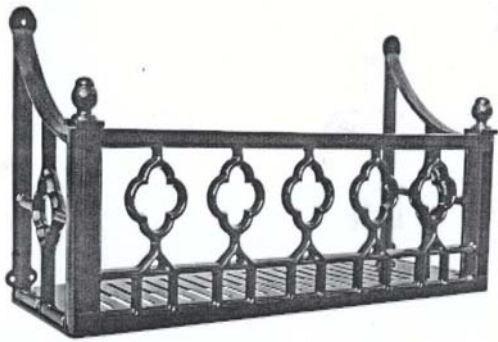


Iron and Stone Window Box in RHS Balcony Gardens Award



An Iron and Stone Regency style window box formed the focal point of the award winning balcony garden entry “*Scents and Simplicity*” at the first RHS Show of the year in the Horticultural Halls, London.

The concept behind the competition was to design a balcony created with materials and plants sourced from within 20 miles of the Horticultural Halls with the aim of promoting local sourcing and low carbon gardening.

First year garden design students Nikki Balderson, Karen Blight and Soraya Brown from the Merrist Wood campus of Guildford College based their balcony around a Jane Austen theme. Their balcony garden included the Regency style **Iron and Stone Window Box** with traditional English scented garden plants and an archway behind and was designed with the lady gardener in mind.

Seen by 10,000 visitors the Scents and Simplicity balcony garden won a Silver Medal and also took the “Peoples’ Choice” Award. RHS Show Organiser Tim Oakland said: “*Visitors vole at the show and this balcony won by a substantial number of votes.*”

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