

Amateur gardeners face a public vote to see designs in Olympic Park

They're growing for gold

By **Miles Erwin**

YOU may have missed the boat when it comes to running for glory in 2012 but you can still be a key part of London's Olympic dream.

You can now have a say on which amateur gardener will see his or her design take pride of place in the Olympic Park.

A nationwide search has been whittled down to 12 finalists in two categories, under-16s and adults.

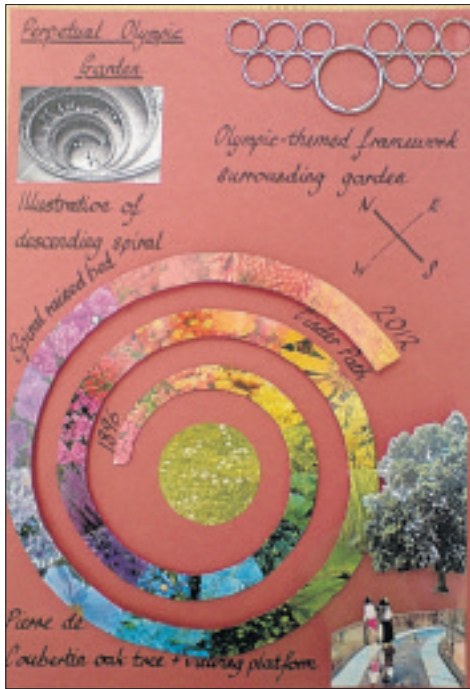
Among the designs are one that features a tent that people can stay in to watch animals, and a canoe trail.

'We can't wait to get to work with the winners and our designers to develop the winning ideas within the stunning parklands we are now building,' said Olympic Development Agency spokesman John Hopkins.

Olympics minister Tessa Jowell said the shortlist reflected 'the traditions and quirks of British gardens, from Tudor roses to garden gnomes'.

'It was exciting to see so many good entries for what is a unique chance for the general public to shape part of the Olympic Park,' she added.

Cast your vote at www.rhs.org.uk/Competitions/Great-British-Garden-Competition



Seeds of success: These garden designs by (from left) Rachel Read, Susan Summers and Emma Graham have made it through to the final



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