

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW 1993

Sword of Excellence

Garden Designer **Julie Toll** and I met when I was making nature radio programmes fronted by Timmy Mallett for BBC School Radio. I met Julie at a dinner party when I was looking for a location to create a wildlife garden. Julie was employed by a construction company and allowed us to use their show garden for the programmes. Several collaborations included a wildlife garden at Chelsea but when Julie started on her Seaside Garden and saw my ropework I put down my recording gear and started creating. The Garden was a really exciting project and Julie's skill and knowledge a pleasure to watch. Julie won the highest award. We were on prime time television. The garden was way ahead of its time.

Half hitched bollards; and the rope pots were out of my head, the seaman's chest had very detailed handles, the doorstep went to Princess Michael of Kent.

