



ORTICOLARIO 2019
TRAVELLING IN NATURE

The International Competition notice "Creative spaces" 2019 has been opened for the design and creation of gardens and artistic installations to be set up for Orticolario 2019 taking place from October 4th to 6th 2019, at Villa Erba on Lake Como. The eleventh edition is dedicated to "Berries and small fruits" and the theme is "Travel". The 2018 edition ended with the announcement of the winner of the "Visitors' Choice Award", Spazio Green Passion "La Topitta"

Wandering re-establishes the original harmony which once existed between man and the universe.

Anatole France

Cernobbio (CO), December 4, 2018 – A new chapter, a new beginning, a new adventure. Orticolario's ship, still full of emotions, cast off towards the eleventh edition, scheduled from October 4th to 6th, 2019, at Villa Erba in Cernobbio, on Lake Como. In the organizers' suitcase there is a map to be written and no compass, just the desire to go far, always looking for wonder and sense of beauty.

Orticolario 2018 has just come to an end but the earth is already welcoming the seeds of the next edition, dedicated to the "Berries and small fruits" that colour gardens from autumn to winter, while the theme is "Travel". The International Competition notice "Creative spaces" 2019 has been opened for the design and creation of gardens and artistic installations that, inspired by the theme of the

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year, will be selected for the setting up in the historical park of Villa Erba: the jury will evaluate original space projects, liveable and usable gardens, which consider a dialogue with the surrounding space, respecting and enhancing it.

The projects shall interpret the pre-existing landscapes applying creative freedom and material choices with the possibility of using the most diverse languages and artistic/cultural references. The commission will pay special attention to the quality of the inspiration behind the project, and the use of contributions other than pure "Art of gardening" may be a distinctive feature. In the notice it is specified that the interpretation of the theme is binding for the realization of the project. As usual the competition is intended for creative artists, architects, designers, artists, landscapers, gardeners and nursery farmers.

«The theme is "Travel" and suggests adventures, myths and legends of men and plants that tell the story of explorations thanks to which new species have populated and transformed gardens and landscapes. Discoveries that have allowed and are still allowing the continuous improvement of human life through science, of which nature is a source of inspiration and guidance - explains Anna Rapisarda, curator of Orticolario - What we are asking to those who want to participate in the International Competition "Creative Spaces" is to try a new idea of garden and artistic installation, leaving for a long journey with their imagination».

The selected projects, realized for Orticolario 2019, will be evaluated by an international jury: the winner (in 2018 it was Spazio Green Passion "La Topitta" by Leonardo Magatti) will win the "La Foglia d'Oro del Lago di Como" ("Lake Como Golden Leaf") award, made exclusively by the Vetreria Artistica Archimede Seguso (Murano, Venice). The prize is unique and will be kept by the winner for a limited period, after which it will remain on display at Villa Carlotta in Tremezzo

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on Lake Como until the next edition of Orticolario. The names of the winners will be included in the Roll of honour displayed next to the prize.

Registration for the competition is free and must be sent in writing by and no later than **January 31st, 2019** to Orticolario's Organizing Secretariat, email address info@orticolario.it. The complete regulation, the notice and all the details are available on the Orticolario website at this link: <https://eng.orticolario.it/international-competition-creative-spaces/>

And while a glimmer of the next edition can be seen on the horizon, the tenth edition has been definitively closed with the announcement of the **2018 Visitors' Choice Award winner**, assigned through the "Vote your favourite creative space" contest. The winner is **Spazio Green Passion "La Topitta"**, already winner of the "La Foglia d'Oro del Lago di Como", "Journalists'", "Gardenia" and "President" awards: among the voting visitors **Mr. Arturo Mattucci** from Como was extracted and awarded a **Yoyo by Fitt extensible hose for irrigation** and a consultation of the "CasaFacile" magazine for garden or terrace carried out by the team of designers **Lefty Gardens**.

«Together with the leaves that start to change colour, berries are the protagonists of autumn and winter. Often they are small edible fruits. They are also the means of reproduction of the plant that produced them, even through the animals that eat them - comments the founder and president **Moritz Mantero**. Orticolario will dedicate the next edition to the beauty of their shapes and colours, to celebrate this wonderful cycle of nature».

May we remember that the purpose of Orticolario is **to promote the culture of the landscape and to raise funds for local associations involved in social issues** and which contributed to the realization of the event.

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ABOUT ORTICOLARIO

Orticolario, now in its eleventh edition, is the cultural event dedicated to those for whom nature is a lifestyle. Scene of the event will be the historic park of Villa Erba in Cernobbio (CO), a nineteenth-century villa overlooking the shores of Lake Como, the summer residence of the director Luchino Visconti. Essence of Orticolario: the theme gardens set up in the park, inspired by the theme of the year and selected through the International Competition "Creative Spaces". The event is enriched by a wide range of rare, unusual and collectible plants, artistic craftsmanship and design, an intensive calendar of meetings and numerous educational and creative workshops for children. At the centre of the exhibition there is art, which is able to go beyond and break down the borders between inside and outside. During the three day event funds will be raised and donated to Larian associations involved in social issues. Lastly, the 2018 edition involved and up to 28,000 visitors.

ORTICOLARIO 2019 AT A GLANCE

4th - 6th October 2019 Villa Erba, Cernobbio (CO), on Lake Como

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