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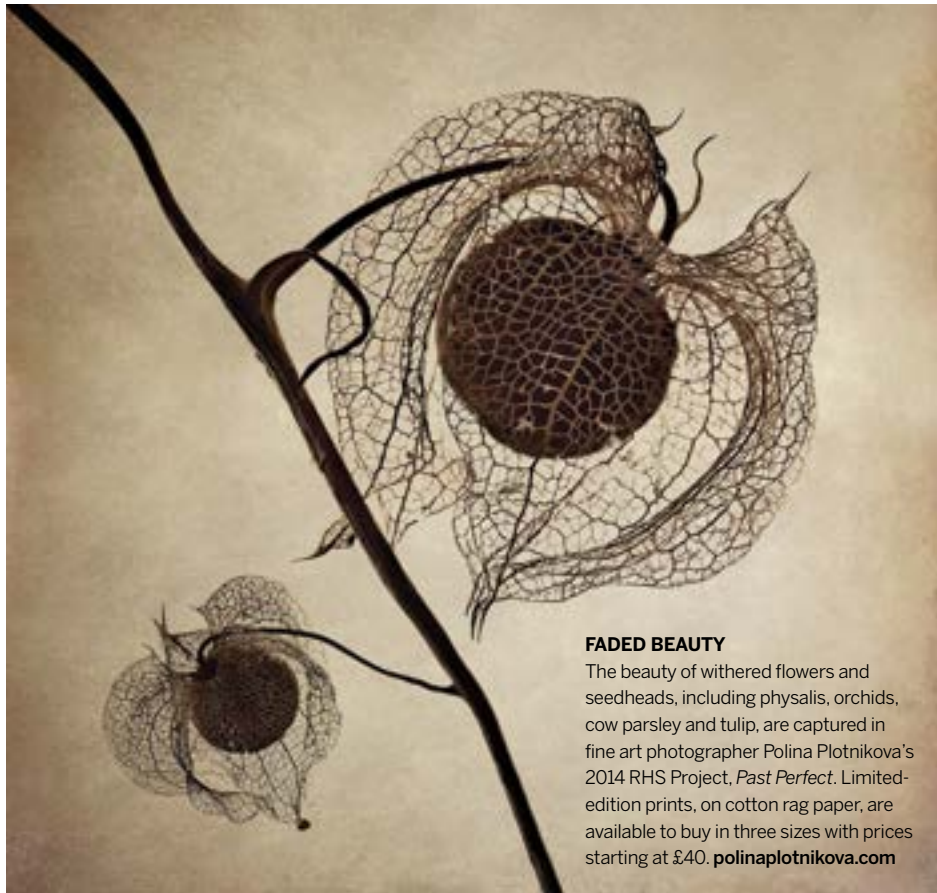
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FADED BEAUTY

The beauty of withered flowers and seedheads, including physalis, orchids, cow parsley and tulip, are captured in fine art photographer Polina Plotnikova's 2014 RHS Project, *Past Perfect*. Limited-edition prints, on cotton rag paper, are available to buy in three sizes with prices starting at £40. polinaplotnikova.com



ECO PAINTS

Kings of colour

Interiors company Konig Design has launched a new range of non-toxic paints in a wide choice of colours. The high resin count in Konig Colours' water-based acrylic paint gives a smooth finish with just a couple of coats, and it is remarkably quick drying. See the full range at Nina Campbell, 9 Walton Street, London SW3 2JD and at konigcolours.co.uk

SGD SHORTLIST

Community prize

Three gardens have been shortlisted for the 2014 Society of Garden Designers Designing for Community Space Award: Willow Wood Hospice garden in Ashton-under-Lyne (pictured), by Sophie Cordingley; the courtyard garden at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital, London, by Annie Chapman of Verde Landscape Designed; and Tufnell Park Infants Playground, by Jackie Herald. This is the only category open to non-members of the SGD. The winner will be announced on 30 January. sgdawards.com



Notebook

- Book now for the **Garden Museum Spring Visit** on 16 April. This year the garden will take in three gardens in Oxford including the little-known Beckley Park with three moats, topiary and a contemporary garden. gardenmuseum.org.uk
- Another April date for your diary is the new **GARDENS ILLUSTRATED Festival**. A celebration of gardens, gardening, plants and design, it takes place in and around the Abbey Cloister Gardens in Malmesbury, Wiltshire, 17-18 April. Find out more and book tickets now at gardensfestival.com
- Learn more about the work of celebrated Dutch designer and plantsman **Piet Oudolf** in an online video of a lecture by Noël Kingsbury. Noël was speaking at Hauser & Wirth gallery in Bruton, Somerset, site of Piet's latest garden. You can see the video of Noël's talk at: bit.ly/1FOvZY3
- Discover the little-known garden of the vanished Queen Dowager's House in Hammersmith at garden historian David Marsh's lecture **Fit For A Queen** on 12 January. The garden was acquired by Catherine of Braganza, consort of Charles II, after Charles's death in 1685. London Parks & Gardens Trust, 77 Cowcross Street, EC1M 6EL. londongardenstrust.org
- Visit the **Lost Gardens of Heligan** on New Year's Day to raise money for local charities. The garden has recently won the European Garden Award 2014 in the European Garden Heritage Network Awards. heligan.com