



THE NATURALISTIC GARDENS OF PIET OUDOLF FIELD OF CIRCULAR LIFE

April 19, 2024 - July 11, 2024



Lurie garden, Chicago, US ©Piet Oudolf

■ Purpose

Piet Oudolf is a garden designer known for his planting designs for the New York High Line and landscape designs around the world. He has gained worldwide acclaim for his innovative ideas that find beauty in the cycle of life, even in withering forms, by creating exquisite gardens that focus on perennials and plants that are native to the land.

In the transition from a consumer society to a sustainable society, there is growing interest in the importance of urban green spaces and the well-being of city dwellers. Approach spaces that allow people to experience the seasonal scenery with all their senses, notice small changes, and naturally make people want to walk through them, foster communication with others and lead to a richer way of spending time. The use of urban exterior spaces offers suggestions of this richness, freeing people from shelter and reconnecting them with nature.

Drawing from interviews in his own garden in the Netherlands, we introduce Oudolf's gardens, which offer enchanting views from season to season.



March 2024

GALLERY A⁴ PRESS RELEASE

■ Outline

Title	: THE NATURALISTIC GARDENS OF PIET OUDOLF FIELD OF CIRCULAR LIFE
Venue	: GALLERY A ⁴ 1-1-1 Shinsuna, Koto-ku, Tokyo 136-0075, Japan
Period	: April 19 (Fri) – July 11 (Thu), 2024
Opening Hours	: 10 : 00 – 18 : 00 (Saturdays and the last day until 17:00)
Closed	: Sundays and holidays, April 27 (Sat) - May 6 (Mon)
Admission	: Free
Organized by	: Takenaka Scholarship Foundation
Curated/	: Public Interest Incorporated Foundation Gallery A ⁴
Co-organized by	
Special Thanks to	: Piet OUDOLF、Yuko Nagamura
With the Cooperation of	: Certified NPO Maggie's Tokyo, Haruhana Farm Inc., Lirie Garden, Maggie's Cancer Caring Centres, MR A&U, Pratensis, Vitra, Vlinderhof, Yomiuri Land HANA • BIYORI
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■ Exhibition Highlights

Chapter 1: Piet OUDOLF's Naturalistic Gardens

*A chronology of Piet Oudolf's history and a map of the gardens designed by Oudolf around the world

Chapter 2: Piet OUDOLF's Philosophy

*An analysis of and introduction to the appeal of naturalistic gardens, with garden sketches, design drawings, and descriptions in Oudolf's own words

Chapter 3: Piet OUDOLF's Gardens

*Examples of Oudolf's gardens from around the world

High Line (USA), Lurie Garden (USA), Vlinderhof (Netherlands),
Maggie's Royal Marsden (UK), Maggie's Centre Groningen NL (Netherlands)
Yomiuri Land HANA-BIYORI (Japan), Oudolf Garden Humello (Netherlands)

Chapter 4: List of Plants

*An introduction to the plants used in Oudolf's gardens, with flowers from Piet Oudolf Garden Tokyo on display

Chapter 5: Interviews

* Exclusive interviews with Oudolf and other people involved in projects

**Trailer for the film "FIVE SEASONS"



■ Images for Press



Piet Oudolf in filming the interview
(2024)



Oudolf Garden Humello
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Lurie Garden, Chicago
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The High Line, N.Y.
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Piet Oudolf Garden Tokyo
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■ Related Events

□ Screening of the film "FIVE SEASONS: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf"

We will screen a documentary on the works and life of Piet Oudolf. In the afternoon session, we will welcome Ms. Masako Akiyama, Co-Representative Director and Center Manager of Maggie's Tokyo, for a talk show.

Date and Time: May 18, 2024 (Sat) [Morning Session] Screening 11:00 – 12:15

[Afternoon Session] Screening 14:30 – 15:45 / Talk Show 16:00 – 16:30

Venue: Toyochō Greentas (2-5-14 Minamisuna, Koto-ku, Tokyo) *Subject to change

Speaker: Masako Akiyama (Co-Representative Director and Centre Manager, Certified NPO Maggie's Tokyo)

Akiko Toho (NPO Green Works)

Facilitator: Michiyo Okabe (Director of Gallery A⁴, Chief Curator)

Capacity: 100 participants per session, advance registration required (first-come-first-served basis)

Admission Fee: ¥1,000 *The entire fee will be donated to Maggie's Tokyo

Registration: From March 22 on the official website

□ Talk Show: "Piet Oudolf's Naturalistic Gardens"

We have invited Yuko Nagamura, head gardener of "PIET OUDOLF GARDEN TOKYO (HANA-BIYORI)", and landscape designer Mariko Akaiwa to talk about the naturalistic gardens created by Mr. Piet Oudolf.

Date and Time: June 18, 2024 (Tue) 18:30 – 20:00

Speakers: Yuko Nagamura (Landscape Designer, Head Gardener of PIET OUDOLF GARDEN TOKYO)

Mariko Akaiwa (Chief Designer, Landscape Design Group, Advanced Design Department, Design Headquarters, Takenaka Corporation)

Facilitator: Michiyo Okabe (Director of Gallery A⁴, Chief Curator)

Venue: Takenaka Corporation Tokyo Headquarters 2F AB Hall (1-1-1 Shinsuna, Koto-ku, Tokyo)

Capacity: 100 participants, advance registration required (first-come-first-served basis)

Admission Fee: Free **Registration:** From April 19 on the official website

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Details will be announced
on the official website
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