

Add a standing stone to your property

On a recent trip back to the Forest of Dean; our home for a number of years, we called in to see friends Nigel and Liz Cann, who we had not visited for a number of years. We were surprised to find their garden full of wonderful sculptures, as Nigel has retired from his job as a graphic designer and is now a full time sculptor trading under the name Stone Rainbow. Since we left the 'Forest' Nigel has extended his experimentation with art techniques, including natural materials which led to stone-cutting. An artist friend of his gave him stained glass off cuts which he combined with his stones resulting in a Chelsea Designer's Commission. Nigel continued to develop the concept of garden installations and now produces stone sculptures in monolithic form pierced with stained glass. He obtains the stone mainly from local 'Forest' quarries and merchants, carves them to shape and then melts the glass of the chosen colour and forms it to fit the shape required.



The reflection of light and the shadows formed as the sun shone through the stained glass contrasted with the rugged lines of the natural stone of these imposing creations worked beautifully with their outdoor environs.

Others were set in such a way that with lights behind them they could be lit up at night to give beautifully muted colour effects to the house or garden.

These sculptures would be an asset to any house or garden and are worth considering as an addition to a new or existing development, particularly as they are so reasonably priced when one considers the amount of time that goes into their production.

A commission being worked on at the time of our visit had a different theme to the sculptures in the garden; it was a small monument for a child's grave, which as well as the stained glass, had a few words chosen by the family carved into it. It was going to be a beautiful tribute to a loved child.

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