

Tuesday 24th May 2011 – The Chelsea Flower Show – London, 24–28 May 2011

Grenada has won its 9th Gold Medal at the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) Chelsea Flower Show taking place in London, UK at the Grounds of the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

Castaway, the name of the exhibit, depicts the changes in climate that behind the tropical idyll a potential threat is posed to the tiny Caribbean Island.



Grenada's Castaway Exhibit at Chelsea Flower Show, London

“Grenada chairs the Association of Small Island States (AOSIS) made up of more than 40 small islands from round the world”, says Suzanne Gaywood, Team Leader. “We want to send a clear message about the importance of preserving the natural riches of islands like Grenada for future generations. Action now to embrace sustainability can help to ensure Grenada survives as a paradise for the castaways of today and tomorrow, and RHS Chelsea provides an opportunity to raise environmental awareness.”



*Close-up of the Flowers and Spices from the **Castaway** Exhibit*

A feature of the 2011 exhibit is a bamboo shack topped with a traditional straw roof and just the suggestion of a nearby jetty on the deserted beach. The main focus is the flamboyant array of flowers foliage and spices which adorn the scene and weave a magic which ensures no castaway would wish to leave such a beautiful, tranquil spot.

The exhibit is sponsored by The Grenada Board of Tourism; Peter & Lana De Savary for Mt Cinnamon & Port Louis; The Calabash Hotel; The Coyaba Beach Resort; Lanwades Stud; Seafreight Line; John & Joan Buckenham; Hyde Park Tropical Garden; The Hort. Soc. of Grenada; Petite Anse Hotel; Reg & Trish Scarlett; British Airways (Grenada); Virgin Atlantic; & La Grenade Gardens.

The High Commissioner was high in praise for the efforts of the Grenada-at-Chelsea Team who worked tirelessly for months in preparing the plant material and during the past week with the build-up of the exhibit. "This year is again a great boost for Grenada's Tourism product thanks to your dedicated efforts we thank you", the High Commissioner said.

Team Grenada was joined on Press day, Monday 23rd May, by Celebrity chef Gary Rhodes OBE, High Commissioner for Grenada, HE Ruth Elizabeth Rouse and Sharon Bernstein, Grenada Board of Tourism (UK).



Grenada Team with Celebrity Chef Gary Rhodes, OBE; High Commissioner for Grenada, Her Excellency Ruth Rouse and Grenada Board of Tourism (UK), Ms. Sharon Bernstein

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