



The Drag Queen Gardener

The qualified gardener with a penchant for Drag

Tom Leonard is a trained horticulturist from Warwickshire, who happens to have a passion for drag. After a break up in 2019 he decided to get an allotment, where his love of gardening grew (and so did his love for high heels).

Tom has his Level 2 Royal Horticultural Society Practical Gardening qualification, and day to day he renovates and manages the upkeep of private clients gardens as well as companies gardens. Tom is also training as a landscape designer.

2021 and 2022 saw Tom appearing as Daisy Desire at a number of major shows, including the RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show and the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Daisy is now an established friend of the Royal Horticultural Society. Both Daisy and Tom have broken industry boundaries presenting on some of the biggest gardening stages in the country, hosting segments on C4's Steps Packed Lunch and most impressively, BBC One's Gardeners' World.

When it comes to Daisy Desire – The Drag Queen Gardener, she's bringing some sparkle to the horticultural world, or as she likes to say "the couture to your manure". The gardening world was calling out for something fresh and now they have got it. She set out with the aim of promoting the mental wellbeing benefits of horticulture. She wants to encourage people to go outside and get growing, whilst not being afraid of being different - do whatever makes you happy. Daisy is fast becoming a well-known contoured face in the gardening scene, for all the right reasons. Her joyful personality and refusal to take life so seriously has proven a tonic to audiences of all ages across the country.

The Telegraph: *"A revolution in horticulture"*

The Times: *"As it was, the most colourful item on the main avenue was the vision in bubblegum pink that was Daisy"*

Desire, the Drag Queen Gardener. She was the human equivalent of a giant fuchsia hanging basket. Her disco pink bag was emblazoned with the words: 'I didn't ask your opinion' – I think we knew that."