



Landscape Ontario Builds Spectacular Canada Blooms Entrance Garden

Toronto, Ont. (February 22, 2011) – Covering over 9,000 sq. ft., Landscape Ontario's entranceway garden will be welcoming festival visitors to Canada Blooms.

Over 40 companies, 200 volunteers and dozens of students from college horticultural programs from across the province will come together to create this masterpiece, the largest garden at Canada Blooms 2011. Contributions have been made by several designers, donating time, materials and labour. Plants valued at \$250,000 are being transported from across the province, in support of a great cause and promotion of the horticultural industry.

"For centuries, Europe was famous for its walled gardens, utilizing the talents of many horticulturalists and creating specialty plant collections," said Denis Flanagan, public relations manager, Landscape Ontario. "Landscape Ontario's Ultimate Walled Garden at Canada Blooms will follow that great tradition, as we gather our chapter members from across the province to create this masterpiece."

Elements of Landscape Ontario's Ultimate Walled Feature Garden include:

- Intricate paving supplied by Permacon, installed by members from Durham and Windsor. The detailed pattern will require teamwork and cooperation to finish the project on time, as hundreds of exact cuts will have to be made to the bricks and then expertly pieced together like a jigsaw puzzle.
- Eight 20 ft.-high willow trees from PAO Horticultural have been nurtured in Milton greenhouses. Transportation and lighting of these trees will require special attention to prevent damage.
- Complementing these feature trees will be hundreds of interesting dwarf trees, shrubs and evergreens, carefully selected by Connon Nurseries of Waterdown.
- A giant wall of colour using 4,000 kalanchoes will greet visitors as they walk into the show.
- Oversized metal shapes resembling piano keys not only complement Canada Bloom's theme of 'Rhythms', but will also demonstrate the use of living plant materials on green roofs.
- The lights and sounds of the garden will be enhanced with a large reflecting pool and sheer-descent waterfall.
- A large screen will feature images of the garden's construction, showcasing the talents, professionalism and diversity of Landscape Ontario members.

“Be sure to see this amazing group effort in real life at Canada Blooms,” continued Flanagan.

Canada Blooms 2011 Festival information

Dates: Wednesday, March 16 to Sunday, March 20, 2011
Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Wednesday to Saturday); 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday)
Venue: The Direct Energy Centre, Toronto Ont.
Tickets: Available online at www.canadablooms.com and at participating garden centres for a special advanced discount price of \$16
At the door \$18; Seniors \$16; Students \$16; Children 12 and under are free

About Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association

Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association is one of the most vibrant associations of its kind, comprised of over 2,000 members, ten sector groups and nine local chapters. Its trade mission is to promote the horticulture industry in Ontario, and its public mission is to promote the joys and benefits of green spaces. For more information on the association and Green for Life, visit: www.landscapeontario.com.



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