

## Landscape Ontario Members Come Together to Build Spectacular Entrance Garden at Canada Blooms

**Toronto, Ont. (February 23, 2011)** – Over 40 companies, 200 volunteers and dozens of students in college horticultural programs from across the province have joined forces to build the 9,000-sq. ft. entranceway garden to Canada Blooms.

"Like all great works of art, this project started with a blank canvas, and is now being worked on by hundreds of professionals in the landscape industry from across Ontario," said Denis Flanagan, public relations manager, Landscape Ontario. "The project will highlight spectacular water features, intricate stone patterns and living walls of plant material."

Some of the contributors to Landscape Ontario's garden are:

- Haig Seferian, Seferian Design Group (Burlington), a Certified Landscape Designer (CLD), has created the master plan.
- Tim Kearney, Garden Creations of Ottawa Ltd., a Certified Landscape Professional (CLP), is the project manager.
- Barry Hordyk, Shademaster Landscaping Ltd. (Waterdown), and his team are building the ultimate wall.
- Brian Marsh, Certified Horticultural Technician (CHT), Earth Art Landscapes Inc. (Durham) and Chris Powell (Windsor) are handling the details behind the intricate stonework.
- Plant collections are being led by Lindsay Drake Nightingale, Yorkshire Garden Services Inc. (Newmarket).
- Bruce Morton, Certified Irrigation Technician (CIT), Greenscape Watering Systems Ltd. (Ottawa) and his team will be handling the sophisticated irrigation systems.

"Landscape Ontario is comprised of great members who have come together from across Ontario, combing their skills and resources to create this garden," continued Flanagan. "Their contributions and dedication to the horticultural industry has resulted in its current success and continued growth. So, be sure to see this amazing group effort in real life at Canada Blooms."

## 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 <a href="https://www.canadablooms.com">www.canadablooms.com</a> 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: <a href="https://www.landscapeontario.com">www.landscapeontario.com</a>.



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