

# ***Gardens of Canada and Western New York***

**August 1-5, 2005**

Tour the horticultural jewels of Eastern Canada at the height of summer bloom. Visit seven premier gardens and estates, stroll through two of Canada's most vibrant cities, tour Swedish Hill Vineyard in the Finger Lakes District, and enjoy a lunch and private garden tour in Toronto. Katie Elzer, Curator of Landscape at Fort Ticonderoga and Dr. Leonard Perry, Greenhouse and Nursery Extension Specialist at the University of Vermont will be your guides through this horticultural adventure.

Your registration cost includes: education, commentary and your questions answered by two experienced horticultural guides, all admissions and tours at the nine scheduled destinations, four nights hotel accommodations, a lunch and private garden tour, a continental breakfast on Monday, four full breakfasts, five days of deluxe motorcoach transportation and transfers, refreshments and snacks, and departure from either the UVM Hort Farm or Fort Ticonderoga.

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## **Tour Destinations**

### *The Montreal Botanical Garden*

<http://www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/en/menu.htm>

One of the premier botanical gardens in the world, the Montreal Botanical Garden truly has something for everyone. Ten display conservatory rooms showcase plants from around the world including tender orchids, bromeliads, begonias, cacti and others. The special display house features changing exhibits. Thirty outside gardens containing 22,000 plant species keep visitors busy for hours. Especially beautiful are the spectacular displays of annuals and vegetables, which change annually to reflect the most current plant cultivars and combinations. The Japanese and Chinese gardens are also spectacular.

### *The Toronto Music Garden*

[http://www.city.toronto.on.ca/parks/music\\_index.htm](http://www.city.toronto.on.ca/parks/music_index.htm)

Yo-Yo Ma, world renowned cellist, and Julie Messervy designed the Toronto Music Garden to express the music of Bach's First Suite for Unaccompanied Cello through nature. The Garden is part of the Harbourfront Centre on Toronto's waterfront. Six sections compose the Garden: Prelude, Allemande, Courante, Sarabande, Menuett, and Gigue. All correspond to movements within the Suite.

### *Royal Botanical Gardens Hamilton*

<http://www.rbg.ca/>

The Royal Botanical Garden in Hamilton is Canada's largest botanical garden, with over 2,700 acres of property. About 300 acres are cultivated into areas such as the breathtaking Rock Garden, bursting with yearly changing annuals and perennials. Other areas include the rose garden, scented garden, medicinal garden, arboretum, and more. The RBG Centre houses a gift shop and restaurant facility, greenhouses and auditorium.

### *Casa Loma*

<http://www.casaloma.org/Gardens/>

Toronto's "Castle," Casa Loma was built in 1911 by Sir Henry Pellatt. It fell into disrepair and was restored starting in 1986 by The Garden Club of Toronto, the Kiwanis Club of Casa Loma and the City of Toronto. The Gardens include a series of terraces, woodland walks, water gardens and formal gardens.

### *Parkwood Estate*

<http://www.parkwoodestate.com/>

A grand Canadian estate showcasing the early 20<sup>th</sup> century "inter-war" years of Canada, Parkwood is now a national historic site surrounded by beautiful and unusual gardens. The Palm House and Orchid House provide year-round interest. The Estate also contains a Japanese Garden, and an "Art Moderne" garden with a teahouse for afternoon tea.

### *School of Horticulture at Niagara Falls and Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens*

<http://www.niagaraparks.com/nature/botanical.php>

The Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens are maintained entirely by the students of the School of Horticulture at Niagara Falls. The School is a three year program during which the students live and work inside the gardens. The students learn all aspects of horticulture from hands-on maintenance to design and administrative functions. The Botanical Gardens that they create are diverse and beautiful including rose gardens, vegetable patches, herb gardens, topiaries, and more.

### *Swedish Hill Winery*

<http://www.swedishhill.com/>

Swedish Hill Winery is one of the largest wineries in the Finger Lakes District. The owners have been working in vineyards for over 40 years, and Swedish Hill has been open for twenty. Their wines have won state, national and international acclaim. The winery hosts tours and tastings daily.

### *Bluegrass Lane Perennial Test Plots*

[http://aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/ornamentals/Cornell\\_Herbaceous/abstract.html](http://aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu/ornamentals/Cornell_Herbaceous/abstract.html)

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The Bluegrass Lane Perennial Test Plots contain over 750 cultivars of perennials. Many of the cultivars are lesser known or unusual. All of the plants are grown in full sun, regardless of their growing requirements. All plants are monitored and reported on. Information and pictures of the plants are available on the bottom website, and are used for horticulture classes.

### *Cornell Plantations*

<http://www.plantations.cornell.edu/>

Cornell Plantations is an arboretum, botanical garden and natural area all in one! The gardens and arboretum surround Cornell University, one of the premier horticultural universities in the United States. The botanical garden section contains 14 gardens including the vegetable garden, poisonous plants garden, wildflower garden, winter garden, herb garden, and other display gardens.

## **Itinerary**

### **Monday, August 1**

7:00 am Leave Fort Ticonderoga

9:00 am Leave UVM Hort Farm

Morning: Travel to Montreal

Afternoon: Montreal Botanical Garden

### **Tuesday, August 2**

Morning: Travel to Toronto

Late Afternoon: Toronto Music Garden

### **Wednesday, August 3**

8:00 am Leave for Royal Botanical Gardens

9:00 am-11:30 at RBG

Lunch: Private Garden Tour and Lunch at Estate in Toronto

Afternoon Options: Tour Downtown Toronto on own, or visit Casa Loma and

Parkwood Estate

### **Thursday, August 4**

Morning: Floral Clock, Niagara School of Horticulture and Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens, Niagara Falls-Lunch at Falls

Afternoon: Swedish Hill Vineyards

### **Friday, August 5**

Morning: Perennial Test Plots, Cornell Plantations

Afternoon: Travel Home

6:00 pm Arrive Fort Ticonderoga

7:30 pm Arrive UVM Hort Farm

