A couple of unique horticultural events in the world will be in Canada this summer and visited on this tour. It also will afford you a chance to visit and enjoy downtown Ottawa, to enjoy a short and relaxing vacation north of the border and, as in all our tours, to learn some valuable horticultural tips.

The Mosaicultures—those larger-than-life sculptures made with living plants mounted on frames—that were so popular in Montreal a few years ago, return this year to Ottawa. These 40 huge and awe-inspiring creations this year will depict Canadian history, culture, values, and art as part of Canada 150—a centerpiece of the sesquicentennial celebrations in that nation’s capital.

Co-sponsored by Green Works—the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association, the tour will be led by Dr. Leonard Perry. Horticulture Professor Emeritus at the University of Vermont, Dr. Perry now runs Green Mountain Horticulture LLC, with garden tours one of its components. Sarah Kingsley-Richards from UVM will be back with us as well, providing expertise on apples, grapes, plant pests and problems, and more.

**Day one** will begin at the Horticulture Research Center in S. Burlington at 8am. We’ll travel in a Premier luxury coach, crossing the border, and then stopping for lunch on your own (and checking out some Canadian stores, time permitting) at the large St. Laurent Mall on the outskirts of Ottawa. We’ll then travel a short distance downtown, then just across the river from Ottawa to Jacques Cartier Park in Gatineau. You’ll have a couple of leisurely hours there to visit the mosaicultures along the 2/3 mile route.

From there we’ll check into our hotel—Crowne Plaza, Gatineau-- just a few minutes from the Park. You then have the option in the evening to just relax and dine at the hotel, or to ride the bus a few minutes to the famous Byward Market area in downtown Ottawa with its many shops and restaurants.

**Day two** we’ll check out after breakfast (included), and travel to the Montreal Botanical Gardens, arriving mid-morning. The tour price includes admission to the greenhouse conservatories, gardens, and Insectarium, and includes an optional hour guided tour. You’ll then have time to tour the gardens and Chinese lanterns display, and dine on your own in the garden’s restaurant.

The display of hundreds of hand-made silk Chinese lanterns is colorful with details easily seen in daylight. Each year the main display represents a new theme and new lanterns, some floating in the pond, some over 10 feet high. This display is found throughout the largest Chinese garden outside China (done in the style of the Ming Dynasty), where you'll also find the largest Penjin (Chinese bonsai) collection in North America. Nearby you'll find the modernistic Japanese garden, tea room and bonsai collection. Then there are the main floral massed displays, and the many specialty gardens such as rock garden, perennials, roses, design ideas, trees and shrubs. The 11 greenhouses have changing seasonal displays, and extensive collections of plants such as orchids, begonias, ferns and cacti. It’s no wonder this is among the top such gardens in the world. Leaving the gardens at 3:30pm, we should arrive back in So. Burlington around 6pm.
Included in the price are any admissions and guided tour of the Montreal Gardens, snacks and refreshments throughout the tour, lodging, breakfast day two, and driver gratuity. We'll travel in a Premier luxury coach, with videos periodically on various gardens locally and abroad, lesser known and more famous. Of course you'll have the chance to network with and get to know other gardeners, and to learn much and have your questions answered by your expert tour hosts.

Sign up soon to make sure you get one of the limited spaces. Register for two or more garden tours this summer hosted by Dr. Perry (pss.uvm.edu/PPP/forpecon.htm#tours), and you'll get a $10 discount coupon good for tours in 2018. If you have any special needs (food, seating and accessibility, or other), please let me know at least one week prior to the tour. Do let me know, too, if you have any questions: 802-318-8453, leonard.perry@uvm.edu

**Required for border crossing will be one of the following:** U.S. passport, passport card, or Enhanced Drivers License. If you need to obtain one of these, please allow at least 4 to 6 weeks, less for the License.

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### Canada Gardens Tour Registration Form

**Due by August 10, 2017 -- Register sooner and save $$!** See below; space is limited.  
(Please complete a separate form for each person.) Name for nametag: ________________________________

Name_________________________  Mail Address____________________________________

City__________________________  State_______  Zip Code__________

Daytime Phone_________________  email___________________________________________

**Room Bed Preference (if available):**  King   2 Queens

(This is a non-smoking hotel. Also there is no smoking on the motorcoach.)

**Roommate’s Name**________________________

**Emergency Contact**_____________________  **Phone number**__________________________

Departing From (circle)  UVM Hort Farm  St. Albans Park and Ride

**Payment** (prices per person, please make checks payable to “Green Works”)

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**Refund Policy:**  Cancellation before July 15, 2017-- complete refund less a $30 processing fee.  
Cancellation on or after July 15, but before August 10--50% refund; Cancellation on or after August 10--no refund

**Requests for cancellation must be received in writing.**

In the event that we must cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers or other reason, you will get a full refund.  Otherwise, note the refund policy. While travel insurance is mainly used for trips abroad or involving flights and cruise ships, you may want to look into this if you want to be covered in case you need to cancel, due to medical or similar reasons. There are many firms you can use and find online, with the cost often about 10% the tour cost for multiday trips.  (www.insuremytrip.com/products/providers)

**Mail Registration Forms by August 10 (early registration as above) to:**  
Kristina MacKulin/VNLA, P.O. Box 92, N. Ferrisburgh, VT 05473 (802-425-5117).

Confirmation receipt, and subsequent details will be mailed prior to the tour. For questions on registration and payment, contact Kristina. For other questions, contact tour host Dr. Leonard Perry (leonard.perry@uvm.edu, 802-318-8453).