



Media Release
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Announcing the 2015 Garden Award Winners at Canada Blooms
Recognizing outstanding achievements in landscaping and gardening

Toronto, Ont. - Feature Gardens are the highlight at the 19th edition of *Canada Blooms, the Flower and Garden Festival*, running March 13 to 22, 2015 at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place. Inspiring design and master craftsmanship in gardening and landscape construction and design were recognized at Canada Blooms 2015. Judging of awards took place on March 12 and the winners were announced at the Ceremony during ‘Industry Night’ on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at Canada Blooms.

“The creativity and artistic vision of the talented garden builders impresses me more each year,” said Kristen McIntyre CHT, CEM of Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association in Milton, Ontario. “I am constantly inspired and encouraged by the level of detail and craftsmanship with the imaginative garden designs.”

This year’s Feature Garden Judges included: Alistair Johnston ISA, Strybos Barron King Ltd; Jeff McMann NPd, ISA, CHT, TRAQ, Mount Pleasant Group of Cemeteries; Martin Wade BLA, OALA, CSLA, Martin Wade Landscape Architects; Arthur Skolnik, Shibui Landscaping; John Consolati, Consolati Consultants Inc; Christine Gracey OALA, CSLA, DA Gracey & Associates; Mark Cullen, Canada AM ; Michael Prokopow PhD, OCAD University. Convenors: Ron Koudys BLA, MED, OALA, CSLA, ASLA, RLA (MI), CLD, Ron Koudys Landscape Architects Inc; and Kristen McIntyre CHT, CEM, Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association.

Canada Blooms is pleased to recognize the winners:

2015 FEATURE GARDEN AWARD WINNERS

AWARD NAME	WINNER	BUILDER
The Sheridan Nurseries Award for Outstanding Garden, Small Size	Garden #43 – Fairy Frolic	Vandermeer Nursery Ltd. & Earth Art Landscapes Inc.
The S.G. Ulbright Award for Outstanding Garden, Medium Size	Garden #42 – Adults Play at Night	Genoscape Inc.

The Gordon A. MacEachern Award for Outstanding Garden, Large Size	Garden #16 – The Rain Game	Parklane Nurseries
Outstanding Interpretation of the Show Theme <i>“Let’s Play!”</i> <i>Presented by Isuzu</i>	Garden #17 – The Bienenstock Playforest	Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds
Outstanding Outdoor Entertainment Area	Garden #13 – Backyard Sanctuary	AquaSpa Pools and Landscape Design
Most Imaginative Garden Design <i>Presented by Niagara Escarpment Views</i>	Garden #2 – Otium Outdoor Exercise Garden	Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association & Shawn Gallagher Design
Outstanding Use of Artistic Elements in a Garden	Garden #6 – Why Not?...Play	Near North Hardscape Ltd.
Outstanding Educational Garden <i>(for students)</i>	Garden #16 – The Rain Game	Parklane Nurseries
Outstanding Use of Trees	Garden #28 – A Japanese Influence	J. Garfield Thompson Landscape Ltd.
Outstanding Use of Lighting	Garden #37 – The Unique Living	Royal Landscaping and Design
Outstanding Use of Interior Plants <i>Presented by Jill Jensen Botanicals</i>	Garden #43 – Fairy Frolic	Vandermeer Nursery Ltd. & Earth Art Landscapes Inc.
Outstanding Use of Annuals and/or Perennials <i>Presented by PICK Ontario</i>	Garden #48 – Surf and Turf	Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association & Designs By The Yard & Allstone Quarry & Nursery Sod Growers Association of Ontario
Perry Molema Award for Outstanding Use of Water <i>Presented by Aquascape Inc</i>	Garden #42 – Adults Play at Night	Genoscape Inc.

Outstanding Use of Natural Stone <i>Presented by Beaver Valley Stone</i>	Garden #11 – Stonedene Retreat	Landscapes By Lucin
Best Use of Bulbs	Garden #5 - My Backyard Oasis	University Pro Landscapers Paving, Pools & Spas
Outstanding Use of Pre-Cast Pavers <i>Presented by Permacon</i>	Garden #27 – A Night On The Patio	Elite Environments Inc.
Outstanding Use of Walkways	Garden #24 – My Space	Egreen Design Inc.
Outstanding Outdoor Living Space	Garden #7 – Tic-Tac-Toe	Vaughan Landscaping & Jodi Liptrot
Outstanding Use of Innovative Elements in a Garden <i>Presented by Floral Dimensions</i>	Garden #18 - Exhale	Jacobs Gardenscape
The Garden Club of Toronto Award for Best Overall Use of Colour <i>Additional judging criteria: Visual impact of colour; innovative, creative and effective use.</i>	Garden #43 – Fairy Frolic	Vandermeer Nursery Ltd. & Earth Art Landscapes Inc.
The W.E. Bridgeman Award for Best Overall Use of Hard Landscape Elements <i>Additional judging criteria: Aesthetic selection and placement appropriate to design style; proportion and scale; well-balanced integration.</i>	Garden #11 – Stonedene Retreat	Landscapes By Lucin
The Humber Nurseries Award for Best Overall Use of Plant Material <i>Additional judging criteria: Aesthetic impression; impact of texture and form, use and placement; selection diversity suitable to design style and relationship to hardscape.</i>	Garden #28 – A Japanese Influence	J. Garfield Thompson Landscape Ltd.

<p>The Leslie L. Solty Memorial Award for Best Overall Creativity in Garden Design</p> <p><i>Additional judging criteria: Ingenuity in execution of design style; attention to form, scale, balance; innovative use of elements; aesthetic integration of hardscape and softscape.</i></p>	<p>Garden #17 – The Bienenstock Playforest</p>	<p>Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds</p>
<p>The Landscape Ontario Award for Best Overall Quality of Workmanship</p> <p><i>Additional judging criteria: High quality in construction, installation & placement of hardscape; consistency, stability, precision and job finish; horticultural correctness of softscape practices; attention to detail and thoroughness in planting, condition of plant material, mulching, concealing of pots, liners etc.</i></p>	<p>Garden #2 – Otium Outdoor Exercise Garden</p>	<p>Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association & Shawn Gallagher Design</p>
<p>JUDGES CHOICE AWARD</p>	<p>Garden #28 – A Japanese Influence</p>	<p>J. Garfield Thompson Landscape Ltd.</p>
<p>PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD</p>	<p>Garden #42 – Adults Play at Night</p>	<p>Genoscape Inc.</p>