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## **Mark Valentine's Day with Canada Blooms' Botanical Garden Date Ideas**

**TORONTO, Ont.** — An annual day of love, romance and lots of pretty flowers is upon us.

On Valentine's Day, floral arrangements have often been a longstanding gift option, given to our significant others as a token and expression of our love. But this holiday, Canada Blooms has found an easy way to take this simple and traditional gift idea to the next level.

Everyone loves getting flowers – but instead of gifting a mere dozen, why not really impress your date by taking them on a journey through a true Garden of Eden, filled with gorgeous plants and hundreds of their favourite flowers?

“Nothing says romance like walking hand-in-hand with your loved one through one of the many, beautiful indoor gardens the GTA and its surrounding areas have to offer, making for the perfect V-day date as well,” says [Canada Blooms](#) general manager Terry Caddo. “We are very fortunate to have year-round access to marvellous floral displays located across several greenhouses in Ontario – and what better setting for falling in love than in a romantic garden, surrounded by colourful and luscious flowers?”

No need to wait for spring to get lost in a paradise of heavenly plants. Celebrate Valentine's Day at Canada Blooms' top picks for the best indoor gardens you and your date will be sure to love:

- **Allan Gardens Conservatory** – Open 365 days a year, this historic, botanical treasure located in downtown Toronto is the perfect place for an afternoon getaway with your Valentine. Wander through six different greenhouses showcasing exotic and diverse plants from around the world including palms, banana trees, orchids, jasmine and gingers.
- **Centennial Park Conservatory** – Also open year-round, this 12,000 square foot horticultural gem in Etobicoke features a tropical house, arid house and show house, displaying a range of fascinating plant collections and breathtaking seasonal displays. It is the ideal spot to refresh, relax, reconnect and recharge with your loved one on February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory** – If you're looking for something unique and special, this 11,000 square foot greenhouse is home to over 100 species of exotic plants and flowers, and for an extra treat – there are free flying butterflies fluttering around

everywhere you turn! Talk about an unforgettable date strolling through this wondrous paradise.

- **Toronto Botanical Garden** – Now, if you don't mind the weather or need to catch a breath of fresh air, a romantic walk through the outdoor trails of this botanical garden is always an option. If your date is really looking forward to springtime, be sure to take them to the Toronto Botanical Garden's annual [Jump On Spring](#) event for an early dose of the vernal season.

"Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity for visiting some place new as a couple and discovering these horticultural gems together," says Caddo. "These botanical wonderlands are truly some of the finest locations for exploring and taking the time to appreciate nature, gardens, flowers, and of course each other, on Valentine's Day."

If your date is still eager for more after your impressive botanical garden date this holiday, make sure you don't disappoint. Keep the fun going by stopping into Canada Blooms this year and uncover some of the most spectacular garden and floral displays yet, including notable displays featuring Canada Blooms' Plant of the Year, the Canadian Shield™ rose.

Co-located with the National Home Show, Canada Blooms takes place March 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the Enercare Centre at Exhibition Place in Toronto. For more information or for tickets, please visit [canadablooms.com](http://canadablooms.com). Follow Canada Blooms on Twitter [@CanadaBlooms](#) and Like it on [Facebook](#).

### **About Canada Blooms**

Canada Blooms is an annual world-class festival that connects people to the joys and benefits of nature through experiences with gardens and flowers by promoting, educating, inspiring and celebrating all aspects of horticulture. A not-for-profit organization that gives back to the community throughout the year by funding community garden projects around Ontario, Canada Blooms is also dedicated to providing the community with horticulture expertise, education and resources on an ongoing basis.

Now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year, Canada Blooms was founded by Landscape Ontario and The Garden Club of Toronto. Each year it is supported by a committed group of partners, sponsors and volunteers. Canada Blooms has been named One of Ontario's Top 100 Events by Festivals and Events Ontario and One of North America's Top 100 Events by the American Bus Association.

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