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Be Trendy in the Garden this Year

Edibles, trees and colour are in for 2015

TORONTO, Ont. — Just as the runways of Paris showcase the fashions for the upcoming season, Canada Blooms shines a spotlight on the trends that will be all the rage in gardens this coming spring.

From what goes in the ground to the tools and techniques used to put it there, there is always something new and exciting happening in the world of gardening, says Denis Flanagan, a horticulture expert with Landscape Ontario.

“For this year of 2015, where we have been enduring freezing temperatures and are surrounded by Fifty Shades of Grey, we are seeing an ‘F’ trend in gardening,” he says. “In gardens this spring, there will be food, there will be fantasy, there will be fragrances, there will be fun and there will be flowering shrubs.”

Food

- With the local food movement continuing to gain traction, growing edibles will be more popular than ever. Vegetables, herbs and fruits can be grown in gardens, containers, pots or raised beds. And this is the time of year to start planting. With a mini-greenhouse kit, you will have seedlings ready to transplant when the weather warms. Consider giving various herbs, chic peas and red radishes a try!
- If you grow it you have to cook it! Look for many landscape designs to include outdoor kitchens and dining areas.

Fantasy

- What people are looking for this year is something unusual. Denis expects hydrangeas will likely be the No. 1 flower this year, with many new varieties coming to market.

Fragrance

- The aromas from flowers will be very big in 2015. Rather than quantity, be selective and pick a few plants that are interesting and fragrant.

Fun

- We often talk about the benefits of getting children involved in gardening – it is good for their health, gets them outdoors and even teaches responsibility while giving them something fun to do.



- But this year, fun will also come in colours. Not just the flowers, but in the pots and watering cans and tools you will see on garden centre shelves. Fill these bold containers with large-leafed tropicals, which are great accents for pools, patios and decks. It will be a vibrant season!

Flowering Shrubs

- Denis is most looking forward to a resurgence in flowering shrubs in 2015. “As a landscape designer, I was always keen on flowering shrubs in a garden,” he says. “They are great structure and architectural plants. If you plan it right, you will get colour from spring to fall. They were disappearing about 10 years ago, but now they are coming back. The selection is going to be wonderful this year.”

Co-located with the National Home Show, Canada Blooms takes place March 13th to 22nd, 2015, at the Direct Energy Centre at Exhibition Place in Toronto. For more information or for tickets, please visit canadablooms.com. Follow Canada Blooms on Twitter [@CanadaBlooms](https://twitter.com/CanadaBlooms) and Like it on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CanadaBlooms).

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 19th 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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