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Get Out and Play with Canada Blooms

Canada Blooms hosts creative garden workshops for your little ones this March Break

TORONTO, Ont.— March break is just around the corner and Canada Blooms is here to help you find fun, engaging and interactive activities to do with your children over the break!

For 24 years, Canada Blooms has been offering visitors of all ages the opportunity to interact, create and gain inspiration by their educational workshops, beautiful designs and breathtaking gardens. But who says kids can't experience the joys of gardening, too? This March Break Toronto's largest garden show Canada Blooms will be offering lots of opportunities for children to create wonderful, garden inspired masterpieces to take home to their families.

Taking place March 13-22, 2020, Canada Blooms will be offering children the opportunity to learn and create wonderful pieces of art using garden inspired crafts. Canada Blooms and the team at Mark's Choice will be running a series of educational workshops and demonstrations for children ages 7-10 years old.

"We want to provide creative and engaging workshops that will inspire families to have fun and explore the joys of gardening," says Mark Cullen, gardening expert and President of Mark's Choice. "We want our young visitors to be able to get their hands dirty and learn all about birds and seed planting from experienced Master Gardeners."

If you are looking to spark a little joy and imagination with your young ones this March Break be sure to check out these family-friendly workshops presented by Mark's Choice and the Master Gardeners of Ontario taking place at Canada Blooms:

- **Birds Nest** – With this workshop Master of Gardeners will demonstrate what it is like to prepare and create a birds' nest. Not only will children get the opportunity to learn about the process of building the nest but will get to participate and create their own! Free with show admission, this workshop will run on March 16th and 18th.
- **Backyard Bird Feeder** – In this workshop children will discover how pinecone bird feeders can attract various species of birds. Led by Master of Gardeners, children will be able to create their own bird feeder to take back home to their own backyards. Free with show admission, this workshop will run on March 16th and 18th.
- **Succulent Succulents** – Master Gardeners will teach attendees all about succulents! Requiring little water and easy to care for, succulents make a great starter plant for young kids. There will be a demo for kids to plant their own succulent to bring home. Free with show admission, this workshop will run on March 14th, 15th, 20th and 21st.
- **Plants for Birds** – At this workshop children will learn about the best plants to attract feathered outdoor friends. Master Gardeners will help educate children and allow them to discover the best planting methods for attracting their favourite birds. Free with show admission, this workshop will run on March 14th, 15th, 20th and 21st.



- **Grow your own Chia (grass) Bird** – Drawing inspiration from Chia sprout planters, during this creative workshop Master Builders will show children ages 7-10 how to make ‘grass heads’ and how to care for grass as it grows. Free with admission to Canada Blooms, this workshop runs on March 17th and 19th.
- **All About Owls** – This fun-packed workshop lets your young ones learn all about Owls. Marks Choice Gardening will be using Master Gardeners to help children discover more information about their favorite nocturnal hunters. Free with admission to Canada Blooms, this workshop runs on March 17th and 19th. Hogwarts acceptance letter not included.

If your little one is looking for more of an adventure, Canada Blooms will be hosting a ‘tree-sure’ hunt for children under 12 years old that will run from March 13th to 22nd. Canada Blooms tree-sure hunt will allow children to embark on an educational quest, exploring the magical grounds of the show in order to find various types of trees and check them off on their map.

Co-located with the National Home Show, Canada Blooms takes place March 13-22, 2020, at the Enercare 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 entering its 24th 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.

About Mark's Choice

Mark's Choice Ltd. is a horticultural communications and marketing company, with the brand being attached to dozens of products available at Home Hardware stores across Canada — including gardening tools, soil, seeds, gloves and other equipment useful in the garden. Before a product is approved as Mark's Choice, it must pass rigorous testing, ensuring it is made from high-quality materials, meets the needs of Canadian home gardeners, is tough enough to stand up to commercial use and will help Canadians create great looking lawns and gardens. Possibly Canada's best-known gardener, Mark's Choice President Mark Cullen is a third-generation career gardener, and a “garden communicator” unlike any other. He is a best-selling author, with more than 20 books on gardening to his credit. Mr. Cullen actively maintains his website markcullen.com, where he has answered more than 10,000 questions from gardeners across the country.