

# Canada Blooms

THE FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL

## Canada Blooms Announces Feature Garden Winners

**Toronto, Ont. (March 17, 2011)** – Feature Gardens have been a highlight at the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada Blooms, the Flower and Garden Festival, running from March 16-20, 2011 at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place. Many of these Feature Gardens have been presented with awards for their outstanding creations.

"The presentation of the gardens impresses me more each year," said one of the Feature Garden judges. "I have been fortunate enough to be a judge at this event a few times over the years and I am constantly inspired and amazed by the level of creativity."

"Canada Blooms has raised garden and floral design to an artistic level unheard of in Toronto 15 years ago," said Colomba Fuller, artistic director for Canada Blooms. "We have become a Canadian icon, in the same way as the JUNO awards, who we have partnered with this year to celebrate their 40th Anniversary."

The Feature Garden Award Winners are:

AWARD NAME	#	NAME	BUILDER
The Sheridan Nurseries Award for Outstanding Garden, <i>Small Size</i>	5A	'Welcome to Ben's World' (Ben Heppner Garden)	Premier Landscaping & Design Ltd
The S.G. Ulbright Award for Outstanding Garden, <i>Medium Size</i>	3	'A Taste of Zen'	Humber College
The Gordon A. MacEachern Award for Outstanding Garden, <i>Large Size</i>	12	'Earth Tones'	Parklane Nurseries Ltd.
Outstanding Interpretation of the Show Theme "Rhythms" <i>Presented by Mark Cullen</i>	2	'Nurture Urban Nature'	Toronto Botanical Gardens & the ROM
Outstanding Use of Innovative Elements <i>Presented by Vineland Research &amp; Innovation Centre</i>	10	'A Symphony of Delight'	Elite Environments Inc.
Outstanding Representation of Sponsor Message <i>Presented by Hub Sinclair-Cockburn</i>	19	'Daffodils - the Fight is On'	Miyabi Inc For the Canadian Cancer Society
Most Imaginative Garden Design <i>Presented by The Home Depot</i>	5A	'Welcome to Ben's World' (Ben Heppner Garden)	Premier Landscaping & Design Ltd
Best Use of Bulbs <i>Presented by TradeWinds International Sales Co</i>	5D	Jully Black Garden	Sander Design

Outstanding Educational Garden <i>(for students)</i>	18	‘Nature-based Playscape’	Seneca College, King Campus
Outstanding Use of Trees	25	‘Every Tree Counts! Toronto's Urban Forest’	City of Toronto
Outstanding Use of Interior Plants <i>Presented by Brookdale Treeland Nurseries</i>	13	‘Recurrence’	Aden Earthworks
Outstanding Use of Annuals and/or Perennials	1	‘Green for Life Garden’	Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association
Outstanding Use of Water	12	‘Earth Tones’	Parklane Nurseries Ltd.
Outstanding Use of Natural Stone <i>Presented by Beaver Valley Stone</i>	11	‘Alyce’s Garden’	D.A. Gracey & Associates
Outstanding Use of Pre-Cast Pavers	3	‘A Taste of Zen’	Humber College
Outstanding Use of Structures	17	‘The Rhythm and Flow of Kyoto’	Peace, Love and Landscaping
Outstanding Use of Walkways <i>Presented by Permacon Group</i>	21	Midnight Train To Georgia’	Landscapes by Lucin
Outstanding Outdoor Living Space <i>Presented by Permacon Group</i>	6	‘The Backyard Oasis’	Allweather Landscape for The Home Depot
Outstanding Outdoor Entertainment Area	7	‘The Natural Playground’	Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds
The Garden Club of Toronto Award for Best Overall Use of Colour	19	‘Daffodils - the Fight Is On’	Miyabi Inc For the Canadian Cancer Society
The W.E. Bridgeman Award for Best Overall Use of Hard Landscape Elements	11	‘Alyce’s Garden’	D.A. Gracey & Associates
The Humber Nurseries Award for Best Overall Use of Plant Material	1	‘Green for Life Garden’	Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association
The Leslie L. Solty Memorial Award for Best Overall Creativity in Garden Design	14	‘How Green is the Garden?’	Jardins de Métis for Reford Gardens
The Landscape Ontario Award for Best Overall Quality of Workmanship	12	‘Earth Tones’	Parklane Nurseries Ltd.

Show visitors are encouraged to cast their vote for the **People’s Choice Garden Award**, which will be named on Sunday, March 20. By entering their ballot of the People’s Choice Garden Award at the

Tourism Ireland Booth (406) and Toronto Star Booth (402), festival visitors could win a trip for two to discover the gardens of Ireland, thanks to Air Transat, the Toronto Star and Tourism Ireland.

Canada Blooms visitors will also have an opportunity to win two **VIP Tickets** to attend various events and festivities during **JUNO Week** in Toronto from **March 21 – 27, 2011** by voting for their favorite “JUNO Rocks” Garden. The draw will take place at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 20 at Canada Blooms.

In addition, on Thursday, March 17, at a ticketed special event, Canada Blooms will be announcing for the first time the Judges Choice Award for Best Overall Garden as well as the Evergreen Brick Works SEED (Society Education Environment and Design) Award and the CLD (Certified Landscape Designer) Award.

### **Canada Blooms 2011 Festival information**

Dates: Wednesday, March 16 to Sunday, March 20, 2011  
Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Wednesday to Saturday); 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Sunday)  
Venue: The Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto Ont.  
Tickets: Available online at [www.canadablooms.com](http://www.canadablooms.com) and at participating garden centres for a special advanced discount price of \$16  
At the door \$18; Seniors \$16; Students \$16; Children 12 and under are free

### **About Canada Blooms**

Canada Blooms is 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 fifteenth 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. Canada Blooms is also the recipient of the 2011 Garden Tourism Award for “Garden Tourism Festival of the Year”.

For more information and to purchase festival tickets please visit: [www.canadablooms.com](http://www.canadablooms.com).

### **Canada Blooms Sponsors**

Canada Blooms Founding Partners are Landscape Ontario and the Garden Club of Toronto.

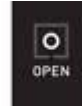
### **Presenting Sponsor:**



### **Supporting Sponsors:**



Associate Sponsors:



Contributing Sponsors:





**Media Partners:**



**For more information, contact:**

Michelle Idzenga  
 Enterprise Canada  
 905-682-7203  
[midzenga@enterprisecanada.com](mailto:midzenga@enterprisecanada.com)

Gerry Ginsberg  
 Canada Blooms  
 416-447-8655 x24  
[gerry.ginsberg@canadablooms.com](mailto:gerry.ginsberg@canadablooms.com)