



Garden Excursions

Join Wendy Downing, Co-Principal of the Royal Botanical Gardens School for Horticulture Judges, and Veronica Sliva, National Director of the Garden Writers Association, for a leisurely day of sensual delights designed to inspire and engage garden lovers.

Calendar for 2010

Sunday, June 13, 2010 – The Peony Festival at the Oshawa Botanical Gardens and Parkwood

Visit the Oshawa Botanical Gardens to celebrate Canada's largest contemporary peony collection with over 300 cultivars in full bloom. The Canadian Peony Society's Annual Show is also being held here with over 100 specimens on display and judged. Afterwards, we visit Parkwood, the home of the late R.S. McLaughlin, founder of General Motors of Canada, where we will enjoy lunch in the tea house overlooking the reflecting pool. Then, we'll tour this magnificent mansion and the extensive gardens which have been restored to their former splendor.

Sunday, July 18, 2010 – Royal Botanical Gardens for the Lily Show & Dundurn Castle

Visit the Royal Botanical Gardens, explore the grounds, enjoy lunch and take in the Lily Show. More than 500 stems of lilies on display, representing the latest and best from the gardens of hobby and commercial growers and floral arrangers show their creative designs using lilies. Afterwards, we tour Dundurn Castle and visit the Kitchen Garden. Rich, bountiful, and a pleasure to the senses, this kitchen garden showcases an abundance of fashionable fruit, flowers, vegetables, and herbs, essential to Victorian era kitchens and dining rooms.

Sunday August 15, 2010 – Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens and Wineries

Visit the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens with 40 hectares (99 acres) of beautifully maintained gardens. We'll stop at the one of the most photographed spots in the world, the 40-foot wide Floral Clock, where over 20,000 plants are used to create the clock's face in an intricate carpet of colour. Then, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant and finish our day with a wine-tasting tour of some of Niagara's finest wineries.

For further information or to register, contact us at gardenexcursions@gmail.com or call Wendy at 905-528-7441 or Veronica at 647-345-2040.