

► A properly greased pole supports this approved nest box which was successfully used by Eastern Bluebirds.  
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that he was going to have 400 bluebirds and 1,400 Tree Swallows fledge successfully.

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# Defying the *Heat* in Caledon Gardens

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▼ View to the house and gardens from the arched bridge over the narrow part of the pond on Paul and Debby Ross's Caledon country property.

**H**ot and sunny weather makes for a challenging garden tour. There's a lot of walking and photography is difficult. Harsh light causes glare and strong contrasts. The best days to photograph gardens are overcast, lightly rainy days. Plants love the moisture and seem to pick up visibly. People however, tend not to want to tour gardens when wet. Yet rain or shine, the Caledon Horticultural Society held its tour last year on July 8 and here are our favourite photos from the eight lovely gardens on offer. There was a good mix of country and suburban locations, providing inspiration and the stuff of dreams for everyone.



◀ Helen Reid's manicured front garden includes an inviting seating area.



▲ Drystone walls along the driveway at Larchfield Farm on Heart Lake Road show the power of repetition of form and colour.

▶ A lush garden frames the front of Kathi Jablonski and Ian Amos's house. Behind, the five-acre forested property includes a large pond, perennial gardens and a long arbour covered in grapevines.



◀ Flowers, shrubs and mature trees frame the swimming pool at the back of Christine and Fred Webster's house. A gazebo beckons from the edge of the lawn.



▲ It's easy to be impressed by flowers. This neat vegetable plot at the rear of this Castlewood Court property features lettuces, tomatoes, beans on stakes, kale, zucchini and potatoes.



► Paul and Debby Ross's irrigated vegetable garden is beautiful and productive.





▲ Sue and Frank Gooderson's fishpond is just steps from their house and garden.

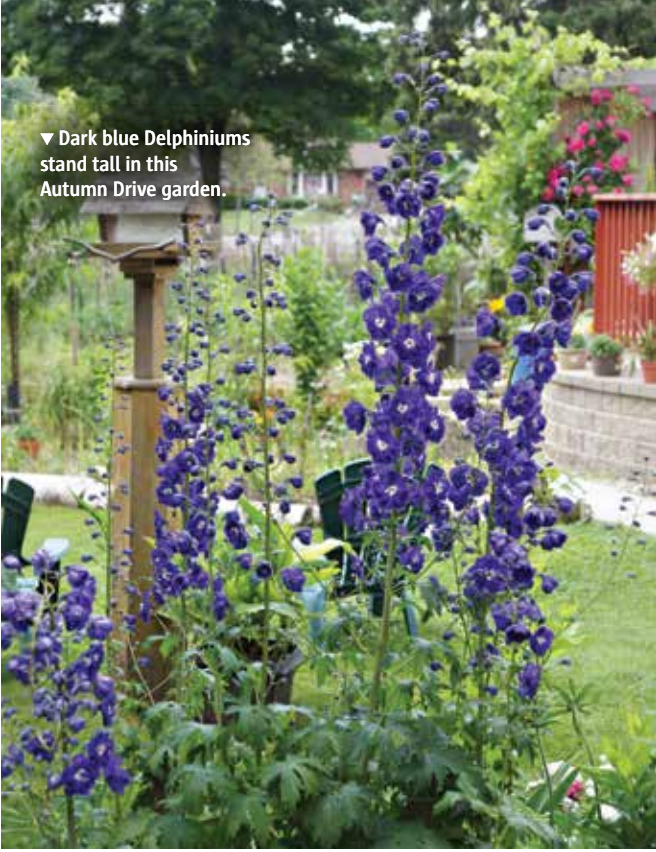


▲ Sweet Williams are a favourite in this Autumn Drive garden. Maria, the owner, scatters seeds around almost every large tree.



▲ Richly planted horse troughs brighten the terrace at the side of the large old farmhouse at Larchfield Farm.

▼ Dark blue Delphiniums stand tall in this Autumn Drive garden.





◀ Debby and Paul Ross in the Clematis-framed arbour entrance to their vegetable plot.

▶ Christine Webster's front garden is lush with Stella D'Oro Daylilies, Heuchera, Salvia, Alliums, Peonies, Hydrangea, Irises and more.

# SOME OF THE *Garden Owners*



◀ In her meticulously tidy garden, Helen Reid does all the work herself.

▶ Kathi Jablonski and Ian Amos have only been in their property for a couple of years, but have added about 50 plants and many small animal sculptures to the gardens.



▲ Frank and Sue Gooderson spent 12 years creating their gardens from scratch, including the fishpond, Japanese-style bridge, waterfall and stream, gazebo and arbour.

