



Art in Niagara-on-the-Lake Gardens

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EXCEPT WHERE NOTED

▲ The striking central garden of Robin Garrett's property is friendly to pollinators.



Last July, pollinators and art seemed to be themes in the gardens on the tour presented by Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society. There were 12 diverse gardens to explore while their owners and gardeners were available to discuss their creative ideas. Paintings and sculptures were on display outdoors in many locations, while others had a strong focus on providing native habitat for pollinators. Proceeds from the tour supported horticulture scholarships for students at Niagara College Canada and Niagara Parks School of Horticulture. In one of the southernmost, mildest areas sheltered by the Escarpment, temperatures and gardens alike were hot.



▲ Nancy Jackson and Sophie rest in the shade of their secluded garden.



▲ Nancy Jackson's garden looks ready to host a fabulous party. Filled with plants, art and seating areas, lush plantings have taken the place of lawns.



▲ The side entrance to Terry and Sandra Davis's garden is bordered by a breathtaking display of hydrangeas PHOTO BY GLORIA HILDEBRANDT.



▲ Terry Davis, with his wife Sandra, tend an artistic garden with a great eye for colour.



▲ An infinity pool provides a great place to relax for Betty Knight, a busy educator, Master Gardener and pollinator steward.



▲ Betty Knight is a Master Gardener, a certified pollinator steward, and former teacher who uses her garden as a living classroom for ecological gardening. Here, she shows bees at flowers of a native Buttonbush. Signs through the garden identify plants and their role in ecosystems.

◀ Robin Garrett is responsible for a beautifully maintained garden that includes a pond and waterfall.

► Historical interpreter Ethan Moncion, wearing Regency clothing, and volunteer Marla Percy enjoy the McFarland House garden.



▲ At the side of McFarland House, 15927 Niagara Parkway, the garden that was planted in the style of the 1800s, has “everything grown here would have been used and eaten between 1812 and 1850.”



▲ The rural-looking large pollinator garden belonging to Tom and Jackie Bonic was built in the last six years.



▲ In addition to a shady backyard with colourful hostas, Oak Leaf Hydrangea as a low border, and flowering shrubs surrounding a rustic fire pit, Janet Ennamorato tends this eye-catching arrangement of brights pots and plants on a tiny fountain.



▲ Janet Ennamorato in front of her Weeping Beech in her large garden.



► Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre, 247 Ricardo St., opened its front garden and back yard which edges the Niagara River.





► Tom and Jackie Bonic own a spacious one-acre woodland garden in the old part of Niagara-on-the-Lake.



◄ Artworks were displayed and offered for sale in the Niagara Pump House garden.



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▲ Artist Heather Bacon has created a charming small garden that makes a big impression.



▲ A natural looking waterfall surrounded by greenery and a colourful variety of plants and flowers is a highlight of Heather Bacon's back garden.

► June and Zoli Miklossy fell in love with their tree-filled garden eight years ago.



▼ A long border filled with delphiniums, roses, hostas and daylilies stretches across a fence line in the rear yard of June and Zoli Miklossy's property while large planted pots punctuate the lawn.



► Paula Wilson and Madeleine Gray got around to the gardens on pastel-coloured vintage bikes.

► Melissa Schooley, owner of Apple Hill Apothecary, has a new retail location in St. Catharines.





▲ Judith and Colin Pattey built everything in their garden since moving in about four years ago.

◀ An antique gate marks the entrance to Colin and Judith Pattey's garden that's set for entertaining.



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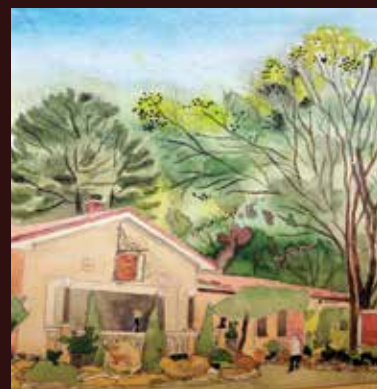
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