



Press Release – June 1, 2016

## Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society - 25th Annual Garden Tour Saturday, July 9th, 2016 – 10 am – 4 pm – Rain or shine

Niagara-on-the-Lake (NOTL), one of the loveliest towns in Ontario, invites you to the 25th Annual Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society's Garden Tour. This outstanding self-guided walking garden tour takes place on Saturday July 9th, 2016 10 am – 4 pm rain or shine, in Niagara-on-the-Lake and the town of Virgil. Situated on the south shore of Lake Ontario at the mouth of the Niagara River, Niagara-on-the-Lake is easy to reach via the highway from all of Ontario and the northeastern USA. This outstanding garden tour attracts upwards of 1,000 participants and highlights volunteerism in action with service from over 100 volunteers and year-long planning efforts.

This 25th Annual Garden Tour showcases 12 distinctive and impressive residential gardens in NOTL and the town of Virgil plus three special feature gardens in old town. All picturesque gardens highlight horticultural and natural transformations, from forest to garden, to lovely courtyards and creative garden styles ranging from casual to formal. All gardens provide great ideas for creating privacy, colour, texture and scents.

Three special feature public gardens on tour include: the Waterfront Trail and Turntable Garden, revealing an old locomotive turntable dating to the 1830's. The entire Waterfront Trail stretches over 1600 km along the Canadian shores of Lake Ontario, Lake Erie and St. Lawrence Rivers and connects 76 communities and over 405 parks. The NOTL Public Library Community Garden, created in 2014 is a tribute to the community partnerships that enhance public green spaces. The NOTL Horticultural Society Memorial Garden site was one of the 140 gardens chosen to highlight the 70th Anniversary Dutch-Canadian Tulip Friendship Gardens across Canada, with the planting of over 750 red and white tulips for 2016.

All proceeds from the tour support the society's activities including enhancing local public garden spaces, presenting lectures of horticultural interest throughout the year, creating flower arrangements for seniors, offering bursaries to students, organizing plant exchanges and encouraging environmental stewardship in the region.

We thank our showcase sponsor Mori Gardens Design & Garden Centre our presenting sponsor Three Amigos Landscaping and all our other community sponsors and the homeowners who graciously assisted with the tour. Visit our website for more details including the garden tour brochure with a map of the garden tour route and complete sponsor listing.

Advance tickets are \$12 each on-line or at the locations below.  
Tickets are \$15 and at each garden on tour day July 9th, 10 am – 4pm.

Tickets and garden locations are available on-line at: [www.notlhortsociety.com/gardentour.html](http://www.notlhortsociety.com/gardentour.html)  
or may be purchased at these locations in advance or the garden tour day:  
Mori Gardens Design & Garden Centre, 1709 Niagara Stone Road, NOTL  
Seaway Gardens & Farms, 175 Lakeshore Road, NOTL  
Chamber of Commerce, Downtown NOTL

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The Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society was established in 1917 and is one of the oldest Horticultural Societies in Ontario. As an affiliate of the Ontario Horticultural Association set up in 1906. There are 19 Districts, with 285 local societies and over 40,000 members. Society members contribute thousands of hours a year to public service. Our vision is to work together with other Societies and Garden Clubs on both sides of the border. We welcome new members. New to gardening or just moved in to town? Come learn from our experienced guest speakers or share your knowledge and tips with fellow gardeners. Our Society gives back to our community with tree plantings, bursaries to our local colleges, provides flowers to residents in nursing homes and much more.

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NOTL Horticultural Society Garden Tour 2016 garden location details:

[http://www.notlhortsociety.com/images/2015/Garden\\_Tour\\_2015- Final\\_Brochure-MM\\_version\\_May\\_8\\_2015.pdf](http://www.notlhortsociety.com/images/2015/Garden_Tour_2015- Final_Brochure-MM_version_May_8_2015.pdf)

Photos from the 2015 Garden Tour via the website:

<http://www.notlhortsociety.com/gardentour.html>