

EVOLVING GARDENS: BECOMING A BOTANICAL GARDEN

Fanshawe College leading
horticulture education and
garden development.



Fanshawe's Growing Horticulture Program

- Started in 2001 with 20 students in each of the two years
- Became an industry leader in the first year by winning the national skills competition (against 6 other colleges)
- Have won a total of 12 skills medals to date
- Currently there are over 70 students in the program



Fanshawe–Becoming a botanical garden

- Practicums are an integral part of our program with almost the entire second year dedicated towards them (18 hours/week/student)
- The A.M. Cuddy Gardens were donated to the college in 2007 and is now used for practicums
- The main Fanshawe campus in London is also used for practicums



Fanshawe–Becoming a botanical garden

- All activities in the Cuddy Gardens are undertaken by the horticulture program
- All planting activities and and some construction is undertaken by the horticulture program on the main campus
- The Gardens of Fanshawe College and the A.M. Cuddy Gardens became a botanical garden through Botanic Gardens Conservation International in March 2008



The tenants of a botanical garden

- Education-Diploma, apprenticeship and short courses in our open gardens
- Research-Joint project with the Royal Botanical Gardens on developing propagation protocols for *Morus rubra*
- Curation- Our collection is managed using BG Bas <http://www.bg-base.com>
- Display, an emphasis on Carolinian species and endangered plant speceis
- Location, two locations, 45 minutes apart with differing cultural conditions

THE GARDENS OF FANSHAWE COLLEGE



Landscape Installation at the new transportation technology building building



Tree replacement on campus



Planting parking lot trees



Deck building in a construction class-off site



Moving the Louise Weekes garden



Garden maintenance



Shrub pruning



Greenhouse plant production: Our Poinsettia crop.






THE A. M. CUDDY GARDENS

Our second garden, in Strathroy



The A.M. Cuddy Gardens

- 2.8 hectares (7 acres)
 - 11 themed garden rooms
 - Scaled container production nursery
 - Low impact gardening (over 120 yards of mulch applied annually)
 - No pesticides or chemical fertilizers applied in over 20 years
 - Follows traditional horticultural practices
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The dry garden in summer



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Building the new rock garden



Planting the rock garden- Assisted by Harvey and Irene Wrightman



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The newly planted rock garden



Androsace muscoidea-form



Anemone trullifolia-var-*linearis*-



Dodecatheon clevelandii subsp. *insulare*



Dryas octopetala 'Garden'





New plantings





Louise
Weekes
Hosta
Collection



Building the rose garden arbour



Dry stone walling: The egg is hatched



The turtle and the frog arrive



Planting the new perennial borders.



The new perennial borders





Over 2500 species of plants!





Spring rose pruning







CONNECTING WITH INDUSTRY

“first we will be best, then we will
be first” -Grant Tinker



Our open gardens



The Veterans Memorial Parkway Tree Planting



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Cercis canadensis
'Cuddy Garden'



Cercis canadensis

Research: New plant introductions




Green roofs: determining plant hardiness

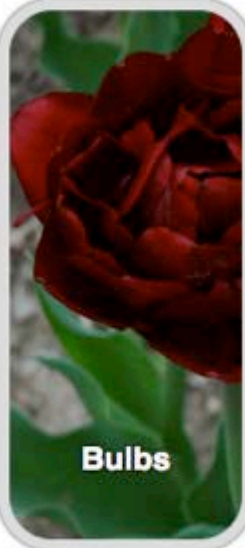


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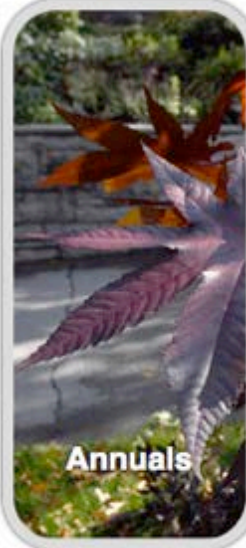
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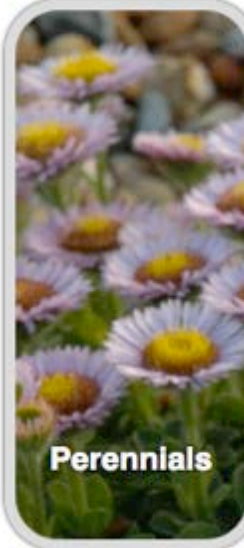
Woody




Bulbs




Annuals



Perennials



Tropicals



Wildflowers & Weeds

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This website contains an ever growing database of plants and plant related information that has been garnered through experience in the garden and landscape and through my travels around the world. All of the plants on this website I have viewed 'up close and personal.' This is not a collection of images collected from the Internet and re-



Landscape Congress: Toronto



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Field Trips



And more Field Trips.





“The reasonable man adapts himself to the world: the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.”

-George Bernard Shaw

