Creating pathways for a greener future...
OUR MISSION
Royal Botanical Gardens’ mission is to promote the public’s understanding of the relationship between the plant world, society and the environment.

VISION
Royal Botanical Gardens’ vision is to be a recognized and supported global leader in how we use plants in bringing people, place and sustainable behaviours together.

FUNDERS
Royal Botanical Gardens is funded by the people through Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Regional Municipality of Halton, City of Hamilton, Royal Botanical Gardens’ members, The Auxiliary of Royal Botanical Gardens, and many corporations, foundations and individuals.

2011 Board of Directors

Officers of the Board
Ian Brisbin – Chair
Leslie Bullock – Secretary
Ruth Lee – Treasurer

Appointed by Council, City of Hamilton
Councillor Brian McHattie
Ian Brisbin
Rebecca Raven

Appointed by Council, Regional Municipality of Halton
Councillor Jane Fogal
Councillor Paul Sharman
Kent James
Peter Thoem
Guy Wood Sheppard

Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in Council, Province of Ontario
Ed Gamrot
Susan Robinson

RBG Appointees
Gord Albini
Dr. Geoffrey P. Arron
Leslie Bullock
Cliff Carson
Wayne Joudrie
Ruth Lee
Daniel Roberts

Dr. Patrick Deane, President and Vice-Chancellor, McMaster University — Ex Officio

Representing the Auxiliary of RBG
Frances Neufeld, President
Liaison Member, Auxiliary of RBG
Dan Totino, Vice-President

Additional Members in place of appointments by the Governor-General-in-Council, Canada
Two vacant positions

Executive Team

Mark Runciman, Chief Executive Officer
Dolf DeJong, Director, Biodiversity Programs — until December 2011
Darlene Bennett-Howes, Director, Business Development and Fundraising
Terry Caddo, Director, Operations
Andrew Duncan, Director of Finance and Administration — from September 2011

The Board of Directors and the Executive Team recognize the dedication of all 2011 staff members of Royal Botanical Gardens.
Letter from Board Chair and CEO

A year of significant change, 2011 saw Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) solidify its commitment to its stakeholders and mandate. The finalization and approval of a three-year business plan put RBG on the pathway towards long-term financial success and the development of an even larger plan will address the sustainability of the Gardens ten years from now and beyond.

RBG once again balanced its budget in 2011 and with the help of public sector investments from Province of Ontario, Regional Municipality of Halton and City of Hamilton continued as an environmental steward while delivering memorable events of a premier tourist destination. Just over half of our revenue is self-generated and much of that is due in large part to member and donor support. We are very much a part of our community and we are fortunate to have them supporting us.

Sadly, the passing of Dr. Leslie Laking, our director emeritus, in April 2011 marked the end of a long and storied era that put Royal Botanical Gardens on the map as a world-class organization. RBG’s longest-serving director (1954–1981), Dr. Laking set the standard for what Royal Botanical Gardens is and what it can be. Officially he retired in 1981 but his work at RBG never ended. Dr. Laking’s work and values will always live on in what we plan to accomplish.

The Laking legacy certainly lives on at RBG as was clearly indicated on June 22 when the Auxiliary of Royal Botanical Gardens (founded by Dr. Laking’s wife, the late Barbara Laking) celebrated its 50th anniversary. In over half a century the Auxiliary has donated a total of $3.7 million to support RBG operations, along with hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours.

The year ended on a positive note with the announcement of $14 million in funding for our historic Rock Garden. With this much-needed funding we will be able to improve the garden’s structural integrity, water and sewage systems, visitor accessibility and architectural landscape. Over the next couple of years we intend to solidify Rock Garden’s legacy as a horticultural treasure and world-class tourist destination.

As a not-for-profit organization, we rely on the support of our members and of course, our dedicated staff and volunteer Auxiliary members. As last year’s annual report stated, we are continuing to “grow in the right direction” as we create greener pathways for future generations to come.

Ian Brisbin, Board Chair
Mark Runciman, Chief Executive Officer
Horticulture

The adoption of Royal Botanical Gardens’ multi-year business plan and its associated operating plan in 2011 brought the horticulture department’s planning into sharp focus. In addition to satisfying the demands of RBG’s four mandate areas, horticulture is addressing the needs identified by the institution at large. Writ large these include helping to meet the strategic business priorities, and instituting and adopting management processes to improve efficiencies and outcomes.

In addition, horticulture has some goals of its own. Significant increases in the number of taxa in collections and on display, and raising the reputation of the institution in the botanical world, dovetail nicely with enhancing our visitor experience and creating a one-of-a-kind visit. 2011 saw the creation of an extensive Narcissus collection showcasing nearly 100 cultivars of daffodil in 13 horticultural divisions; a huge push toward revitalizing The Centennial Rose Garden with 765 new shrubs planted and more to come; a Metasequoia grove demonstrating the range of variation in a single tree species—along with one of the finest plant stories of the 20th century; a cherry circle at the Arboretum; Primula sieboldii beds with nearly a dozen cultivars; an exciting new collaboration between Veggie Village and The Gardens’ Café to feature RBG produce in the menu. Finally, significant planning was started for all of the major garden areas.

Interaction with the Auxiliary of RBG and our dedicated specialist societies in the work of the garden increased significantly in 2011, and we continue to engage and work with professional societies to raise the profile of RBG on the local, national and international stage.

The horticulture summer student program saw over 40 students from local universities come to RBG to learn and work, providing specialized skills training and help for the gardens. In addition the department coordinated projects for several corporate volunteer groups that netted RBG hundreds of volunteer hours and good relations with some of the area’s finest businesses.

As always, the horticulture department is keen to share the work we do and the knowledge we’ve accumulated by presenting dozens of talks and demonstrations, making appearances at local and regional trade shows and on television and radio, and contributing to newspapers and magazines.
Education

Botanical gardens exist to grow and share knowledge about the plant world. At RBG, we share knowledge of the many relationships that exist between people, plants and nature through a wide range of formal and informal learning experiences offered on-site, off-site and via the Internet. In 2011, over 30,000 people participated in hundreds of educational activities and courses.

Messaging about RBG and the work we do is the focus of the dynamic learning activities we offer for casual visitors of all ages and a new interpretation plan was prepared to guide these efforts over the next five years. A new Project Paradise Discovery Cart was developed, and with the enthusiastic support of our Auxiliary we were able to recruit and train several new volunteer interpreters who engaged hundreds of people along the Waterfront Trail by the Fishway. These volunteers have become the nucleus of a new Auxiliary interpretation group that will be expanded in 2012.

Following the success of our Biodiversity Year programming in 2010, we brought back the concept of an annual RBG theme and focused much of our summer visitor experience on The Edible Landscape. Using the newly opened Veggie Village as the home base for our programming, we brought together interpretive signage and guides, new cellphone-based audio tours, and special events focused on growing vegetables and eating local.

Programs for our winter exhibit, Wild Music: Songs and Sounds of Life, were very well-received and we continued to focus on “plants that make music” on special interpretive tours during music nights through the summer.

Our award-winning videoconference-based programs continued their steady growth, with a 12 per cent increase in numbers, and recognition by a US-based educational group as Canada’s best videoconference content provider. Our camps, youth and horticultural therapy programs also grew in 2011.

We continue to work with many Ontario school boards and faculties of education to ensure that our programs support teacher needs. Halton District School Board and Ontario Ecoschools joined forces with RBG and Back to Nature to prepare and pilot a new educational resource that will help teachers use schoolyards and local parks for curriculum delivery. We provided hands-on placement for three student teachers over the course of the year, as well as a number of high school and college co-op students. With the help of a special grant from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, the Nature Interpretive Centre upgraded aged and outdated equipment. New dataloggers and cameras put real-life scientific tools in the hands of students, while new presentation aids help our staff to provide better programming.

After over two years of background work, the Ontario Back to Nature Network was inaugurated in January. By the end of the year, over 60 organizations from environmental, recreation, youth leadership, planning and health sectors were involved, along with our collaborative partners in this Ontario Trillium Foundation-funded project — Parks and Recreation Ontario and Ontario Nature. As this network expands, it will build capacity to get more of Ontario’s children engaged in healthy outdoor activity.
Natural Lands

An estimated 250,000 people enjoy the tranquility of one of the last major natural areas in the urban jungle that surrounds Lake Ontario. The 27 kilometres of nature trails winding through RBG’s 900 hectares of natural lands provide year-round memorable experiences. In 2011 the featured lookout destinations of the trails were refurbished, including the platforms on the north shore of Cootes Paradise and the Escarpment edge lookouts at Rock Chapel.

Chegwin Trail Boardwalk was completely rebuilt and the first new observation platform in decades was added to the trail system in Hendrie Valley. To complement this work, nine new interpretive signs were added to enhance the visitor experience. This included three at Princess Point, one in Westdale, and five on the north shore of Cootes Paradise. Updated trails maps were published to provide information on the revitalized trail system.

Protection of federally listed rare species continued to remain a top priority. This included research with focus on Few-Flowered Club-rush (*Trichophorum planifolium*), Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*), Red Mulberry (*Morus rubra*), Jefferson’s Salamander (*Ambystoma jeffersonianum*) and various turtle species. Work on an overall strategy to recover turtle populations that complemented the marsh restoration program continued and is expected to be completed by the end of 2012.

A cross-section of monitoring programs showed the status of the property continues to be impaired due to long-standing water and air pollution issues, and the resulting dominance of several naturalized Eurasian species. However these stressors continue to abate and the integrity of the property is improving.

While numerous species were encountered within the various monitoring programs, the highlight of the year was the capture of a long-lost fish species, the Longnose Sucker (*Catostomus catostomus*) at the Cootes Paradise Fishway.

A number of volunteer events throughout the fall along with two staff employed full-time for six weeks, combined to remove over 3,000 invasive shrubs. At Princess Point, planting of native prairie plant species was the highlight of a provincial Envirotthon student event. Marsh restoration faced an extremely challenging year due to high lake levels, summer flooding and sewer overflows. Despite the challenges the regeneration of wetland plants advanced and more importantly, the underlying conditions improved by year-end.
Several years ago RBG scientists identified its natural lands as one of Canada’s botanical hot spots. Now with nine local partners, the Cootes to Escarpment Park System collaboration has been formed to create a 3,000 ha park system. Nowhere is science more relevant to our community.

John Hall, Coordinator, Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan

Science

Science has an important role in Royal Botanical Gardens’ strategic direction and business plans, responsible for our non-living collections (herbarium, library and archival collections) and for leadership in key programs, such as plant identification, the on-going development of our knowledge resources, plant systematics and taxonomy, and partnerships with external agencies such as universities, natural areas stakeholders, and our sister botanical gardens across Canada and around the world.

The year past saw major advances in our knowledge resources, in the practical aspects of managing our collections, in better integrating our expertise across all of RBG, and in cultivating partnerships. Some of our most dramatic progress was made in the herbarium, known internationally as HAM. In 2011 staff completed the monumental, two-year task of digitizing all 56,500 herbarium specimens, and with the horticulture department integrated the herbarium database into the industry-standard record-keeping system for plant collections used at RBG, called BG-BASE.

This year, we also acquired a large herbarium dryer, allowing for rapid, high-quality preservation of fleshy specimens such as lilac flowers. This allows us to maintain the highest quality of preservation of our specimens, which is critical as our herbarium is the only one in Canada that accepts “nomenclatural standards” of cultivars — individual plant specimens that are vouchers for names of newly registered cultivars. Our botany program in 2011 included exciting experimental work on the propagation of two of our flagship endangered plant species: Red Mulberry (Morus rubra) and Few-Flowered Club Rush (Trichophorum planifolium).

Partnerships also were a major theme in 2011. In partnership with the Auxiliary we made progress in 2011 on our long-term project to reorganizing our knowledge resources and literature collections. Auxiliary volunteers completed a four-year project to upgrade the Canadian holdings in our collection of historic horticultural catalogues — some 9,500 items. Our partnerships with universities also reached several milestones in 2011. For example, since 2010 RBG and University of Guelph have presented a joint online certificate in Sustainable Urban Horticulture, a sister-program to the university’s Sustainable Urban Agriculture certificate. In 2011 our first students successfully completed the six courses to earn their certificates.

In these and many other ways, science has contributed to our knowledge of the world of plants, and the many relationships between people and plants, in 2011.
Events, Hospitality and Corporate Sales

Our hospitality and events team continued to host a number of entertaining and educational events. 2011 began with our third winter exhibit, *Wild Music*, which generated public interest from both adults and children of all ages. During January and February, guests had the added bonus of visiting *Glass under Glass* exhibit on both levels of our Mediterranean Garden where they could view and purchase original glass art.

Family Day brought in new and returning audiences to Royal Botanical Gardens and The Gardens Café had many specials and educational activities themed to *Wild Music*. Many popular events were held such as a Romantic Dinner and Dance to celebrate Valentine’s Day, Easter Brunch with a visit from the Easter Bunny, and the annual Mothers’ Day Brunch at RBG Centre. The annual bloom festivals included tulip, lilac and rose, and the music series provided outdoor live music from June through September.

With 93 ceremonies, 65 receptions and over 200 wedding photography rental sessions, RBG was a popular venue for weddings in 2011! Our gardens are the perfect backdrop for special events and weddings. With the recent royal wedding in England, we positioned our advertising and promotions around the slogan, “Your very own Royal Wedding” and had a solid response from potential customers. The essence of the success of our weddings continues to be a strong with positive word-of-mouth and we continue to improve upon an already excellent product.

Santa received a make-over in 2011 taking us back to Victorian times and was at the Gardens with his reindeer every weekend. Holiday cheer filled RBG Centre with uniquely decorated doors for Doorways to the Holidays while toy trains filled the back of the building and was a popular hang-out for both the young and not so young.

RBG offers a unique, beautiful and professional environment for companies and event planners to have something as simple as a meeting or a full catered event. Our reputation is excellent within the local area and beyond, and we strive to build upon our successes as we work towards exceeding our budget expectations and delivering premium customer satisfaction and service.

“First-class service all the way. The Rose Garden and reception hall looked gorgeous! The level of service was fabulous. We have heard nothing but great comments from our guests. Thanks again for a day we will never ever forget!”

S&R Stewart
"We have chosen to list RBG in our will because it shows we are committed to the work we are doing here, and we want it to continue long after we are gone."

Dan and Colette Totino, RBG Auxiliary and Laking Society members

"More people need to be aware of the jewel we have here in Southern Ontario. People need to come here to see RBG, make the trip out and see all of it, and then go back to where they live and tell everyone they know."

Miss Mary B. Stedman, 33-year RBG member and supporter

**Growing up Green**

**Health • Education • Nature**

Membership, Community Relations and Fundraising

Royal Botanical Gardens’ success stems from the strength and support of its communities and in 2011 the business development and fundraising team continued in its efforts to bring the RBG experience into homes and businesses of its community.

2011 saw the launch of Growing up Green, RBG’s annual fundraising campaign aimed to improve the health of our children and future generations by providing education that connects them to plants, nature and green spaces in which to thrive. The completion of the Growing up Green Case for Support culminated with the campaign launch on January 28 and was met with immediate success. Burlington Community Foundation donated $10,000 and CN Rail invested $150,000 over two years, initializing what would be RBG’s most ambitious annual fundraising effort in recent memory.

The campaign continued with the production of a 30-second public service announcement television campaign as well as an interactive photo, video and essay contest. We asked entrants to tell us when they first fell in love with nature, resulting in inspirational stories to share with our audience and capturing the essence of the Growing up Green concept. Year one of this initiative indicated that the Growing up Green brand resonates with our membership.

New membership acquisition strategies involving the volunteer Auxiliary and summer staff, resulted in a 100 per cent year-over-year increase in membership sales in the months of May and June. Two direct mail campaigns and one telephone campaign were also executed to inform members on new benefits. This has allowed RBG staff and volunteers to engage with its members as we prepare and support our business directives while moving into our multi-year business plan.
Marketing and Communications

For the marketing and communications department, 2011 was a building year in many ways. Our foray into the world of social media, specifically Twitter and Facebook, has proven to be effective in delivering messaging and, more importantly, engaging with our members and patrons in a whole new way! By the end of 2011 we had over 2,000 per cent growth in both platforms which has resulted in a myriad of great questions and photos from our followers. This gave others insight into the many areas of Royal Botanical Gardens they may not have otherwise known.

The marketing and communications department worked diligently with all departments to ensure that we were both promoting and informing our members and patrons of our mandated areas and day-to-day activities through the advertising and promotions media, and via internal and external tools such as rbg email blasts, signage and our website, www.rbg.ca. RBG’s quarterly members’ magazine, Paradise Found, continued to evolve and provide an in-depth look into the inner workings of the Gardens.

Royal Botanical Gardens’ traditional advertising campaign remained regional in focus, but an effort to break out of the 20-kilometre-radius was also executed by utilizing small publications in Mississauga and west of Brantford for specific events such as Blooms Celebrations. The core of RBG’s advertising program consists of print, TV, radio, outdoor, web and grassroots promotions. It is the combination of these media that have proven successful and created the building blocks for delivering front-of-mind awareness in the greater region.

Media relations activities resulted in national and regional media coverage and further established RBG as an authoritative voice in the each of its mandated areas. Our total of 700 print, radio and television news items, with a circulation of over 45 million, delivered an estimated $870,000 in advertising value.

“\nWe are so lucky to be the home of Royal Botanical Gardens ... what a jewel in the world’s crown, here in our backyard. The Hamilton Spectator is proud to team up with RBG on its quest to make our world more beautiful, more green and more knowledgeable! “

Jane Allison, Hamilton Spectator

Over
$800,000
value in
local, regional
and national
media coverage

Over
2,000
new Twitter
followers and
more than 1,000
new Facebook
fans of RBG
in 2011
Volunteer Services

The Auxiliary of Royal Botanical Gardens celebrated 50 years of service in 2011. It was a year filled with celebration and successful fundraising.

Our 2011 financial successes allowed us to celebrate, make gifts of $50,767 and contribute volunteer services of $3,900 to the Gardens. The Auxiliary had contributed $24,000 in 2010 and this 50th year we topped up that contribution by $50,000. The total of $74,000 is going towards the development of a natural playground on the site of the former Discovery Garden. This inviting playground, while visible from the road, will provide an excellent safe play and discovery area for children and their families.

In 2011, we started joint executive meetings between staff and Auxiliary in the areas of horticulture, education, natural lands, and operations. Together we looked for opportunities to provide cost savings for RBG and revenue generation for the Auxiliary to give to the Gardens. Meetings were set up on a regular basis and provided for even more effective volunteer support of the work of the Gardens.

The Auxiliary contributed in many ways to RBG providing volunteer gardeners, trail watchers, tour guides for the gardens, Mum show helpers, getting signers for the Veggie Pledge, and volunteering at the Fishway. As well volunteers continued in the library, herbarium, and at the gardening information desk.

Finally, members were involved in executing the program of celebrations for the Auxiliary’s 50th Anniversary in 2011. The anniversary year brought attention to the Auxiliary and its achievements, and also gave RBG excellent coverage at the celebratory public Garden Party held on June 22, the Family Dinner in September, and all the fundraising events throughout the year 2011.

“Royal Botanical Gardens has been helping to strengthen the role of botanical garden and plant conservation networks across Canada … through RBG’s efforts our gardens are finally coming together with a stronger, unified voice to support conservation, public education initiatives, and strengthen our collections.”

Melanie Sifton, Director, Humber Arboretum
## Finances

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS  
(A Corporation without Share Capital)

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

### REVENUE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2011</th>
<th>2010</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Operating grants</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Province of Ontario – Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport</td>
<td>$4,112,000</td>
<td>$4,112,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City of Hamilton</td>
<td>599,206</td>
<td>599,206</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Regional Municipality of Halton</td>
<td>701,860</td>
<td>692,524</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5,413,066</td>
<td>5,403,730</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amortization of deferred capital contributions</td>
<td>1,551,780</td>
<td>1,373,288</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amortization of self-funded capital assets</td>
<td>28,382</td>
<td>301,591</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment income</td>
<td>39,694</td>
<td>38,754</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Admissions, marketing and visitor experience</td>
<td>1,662,482</td>
<td>1,746,621</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Development — donations</td>
<td>493,916</td>
<td>399,899</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Membership fees</td>
<td>491,354</td>
<td>539,450</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mandated activities</td>
<td>1,765,110</td>
<td>1,625,554</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transformation funding</td>
<td>397,278</td>
<td>279,524</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other fees</td>
<td>90,662</td>
<td>219,633</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11,933,724</td>
<td>11,928,044</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### EXPENSES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2011</th>
<th>2010</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Operations and maintenance</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Buildings and equipment</td>
<td>1,475,159</td>
<td>1,411,560</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amortization of capital assets</td>
<td>1,580,162</td>
<td>1,674,879</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3,055,321</td>
<td>3,086,439</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mandated activities</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Horticulture — gardens, parklands and collections</td>
<td>2,160,647</td>
<td>2,228,628</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conservation and environmental programs</td>
<td>623,871</td>
<td>558,412</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scientific and research programs</td>
<td>401,779</td>
<td>260,939</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education programs</td>
<td>1,079,602</td>
<td>1,432,114</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4,265,899</td>
<td>4,480,093</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administration</td>
<td>1,807,922</td>
<td>1,864,520</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Development fundraising</td>
<td>557,694</td>
<td>371,135</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Membership services</td>
<td>67,530</td>
<td>91,686</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Admissions, marketing and visitor experience</td>
<td>2,170,517</td>
<td>1,961,614</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4,603,663</td>
<td>4,288,955</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11,924,883</td>
<td>11,855,487</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR**  
$8,841  
$72,557

---

### Quote

“I thoroughly enjoyed it. The instructor was very nice, very knowledgeable and always helpful. The other participants were also friendly and helpful. It was a nice atmosphere to learn in and also fun to be in.”

---

Public Program participant
2011 DONORS, SUPPORTERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

We are most grateful to everyone who supports Royal Botanical Gardens. Your generous contributions make possible the ongoing operation of this national treasure. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list and we apologize for any errors or omissions. Please call 905-527-1158, extension 295 with any corrections. We also express our appreciation to those supporters whose names do not appear as they have chosen to remain anonymous.

GROWING UP GREEN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

$150,000 and more
Anonymous (1)

$75,000 to $149,000
CN

$50,000 to $74,999
Anonymous (1)

$10,000 to $49,999
Burlington Community Foundation
Michael & Jane Schwenger

$5,000 to $9,999
Mr. Cliff Carson & Mrs. Toni Carson

$1,000 to $4,999
Ms. Leslie Bullock & Mr. John Vice
Mr. W. Frank Carpenter
Marlies & Alan Clark Fund at
Hamilton Community Foundation
Jean & Cameron Crowe
Dr. Christopher J. Cudmore

Mr. Floyd Elder
Mr. John Evans, QC
& Mrs. Patricia Peacock-Evans
Mr. Douglas A. Flett
Mr. Murray E. Hogarth
Mr. Jeremiah Hurley
& Ms. Mita Giacomini
Mr. & Mrs. John & Eileen McQuade
McGrath Milne Fund at
Hamilton Community Foundation
Mrs. Margaret Morison
Marjorie & Bill Nelson
Dr. Lyn Robinson
& Dr. John Robinson
W. Robert and Marion Shivas
Conservation Trust and Fund at
Hamilton Community Foundation
Glen & Debra Swire Fund at
Hamilton Community Foundation
Mr. John Thode
Mr. Ray Twinney
& Mrs. & Mr. Brenda & Terry Yates

$500 to $999
Mr. Arthur Adams
Mr. Ronald Bayne
Dr. Martin Daly
Mr. Michael de Pencier
& Mrs. Honor de Pencier
Miss Mary S. Gilmour
Mr. David Goodings
& Mrs. Judith Goodings
Mr. Fred Hall
& Mrs. Constance Hall
Mrs. Marion Harrison
Mr. Glen House
& Mrs. Laura House
Mrs. Nancy McFadyen
& Mr. John McFadyen
Dr. & Mrs. Ian McQuistan
Mrs. Jean Miller
Mr. John North & Mrs. Anne North
Mr. Paul Phoenix
& Mrs. Pat Phoenix
Mrs. Anne Pigott

Robert & Sharon Redhead
Kathy & Mark Runciman
Mr. Robert Schellenberg
& Mrs. Lenita Schellenberg
TD Bank Group
Mr. Richard Thode
Mr. Ian Tolland
& Mrs. Elsie Tolland
Mr. Thomas Van Zuiden

$100 to $499
Ms. Susan Alcock
Mr. Albert & Mrs. Nancy Alexanian
Mrs. Rita Altman
& Mr. Michael Altman
Mr. Don Alton
S E Arliss
Mrs. Bev Armstrong
Mr. Harrison Arrell
& Mrs. Diane Arrell
Mr. Dennis Baker
& Mrs. Patricia Baker
Mr. C. Mitchell Banks
& Mrs. Linda S. Banks
Dr. H. Douglas Barber
& Mrs. P. June Barber
Ms. Patricia Barton
Mrs. Diana Beacham
& Mr. Warren Beacham
Mrs. Darlene Bennett-Howes
Mr. John Bennie
Mrs. Margaret J. Biggar
Dr. E. Roy Birkett
& Mrs. Joan Birkett
Ms. Dorothy Birtalan
Dr. Margaret Black
Ms. Sandra Black & Mr. John Black
Ms. Susan Blue
Mr. William Bota & Mrs. Ida Bota
Mr. Gordon Bowlby
& Mrs. Helen Bowlby
Mr. David Bowen
& Mrs. Lynda Bowen
Mr. Walter Boyd
& Mrs. Christine Boyd

Mrs. June Brayshaw
Dr. Andrew W. Brink
& Mrs. Helen Brink
Dr. I. David Brown
Dr. Kathleen H. Brown
Mr. Douglas Bruce
Mr. Heinz Brune
Mr. Harcourt Bull
Mrs. Pat Bullock
Mrs. Carole Burgess
Mr. Anthony Butler
& Mrs. Margaret Butler
Ms. Joyce Butler
Mr. Mac Byrne & Mrs. Marion Byrne
G. O’Connor Consultants Inc.
Dr. Gordon Cameron
& Mrs. Pat Cameron
Mr. Alan Candy
& Mrs. Norma Candy
Mrs. Margaret Carson
Mr. Donald E. Chappell
Miss Nancy Chiatot
Mrs. M. Andrea Cichra
Mr. Doug Clifford
& Mrs. Gail Clifford
Mrs. Ann Collins
Ms. Frances Colter
Mr. David Conrath
& Mrs. Dianna Conrath
Louise Cooke in memory of W.J. Cooke
Mrs. Margaret Cowan
& Mr. Jim Cowan
Mr. James Cox
Mr. David Croft & Mrs. Jane Croft
Mr. Robert Cross
Dr. James E. Cruise
Mrs. Mary G. Currie
Dr. Irving Dain & Mrs. Joyce Dain
Ms. Lisa Daniel & Mr. John Daniel
Ms. Margaret Davidson
Ms. Jane Davies
Mr. John De Zoete
& Mrs. Jane De Zoete

Mr. Robert Deacoff
& Mrs. Brenda Deacoff
Mrs. Mary Dean
Mrs. Susan Dell & Mr. William Dell
Mr. Chris Demerino
Mr. Mark Brett
& Ms. Kathleen Denomy
Ms. Ora Douglas
Ms. Marion Duff
Mr. Sanford Ross
& Ms. Lorraine Dufue
Mrs. Marion Eby
& Dr. Heather Borman-Eby
Mr. David Elliott
Mr. Brian Everest
& Mrs. Beverley Everest
Mr. Robert Excell
& Mrs. Daphne Excell
Mrs. Anne Fabok
& Mr. Daniel Fabok
Miss Mary Jane Farrar
Mr. William Ferrier
Mr. William K. Ferris
& Mrs. Dianne Ferris
Mr. Mark Fingland
Mr. John Finlayson
& Mrs. Doris Finlayson
Mr. Kenneth Fisher
& Mrs. Dorothy Fisher
Mrs. Freda Flook
C. Richard & Jane Fogal
Mrs. Barbara Freeman
& Mr. Karl Freeman
Mr. Donald Froggett
& Mrs. Louise Froggett
G.R. Allan Home
& School Association
Mrs. Marjorie Galloway
Mr. Simon Gautrey
& Mrs. Jennifer Gautrey
Ms. Carolyn Lehmann
& Ms. Gloria Geller
Mr. Geoff George
& Mrs. Antje George

/ 11
Mr. Peter George
& Rev. Allison Barrett
Mrs. Muriel Gibow
Mr. William Gibson
& Mrs. Ida Gibson
Mr. Stewart Patch
& Ms. Ann Gillespie
Steve & Linda Glover
Mrs. Jean Graham
Mr. Don Granger
& Mrs. Glynnis Granger
Mr. Don Grant & Mrs. Diana Grant
Mr. Gordon Robison
& Mr. David Grant
Mrs. Lois G. Greenall
Ms. Jean Griffin
Mr. Robin Griffin
& Mrs. Marnie Griffin
Mr. Fred Grigsby
Mr. Lorne Haley
& Mrs. Barbara Haley
Mrs. Barbara Hallett
Mrs. Alix Hargreave
& Mr. Frederick Hargreave
Don & Jan Hawkins
Mr. Mel Hawkrigg
& Mrs. Marilyn Hawkrigg
Mrs. Rosemary Hayhurst-France
Mrs. Linda Heaver
Mr. Frank Hewer
Mr. Rudolf Hogervorst
& Mrs. Margaret Hogervorst
Dr. Anne Holbrook
& Dr. Peter Ford
Mr. Stephen Holford
& Mrs. Sharon Holford
Mr. Archie Horn
Dr. Sam Horwood
& Mrs. Ruth Ann Horwood
Dr. Sam Horwood
& Mrs. Ruth Ann Horwood
Dr. William Hryniuk
& Mrs. Lynn Hryniuk
Mr. George Hutchinson
& Mrs. Ruth Hutchinson
Mr. Wayne Jackson
& Mrs. Betty Jackson
Mr. Douglas Jarrett
& Mrs. Barbara Jarrett
Judith Jenkins
Mr. Richard Johnston
& Mrs. Carolyn Johnston
Dr. J. Michael Kay
& Mrs. Elizabeth Kay
Mr. Jerry Roberts & Mr. B.H. Keller
Mrs. Christine Kerr & Mr. Matt Kerr
Ms. Karen Trebilcock
& Ms. Brenda Kerr
Mrs. Margaret R. Kirkpatrick
Mr. James Koyanagi
& Mrs. Kimiko Koyanagi
Mrs. Eva Kraus
Ms. Helen Lamont
& Ms. Lori Labatt
Mr. Tim Langs & Mrs. Dale Langs
Ms. Georgina Langs
Mr. John Lawrie
Mr. Kenneth Lee & Mrs. Judith Lee
Mrs. Ruth Lee & Mr. Denis Lee
Mrs. Judith Lewis
Mr. Peter J. Lewis
& Mrs. Joyce Lewis
Mr. James Ferguson
& Ms. Gay Lichwy
Mr. Peter Lindley
& Mrs. Joan Lindley
Mr. H. David Lockhart
& Mrs. Ethel Lockhart
Mr. Robert Logan
& Mrs. Colleen Logan
Mrs. Kay Lomax
London Horticultural Society
Mrs. Joan Lowry
Mr. Douglas Lucas
& Mrs. Marie Lucas
Mr. David Ludwin
& Mrs. Laura Ludwin
Dr. Peter MacDonald
& Rev. Ann MacDonald
& Mrs. Edith MacLean
Mr. Cyril MacNeil
& Mrs. Sherry MacNeil
Mr. Norm Madill
& Mrs. Loueen Madill
Mr. Hall Mayer & Mrs. Lynne Mayer
Mr. Graham McCallum
& Mrs. Diana McCallum
Mrs. Beverly McIntyre
& Ms. Joyce McKenna
Mr. Gordon McNulty
& Mrs. Angie McNulty
Mrs. Patricia Meek & Mr. Eric Meek
Mr. Stephen Hawkins
& Ms. Hilda Michel
Mr. John Milligan
& Mrs. Marjorie Milligan
Mr. Paul Milne
& Mrs. Carolyn Milne
Mr. Ron Minaker
Mr. Alexander S. Mitchell
Mr. George A. Mitchell
The Hon. Peter Mitchell
& Mrs. Beverley Mitchell
Ms. Ingrida Mitton
Mr. Don Moffat
Mr. Alan Moffett
& Mrs. Audrey Moffett
Mr. Michael Mollinga
& Mrs. Laurine Mollinga
Mrs. Barbara Moore
Mr. Patrick Moore
& Mrs. Valerie Moore
Mr. John C. Mountain
Mr. Winston C. Munro
& Mrs. Andrea Munro
Ms. S. Polly Shimizu
& Mr. William Naruse
Miss Verna I. Neil
Dr. Michael Newhouse
& Mrs. Carol Newhouse
Mr. Richard Omatsu
Mrs. Margaret Opie
Ms. Anne Parish
Mr. Alastair MacDonald
& Ms. Patti Parke
Pathfinders Hiking Group
of Oakville
Mr. Peter J. Patterson
Ms. Jennifer Keir & Mr. Doug Payne
Mrs. M. Geraldine Phenix
Mr. Waldemar Pieczonka
& Mrs. Mavis Pieczonka
Dr. Helen Howard-Lock
& Dr. Mel Preston
Mr. Alan Procter
Ms. Cathy Ralston
Dr. Patrick Fayard
Mr. Doug Reddon
Mr. David Reed
& Mrs. Judith Ann Reed
Mrs. Mary Jean Reid
& Mr. Clyde Reid
Mr. Leo Reise & Mrs. Geraldine Reise
Mr. W. G. Reynolds
& Mrs. Lois Reynolds
Mr. Mark Hallman
& Ms. Gaye Richards
Ms. Ruth Robb & Ms. Heather Robb
Mr. Daniel Rose & Mrs. Coriina Rose
Mr. Duncan Ross
& Mrs. Margaret Ross
Mr. Hal Rosser & Mrs. Lynda Rosser
Rotary Club of Oakville Trafalgar
Foundation Inc.
Ms. Janet Jardine & Mr. Bob Rowsell
Mrs. Jean Roxbrough
Mrs. Rosemary Russell
& Mr. Philip Russell
Mr. Marvin Ryder
Ms. Diane Woolfe
& Mr. Mark Salutin
Ms. Leah F. Schwenger
& Mrs. dennise Schwerger
Ms. Nancy Schwenger
Mr. Charles Scott
& Mrs. Phyllis Scott
Mr. Michael Shea & Mrs. Karen Shea
Mr. Rick Sheppard
& Mrs. Allison Sheppard
Ms. Nancy Sherwin
Mr. George Simpson
& Mrs. Mary Ann Simpson
Ms. Esther Sleep
Miss E. A. Smith
R.L. Snioullis
Mr. Lorne Sparrow
& Mrs. Elaine Sparrow
Mrs. Harriet Sprague
Mr. Ted Stark & Mrs. Velma Stark
Dr. Peter Mascher
& Ms. Doris Stefanovic
Mrs. Janet Stoddart
& Mr. W.J. Stoddart
Mrs. Susan Stretton
Ms. Patricia Strung
& Mr. John Strung
Mrs. Helen Szabo
Ms. Helen Szydlowski
Mr. Glenn Taylor
& Mrs. Jennifer Taylor
Mr. John Taylor
& Mrs. Claire Taylor
TD Meloche Monnex
Financial Services
Mrs. Betty Thomas
Mr. Rod Thomson
& Mrs. Karen Thomson
Mr. John Thornton
Mr. Wayne Thorpe
& Mrs. Heather Thorpe
Mr. Jeff Fenwick
& Ms. Laura Tiernan
Dr. Frances Lester
& Dr. Edemariam Tsega
Mr. Carl Turkstra
& Mrs. Kate Turkstra
United Way of Toronto
Mr. Bert van der Geer
& Mrs. Marie van der Geer
Ms. Margaret Verbeek
Dr. John Vickers
& Mrs. Leena Jaanima
Mrs. Barbara Waddell
Ms. Jacqueline G. Wakefield
Mrs. Anne Walker  
Mr. Gary Walsh & Mrs. Karen Walsh  
Mr. Melvin Webber  
& Mrs. Patricia Webber  
Mr. Philip Webster  
Ms. Sylvia Weylie  
& Ms. Kathy Weylie  
Miss Edna Whitbread  
Ms. Ronalee White  
Mrs. Margaret Whyte  
Mr. Ross Wilby & Mrs. Gwen Wilby  
Mrs. Nancy Wills  
Mr. David Wilson  
& Mrs. Betty Wilson  
Ms. Wendy Woodworth  
Mr. Gary Wrathall  
Mr. Gerard Wyatt  
Mr. Peter-Michael Brattke  
& Mr. Fred Yamamoto  
Ms. Kathryn Yates & Mr. Rob Krull  
Mr. Clifford Young  
Mrs. J. Joyce Young  
& Mr. William Young  
Mr. Jim Young & Mrs. Meg Young  
Mrs. Margaret Young  
Ms. Isik Zeytinoglu  
& Mr. Mehmet Zeytinoglu  
Mrs. Judy L. Zinni  
Mrs. Winnifred Zmenak  
Anonymous (5)  

PATRICK W. COLGAN  
MEMORIAL FUND  
Established in 2004, by the family  
and friends of the late Dr. Patrick W. Colgan, RBG’s director of research  
and natural lands (2000–2004), the  
Dr. Patrick W. Colgan Memorial  
Fund supports the communication of science  
in the public interest at RBG.  

Mrs. Phyllis Agg & Mr. David Agg  
Ms. Susan Barron  
Ms. Sandra Black & Mr. John Black  
Mr. Brian Colgan  
& Mrs. Hendrikje Colgan  
Mrs. Elizabeth Colgan  
Ms. Maureen Colgan  
Mr. William Colgan  
& Ms. Christine Bennett  
Mr. Hamish Crawford  
& Mrs. Maureen Crawford  
Dr. Martin Daly  
Mr. Alan Emery  
& Mrs. Frances Emery  
Mr. Greg Frenette  
Dr. Dale Gray & Mr. Jim Hamilton  
Mr. Ted Hains & Ms. Noreen Hains  
Ms. Faye Hall  
Mr. Robert Henderson  
& Ms. Jo Henderson  
Mr. Drew Hoffman  
Mr. Jerry Hogan  
Ms. Sharilyn Ingram  
Mr. Miles Keenleyside  
& Ms. Hilda Keenleyside  
Ms. Amelia Laing Jamieson  
Dr. Hugh Munby  
& Mrs. Nancy Hutchinson  
Ms. Kate Oxley & Mr. Bill Nesbitt  
Mr. Maurice Pigeon  
& Mrs. Margot Finley  
Mr. John Rankin  
& Mrs. Wilma Rankin  
Mr. Stephen Reeds  
Mr. Joe Schmutz  
& Mrs. Sheila Schmutz  
Mr. William Stayer  
& Mrs. Chanelle Stayer  
Dr. Emil Svboda  
Ms. Marcia Sweet  
Ms. Catherine Tait Boyle  
Toronto East General Hospital  
Mr. Gerard Wyatt  
Mr. John Yee  
Anonymous (1)  

STEDMAN EXPLORATION HALL  
Mary B. Stedman  

ALDERSHOT ESCARPMENT  
GARDEN SUPPORTERS  
(New gifts and pledge payments)  

$20,000 and more  
Bank of Montreal  
Bill & Mickey DeLuca & Family  

$10,000 to $19,999  
Garden Club Of Burlington  
Longo Bros., in honour  
of Joe Longo Sr.  
UCC Group Inc.  
Unilock Ltd.  

$5,000 to $9,999  
Braun Nursery Limited  
Maglin Furniture  
SB Partners LLP  
Dumitru & Amalia Stan  

$1,000 to $4,999  
Manuel & Maria Bastos  
Mrs. Muriel Bousquet,  
in Memory of Ronald Ramshaw  
Brampton Brick Limited  
Bill & Gill Cooper  
Dan Lawrie Insurance Brokers Ltd.  
Lorraine DeGroote  
Don Fox Financial Planning Ltd.  
Estate of Jean Harvey Ford  
H.G.H. Granite Inc.  
Grace & Rogers Inglis  
Mr. J.D. Ketcheson  
& Mrs. M.L. Ketcheson  
MBTW Group Inc.  
Mohawk College  
Marjorie & Bill Nelson  
Wilfred Pugh  
& Isabelle (McLean) Pugh  
Rudy, Jan & Brittany Reimer  

Kathy & Mark Runciman  
Don & Wendy Smith —  
Smith’s Funeral Homes  
Iain Souter & Sherry Phillips  
Terra Plan Landscape Architects Inc  
Westminster Chapter No. 176,  
Order of Eastern Star  

CORPORATE, FOUNDATION  
AND ORGANIZATION SUPPORT  
(Including cash and gifts in kind)  

$100,000 and more  
Environment Canada  
Ministry of Tourism, Culture  
and Sport  
Ontario Trillium Foundation  
The W. Garfield Weston Foundation  

$50,000 to $99,999  
City of Hamilton  
Environmental Laboratory  
Maritime-Ontario Freight Lines Ltd.  
TD Friends of the Environment  
Foundation  

$20,000 to $49,999  
Bay Area Restoration Council  
Hamilton Harbour Remedial  
Action Office  
Ministry of the Environment  
Ministry of Natural Resources  
Natural Resources Canada  
Service Canada  
YMCA Career Development  
& Learning Centre  

$10,000 to $19,999  
Employment Hamilton  
The Catherine  
& Maxwell Meighen Foundation  
Towne Media  
Union Gas Limited  
Anonymous (1)  

$5,000 to $9,999  
Burlington Hotel Association  
Canadian Museums Association  
EJLB Foundation  
J. P. Bickell Foundation  
Turkstra Lumber Company Ltd.  
Whole Foods Market  

$1,000 to $4,999  
The H.G. Bertram Foundation  
Burlington Model Railway Club  
Burlington Post  
Canadian Tree Fund  
City Parent Magazine  
Forever Young Magazine  
Goodlife Magazine  
Hamilton Community News  
Honda Canada Inc.  
Image Honda  
James N. Allan Family Foundation  
Mississauga News  
The North Face  
Queenston Chevrolet on Centennial  
Samuel W. Stedman Foundation  
West Of The City Magazine
TRIBUTE GIVING

Donations were received in commemoration of:
Iain Mitchell
Bill Moffat
Emily Ann Paulin
Noah J. Prodig
Thomas Tweedie
Kenneth Wallace

Donations were received in commemoration of:
Jeffrey Bell
Audrey Carman
Wendy Downing
Dan Gardiner
Sabrina Hall
Patrick J. McNally
Peter Mitchell
Charles Oliver
Susan Walton
Barrie L. Williams
Herb Wodehouse

Donations were received in memory of:
Robert Abromovich
Irma Ac
geraldine Adam
Carolyn Bacon
Lawrence Berger
Phyllis Berger
Johanna Bidrau
David Roy Burbage
Michael Burj
Leslie Davis
Helen Dorion
Ronald Excell
Henry Faris
Maria Ferrell
Diane Frankling
Dennis Fulton
Vern German
Edward Greenall
Grace Gulliver
Alice Harrison
Edith Houghton
Bob Hutchinson
Eileen Knuff
Dr. Leslie Laking
June Laking
Peggy Lawson
Shirley Madill
Rosemary Mann
Ron Martin
Ella Mullan (Mason)
Ray Nash
Florence (Betty) Nichol
Charles Oliver
Katherine Patrick
Michael Patrick
Patricia Paul
Margaret ‘Lil’ Pommier
Susan Potts
Janet Quinton
Bette Randle
Jacob Rayner
Lois Retallack
Norman Retallack
Rita Reynolds
Simone Rotsaert
Joanne Scala
Jean Schmalriedt
Verna Sheridan
Mary Smith
Neil M. Smith
Russell Smith
Lucia Toth
Mary Elizabeth Vallance
Marian Vandenbraak
Ros Vanderburgh
Peter Vanderende
Nette Veenstra-Hieminga
Marion Van Velzer
Ljubica Vinic
Margaret Vuurman
Tom Waller
George Weaver
Dahr Wilson
Lillian Wilson
Jane Measly Wilton
Helen Zahalan

Tribute Trees:
Howard Barrows
Doreen Bradshaw
Antonia Iacobini Calisti
Joan Fix
Clair Kovar
Arthur Sadler
Bea. M. Sinnamon

BEQUESTS
Estate of Bernard Morris Slavin
Estate of Dr. Leslie Laking
Estate of Jack (John) Fair

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS
Ajax Garden Club
Ancaster Horticultural Society
Asian Outdoor Enthusiasts
Brampton Horticultural Society
Bronte Horticultural Society
Christian Horizons
Christian Horizons Hamilton House
Community Access Centre
Community Living Burlington
Community Living Burlington (Rotary)
Community Living Hamilton
Credit Valley Horticultural Society
Flamborough Horticultural Society
Garden Club Of Ancaster
Garden Club Of Burlington
Garden Club Of Cambridge
The Garden Club of Hamilton
Garden Club Of Kitchener-Waterloo
Garden Club Of London
Garden Club of Toronto
Georgetown Horticultural Society
Grimby Garden Club
Guelph Horticultural Society
Haldimand Horticultural Society
Hamilton & District
Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Society
Hamilton Burlington Rose Society
Ikenobe Ikebana Society of Hamilton
Kitchener Horticultural Society
Lambeth Horticultural Society
Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association
London Horticultural Society
Lynden Horticultural Society
Milne House Garden Club
Milton & District
Horticultural Society
Mount Hamilton
Horticultural Society
Oakville Horticultural Society
Oasis Burlington
Ontario Regional Lily Society
Paris Horticultural Society
Parkdale & Toronto Hort. Soc.
Port Dover & Woodhouse
Horticultural Society
Queen’s Garden
School Sisters of Notre Dame
Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton
St. Joseph’s Healthcare
Bridge to Recovery
Stoney Creek Garden Club
& Horticultural Society
Thorndale and Area
Horticultural Society
Tillsonburg Horticultural Society
WEC International
Welland Horticultural Society

“Understanding and enjoying the beauty of nature goes hand-in-hand with its protection. RBG promotes all three and we are proud to support this jewel in the Hamilton landscape.”

Terry Cooke, President & CEO, Hamilton Community Foundation
“Royal Botanical Gardens is an important provider of environmental science, and outdoor experiential education … RBG addresses many of The Ontario Curriculum expectations, most importantly, in a highly engaging manner.”

Ron Ballentine, Coordinator: Environmental Education; Science and Technology, Halton District School Board
RBG Facts

Royal Botanical Gardens is the largest botanical garden in Canada. RBG features within its dozens of documented collections approximately 42 living collections displayed in five major garden exhibition areas.

HISTORY
1930 – Received Royal Charter from King George V
1932 – Opened to the public
1941 – Established by an Act of the Provincial Legislature

CHARITABLE REGISTRATION
13350 0850 RR0001

VISITATION
184,260 (approximate) paid visitors, school groups, conference attendees (does not include trail users)

CORE PROGRAM AREAS
Horticulture
Education
Natural Lands
Science and Research

EMPLOYEES
Spring and summer: 86 full-time, 115 part-time
Off season: 86 full-time, 16 part-time

MEMBERSHIP
6,710 memberships, representing an estimated 11,931 members

AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS
320 volunteers provided
43,838 volunteer hours

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS SIZE
Total: 1,100 hectares (2,700 acres or 11 square kilometres)
Cultivated Gardens:
121 hectares (250 acres)
Nature Sanctuaries:
971 hectares (2,450 acres)
Trails: 27 kilometres

HORTICULTURAL COLLECTIONS
AND HIGHLIGHTS
8,000 taxa (different species and cultivars) in the permanent collection; maintains the International Lilac Registry

Rock Garden
50,000 spring flowering bulbs and 40,000 summer annuals

Arboretum
Features over 600 species and cultivars of lilacs, as well as extensive magnolia and crabapple collections

Laking Garden
Thousands of iris and peony blooms; ornamental grasses; as well as an extensive Perennial Garden and a Heritage Garden (Temporarily closed for the 2011 season.)

Hendrie Park
The Gardens’ largest garden area is noted for its collection of antique and hybrid roses in the Centennial Rose Garden, as well as Woodland, Scented and Medicinal gardens, World of Botany, Helen M. Kippax Garden and Veggie Village: 100 Mile Produce Gardens

Mediterranean Garden
Two-storey indoor garden features a collection of ethnobotanical plants from the world’s five Mediterranean climates that shaped human civilization

HERBARIUM
Approximately 60,000 specimens

WILDLIFE SPECIES RECORDED
AT ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS
Birds: 277 species
Mammals: 37 species
Fish: 68 species
Amphibians: 9 species

Living Accessions
10,836

FACILITIES
RBG Centre, 680 Plains Road West, Burlington
This administration, research and public learning facility houses the auditorium, classrooms, archives and herbarium, Camilla and Peter Daiglish Atrium, Aldershot Escarpment Garden, Stedman Exploration Hall, Mediterranean Garden, the children’s Discovery Garden, The Gardens’ Café and the gift shop

Nature Interpretive Centre, Arboretum, Hamilton
The Nature Interpretive Centre, our gateway to Cootes Paradise, features exhibits on our wetland restoration activities and is the hub of our formal education program and children’s camps

Rock Garden Teahouse
and Turner Pavilion Teahouse, Hendrie Park
Open seasonally, these areas provide visitors with a quick lunch or snack

FUNDING

The Burlington Community Foundation is proud to support RBG as it encourages families to explore and experience the outdoors together.

Colleen Mulholland, Executive Director, Burlington Community Foundation
“I was happily surprised to discover Royal Botanical Gardens after moving to Hamilton. My membership over the last 40 years has allowed me to explore every corner of the Gardens until I had numerous favourite places to return to where I could be calmed down or completely revitalized by the beauty of these spectacular spaces.”

Mona, RBG member

“I was involved in the planting of over 5,000 cattails in Cootes Paradise and the building of a fence enclosure to protect the new plantings from goose browsing. I took part in the monitoring of water quality, aquatic plants, young-of-the-year fish, salmon spawning and migratory birds — which helped me to substantially improve my identification skills.”

Jessica Epp, Aquatic Ecology Intern