Royal Botanical Gardens puts nature’s beauty on display, but it isn’t a park system. It teaches but it isn’t a school. It protects and preserves forest and marsh, but it isn’t a conservation authority. It collects and propagates botanical knowledge and plant life, but it is not a library, museum, or laboratory. It is all those things and more than their sum.

–Dr. Leslie Laking
Thank you

On behalf of the board of directors and staff at Royal Botanical Gardens I want to thank all of our supporters, donors, members and volunteers for doing all that they do to make this wonderful place what it is, an incredible asset to the City of Hamilton, Regional Municipality of Halton, the province of Ontario and all of the rest of Canada.

Royal Botanical Gardens had a wonderful year in 2013. On the operations side we have had tremendous success with a milestone increase in membership, programming and a strengthened financial position.

Our programming started with Battle of the Titans–dinosaurs in our atrium– and ended with Holiday Traditions–our 2nd annual train exhibition. In between we had a variety of festivals, exhibitions, musical performances, special events, and of course the wonder of nature as it unfolded across our 2,700 acres. Through the efforts of our marsh restoration program, the improved health of Cootes Paradise resulted in the first successful pair of Bald Eagles born on the shoreline of Lake Ontario in over 50 years.

I’m extremely pleased with the commitment of our staff and volunteers and their dedication to programs like the Back to Nature Network, Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System, Growing Up Green Annual Campaign, and the successful launch of the Green Angels Fund. These programs have put us front and centre on a path to not only ensuring the sustainability of our environment but also ensuring future generations know and understand what the Gardens have to offer. Highlights include funding over 230 students from eight local schools attending RBG on fully-subsidized field trips, 20 children attending summer camp from CityKidz Hamilton, and many families and individuals receiving subsidized tickets to education programs like The Great Pumpkin Trail, all through the new Green Angels Fund.

In 2014 we begin the long awaited rejuvenation of the Rock Garden and look forward to expanding on many of our exhibitions and programs, including Holiday Traditions and the addition of more public art in the Gardens.

We look forward to seeing you in 2014.

Mark Runciman, CEO,
Royal Botanical Gardens
Laking Garden Renovation

The Horticulture Department addressed significant issues that were threatening the Iris collection. The collection was redesigned and replanted while the Peony collection—in need of its own rejuvenation—was lifted and moved to ring the Iris beds. At their peak the combined collections will provide an unprecedented display. The Horticulture Department also reached out to the Canadian Iris and Peony Societies to develop partnerships to assist with collection development for the years to come.

Plans to reinstitute a Clematis collection were also hatched in 2013 and, thanks to a grant and donated funds, will be in place for the 2014 season as a spectacular, sculptural feature. Finally, a new and colourful perennial display was developed to enhance and highlight the gazebo on the lower terrace.
The Syringa Collection in the Lilac Dell

Royal Botanical Gardens’ storied Syringa Collection—over 600 cultivars of lilacs—received more attention than ever in 2013. Thanks to a pair of lilac-specific donations the entire collection was pruned, the lilac walk was redone, over 90 holes were filled with new plants, and new equipment specifically for use in the collection was acquired. In addition, a dedicated volunteer corps composed of RBG Auxiliary members was out every week helping to care for their favourite plants.

Staff Highlights

2013 saw the merger of the gardening staff with the Horticulture Department to maximize efficiencies in the creation and delivery of RBG’s prime product—its gardens.

The staff spent much of the year hosting society events, teaching, and speaking at public engagements while continuing to add their touch to the many exhibitions on display.

RBG’s largest ever bulb planting was completed in one day with the help of 85 corporate volunteers from Deloitte LLP—200,000 crocus bulbs were planted outside of RBG Centre with the hope that they will provide an amazing horticultural sight for years to come.
Cootes Paradise Marsh significantly recovered missing wetland vegetation with water lilies and submergent plants expanding to cover about 1/3 of the marsh. In addition, restoration plants from the Spencer Creek river delta added 8,000 new reeds to the marsh.

A grant from the U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Program helped us to begin the inventory of common reed (*Phragmites australis*), invading the wetlands and initiate a management strategy. By the end of 2013, 85 Patches had been catalogued.

Forest understory restoration continued with thousands of invasive non-native shrubs cleared from 15 hectares of Cootes Paradise forest.

A new floating Boardwalk was completed in the vicinity of the Nature Interpretive Centre, named after long time RBG environmental educator John Lamoreux.

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Stewarding our Natural Lands

Within Biodiversity Programs, the Natural Lands Department is responsible for stewardship and monitoring of 900 acres forming the natural areas of the head of Lake Ontario. The department includes seven core staff, complemented by an internship program, summer students, and volunteers, as well as dozens of partnership projects with local organizations.

The primary project of the department is the restoration of the wetlands that form over 1/3 of Royal Botanical Gardens’ property holdings and are the heart of our local ecosystem. Historically the wetlands were destroyed by inflowing water pollution and were physically uprooted by high densities of carp (*Cyprinus carpio*). Efforts to reverse these effects have been ongoing since the 1950s, and have been boosted in recent years with the installation of large scale infrastructure such as the Cootes Paradise Fishway and Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) tanks, resulting in year over year improvements in health.

A record number of migratory birds were observed in Cootes Paradise marsh, including

1,500 Tundra Swans in March.

Bald Eagles successfully nested and fledged two young on the shores of Cootes Paradise. This is the first successful nesting pair on Lake Ontario since the decline of Bald Eagles occurred over 50 years ago.
Education and Customer Programs

Education touches all parts of Royal Botanical Gardens. We work hard to bring people of all ages in contact with nature and have that connection last for the rest of their lives. We have developed customer programs to enhance visitor experience this year. This includes the creation of our first application that helps guests navigate our trails, the design of interpretive signage and the offering of audio tours of the Gardens.


In the fall of 2013 we launched the Ontario Children’s Outdoor Charter in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and over 80 other organizations across the province. It focuses on influencing municipalities to create nature areas for children within walking distance of their homes through naturalized school yards and pocket parks. The initiative also encourages healthcare professionals to incorporate naturalized spaces for healing both mental and physical illness.

Our goal is to connect with the public in ways that help them understand how plants are a part of their lives and how dependant we are on nature.
Mission, Vision and Funders

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 graciously 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.

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On the trails, reinvigoration of entrances and destinations continue to move ahead. In 2013, boardwalks at Princess Point and near the Nature Interpretive Centre were reconstructed and additional seating was added. Floating canoe docks were also added at Princess Point and by the waterside teaching area near the Nature Interpretive Centre. Complementing this was resurfacing of a section of Bull’s Point trails on Cootes Paradise north shore. This trail work also resulted in the creation of two trailside ponds.
“I watched at a young age as wildlife disappeared along the St. Lawrence River. I knew I wanted to do something about it then and I’m glad to have the opportunity to keep doing something about it now. Hamilton has an incredibly diverse ecosystem and is on the right path to preserving and maintaining that ecology. I’m very optimistic about the progress we’ve made in rebuilding the wetlands in Hamilton Harbour and Cootes Paradise. And you can only imagine how excited I am, how validating it is to know that we have Bald Eagles in the area. Imagine what else we can do.”

Tys Theysmeyer
Head of Natural Lands, Royal Botanical Gardens
Dr. Victor Cecilioni Award,
2013 Hamilton Environmentalist of the Year
Cliff Carson
Board member and volunteer

Favourite Space: Mediterranean Garden and Lilac Dell

my escape
I’ve been volunteering with Royal Botanical Gardens for the last five years. I wanted to do some charitable work when I retired and as I got to know RBG better, particularly the work we do with children’s programs, I became more and more engaged.

I’m a social person and RBG provides a variety of volunteer opportunities, from helping visitors at the information desk to working as a gardener. It’s therapeutic both mentally and physically and I get a lot of satisfaction when I see the excitement on people’s faces as they get to experience the gardens and enjoy the outdoors.

I was fortunate to be able to approach CN, my former employer, and share with them the work Royal Botanical Gardens does to expose kids to nature and to improve their quality of life through that experience. They were so impressed with the impact the Gardens have on children they took the incredible step of becoming donors themselves.

Like any charitable organization, Royal Botanical Gardens is always looking for support. Having a corporate partner like CN allows RBG to keep supporting programs like the Green Angels Fund so that children across the community, regardless of their financial situation, have an opportunity to experience nature in their own backyards.

“RBG is an oasis in an increasingly urbanized area. To be able to come to a location like this, view the gardens, walk through the natural lands and see the impact all this has on children through programs like Green Angels and Growing Up Green is what keeps me coming back.”
Royal Botanical Gardens continues to gather information on the population status of various provincially and federally listed rare species. Our studies focused on a variety of turtle species including Blanding’s and Snapping. In 2013, an overall strategy to recover turtle populations in and around Royal Botanical Gardens was completed along with proposed recommendations that will affect all adjacent landowners—as turtles often leave the property to reach their nesting sites.

A cross section of monitoring programs was also undertaken to gauge overall ecosystem health and update historical data. The results showed that the conservation properties continue to face challenges due to long standing water and air pollution issues, and the dominance of several naturalized Eurasian species. On the positive side, water quality was measurably improved, wetland plants undertook a dramatic expansion and fish populations grew by 60% from the low of the previous year.

While numerous species were encountered within the various monitoring programs, the highlight of the year was the successful hatching of two Bald Eaglets, the first recorded in decades.
Members, donors and volunteers are crucial to what we do in the science department. Our scientific work is supported largely by volunteers, in fact we have more volunteers working with us than we have staff. Our members and volunteers are not just helping us guide and steward the gardens but also the many natural resources in Hamilton and Burlington. Half of our members are members because they want to support nature sanctuaries like Cootes Paradise. It really is a wonderful contribution to the life of RBG that these folks are making whether they are working in the library, archives, the Herbarium or in the field. That support is irreplaceable.
Planning the Way Forward

“We do everything we can to make sure people know this sanctuary exists for the betterment of all of us, our environment and our community. We encourage you to take advantage of everything RBG has to offer, but more importantly, we want you to talk about it with your friends and support it in a meaningful way so that it will always be here for everyone to enjoy. To help accomplish this we left a gift to RBG in our will.”

“We have been associated with Royal Botanical Gardens as donors, volunteers and members of The Auxiliary since retirement in 2002. RBG is a world-class institution with a lot of moving parts. The staff here work incredibly hard to maintain the diverse areas that make up the Gardens’ 2,700 acres.”

“As members of the community we felt it was our responsibility to give back after many years of enjoyment, to help the staff along, ensuring that RBG will always look its best,” says David Reed. “I've always enjoyed gardening, even as a young child, and my father-in-law was a volunteer here for many years before me. My wife and I wanted to carry on that family tradition.”

The Auxiliary is a group of over 300 volunteers who assist with the Gardens and special events year-round. Last year volunteer contributed just over 40,000 hours, which equates to about 22 full-time staff. That’s an incredible community contribution that ensures RBG is running at peak efficiency.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Come and join us at the Gardens.
my sanctuary
After years of careful restoration of Cootes Paradise Marsh by RBG staff and volunteers, a pair of Bald Eagles successfully raised two offspring in 2013. This is unusual for the species, as they often only have a single successful chick per year. The eaglets are the first recorded hatchlings in over 50 years...and they’re back in 2014!
Forest, fields and wetlands are the focus of our environmental restoration programs. In the forests, for the fourth consecutive year, efforts were undertaken to remove the non-native shrubs invading native habitats on the north shore of Cootes Paradise. This included a number of volunteer events throughout the fall, and two staff employed full-time for six weeks, who removed over 10,000 shrubs. After a successful controlled burn at Princess Point in April, native prairie plant species are now thriving. Wetland plant recovery was aided by the previous year’s mass removal of remaining carp. Staff and volunteers added 8,000 new reeds, while natural regeneration added well over 1,000,000 new plants.

Royal Botanical Gardens is a leading partner in the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System, a unique alliance among natural land owning agencies established in 2013. The area is centred around Cootes Paradise and the important ecological corridor between the Niagara Escarpment and the wetlands. This new level of work on the alliance comes after seven years of program development and research by the participating agencies. RBG has key lands within the EcoPark System and has assumed the greatest responsibility in terms of program implementation. Partner agencies in the system acquired significant new parklands in 2013.
Building the Future on Our Memories

“When Kevin died our family made the decision to honour his memory by making a donation to Royal Botanical Gardens to help build the Marshwalk Observatory. Kevin traveled the world but he always said that RBG – the hiking trails around here – were as beautiful and as delicious to look at as any places he’d ever been.”

The natural lands of Royal Botanical Gardens are so magnificent, yet different, in every season. This place is an absolute paradise and we came to look at all the changes that take place every few months as a reflection of the seasons and the changes of life.

For us the Marshwalk was a particularly joyful spot. We felt such a sense of belonging and love here. As a family we felt that the Observation Platform, with its all encompassing view and its long walk to the water’s edge, would be the most beautiful way to remember Kevin and honour his memory.

This donation was personal and reflected who we are as a family, but it was also important to us as members of this community. We wanted the world to know and appreciate what a magnificent gift we have in Royal Botanical Gardens. The sharing and stewardship of these magnificent resources enriches us all.

I am proud of this gift as it will pass on the love we have for the natural environment to our children and grandchildren. When they come and see their names on this plaque, they will see they are a part of something much bigger, and can learn how to balance progress and preservation.

I would encourage every family who has the opportunity to share their resources with the community to consider Royal Botanical Gardens in their gift planning. Our gifts help to preserve this amazing environment that surrounds us while leaving a legacy for our families, a place to get away from their gadgets, their toys and electronics – a place where they can find the balance that only nature can provide.
Susan Goodman
Member since 1989
Favourite Space:
The Marshwalk
THANK YOU

None of this would be possible without all of you.
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“We’ve been involved with Royal Botanical Gardens since we opened our doors in Aldershot. In 2013 Bay Gardens co-hosted an event that raised funds for the Growing Up Green Program. It’s necessary to educate children on the importance of conservation and sustainability of green spaces. We believe in RBG’s belief, “less screen time, more green time,” because we know that from a holistic perspective in the world of healing nature is important for all of us. The program encompasses award winning educational programs across the 2,700 acres of the Gardens.

Nature offers us ways of being that we don’t get from any other element in our lives. It reinvigorates all of our senses and reminds us what it means to be alive.”

Laura Markey
Bay Gardens Funeral Cremation and Memorial Centre
Ian Brisbin
Board chair and donor
Favourite Space: Nature Trails

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We benefit from the foresight of those who came before us, those who set aside these lands and protected them from development. They gave us not only beautiful cultivated gardens but also natural lands that are home to so many animals and plants. They have allowed us to study, conduct scientific research and tell the story of how the nature that surrounds us touches us every single day.

We are profoundly grateful to all of our volunteers, our donors, our over 15,000 members and our hard working staff for all that they do to maintain this legacy and preserve it for the next generation.

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Rock Garden Rejuvenation Project

The largest project RBG has ever undertaken is now underway with the rejuvenation of the iconic Rock Garden.

The passion and vision of RBG’s founders saw its first expression in the Rock Garden. But time is not kind to gardens and the world today is not the same world experienced by visitors to the Rock Garden in its 80 year history. New visitors need to be attracted and past visitors need new reasons to return. We have heard and we are responding.

The $20 million project will transform the Rock Garden into a year-round tourist destination and corporate facility, resulting in economic growth to the Golden Horseshoe region. Highlights of the project include a new year-round visitor centre and entrance, increasing presence on York Boulevard, significant additions to horticultural displays and major upgrades in infrastructure and accessibility.

80 years of memories is just the beginning. Help us rejuvenate the Rock Garden as one of the most cherished and attended venues in the Golden Horseshoe region. Your support helps Royal Botanical Gardens create memories and enrich the lives of future generations.

Royal Botanical Gardens is grateful for the commitment made to this project by friends David Braley and Nancy Gordon, who will match all community donations up to $2 million. With your support, RBG will raise the final $6 million needed to complete this rejuvenation!

RBG’s signature garden is scheduled to re-open in the spring of 2015 and we hope you will join us to celebrate!

To make a donation please contact our development office at jbattista@rbg.ca or 905-527-1158 ext. 229.
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<td><strong>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR OPERATIONS</strong></td>
<td>45,725</td>
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<td><strong>EXCESS</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 483,472</strong></td>
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(The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements)
REVENUE
- Province of Ontario: $4,040,040
- City of Hamilton: $599,206
- Regional Municipality of Halton: $714,198
- Self generated: $7,629,016

EXPENSES
- Mandated activities: $4,411,604
- Operations Activities: $8,525,131
**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
221,468 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
- 7,746 memberships, representing an estimated 15,899 members

### AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS
- 320 volunteers provided approximately 40,000 volunteer hours

### RBG 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 living collection; maintains the International Lilac Registry

**Rock Garden**
- 60,000 spring flowering bulbs; closed summer of 2013 for rejuvenation, opening 2015

**Arboretum**
- Features over 500 species and cultivars of lilacs, as well as extensive magnolia, crabapple and cherry collections, and unusual trees and shrubs

**Laking Garden**
- Thousands of iris and peony blooms; ornamental grasses; as well as an extensive Perennial Garden and a Heritage Garden

**Hendrie Park**
- Noted for its collection of antique and hybrid roses in the Centennial Rose Garden, as well as Morrison Woodland, Scented and Medicinal gardens, Helen M. Kippax Garden and Veggie Village: 100 Mile Produce Gardens

**Mediterranean Garden**
- Two-storey indoor garden featuring ethnobotanical plants from the world’s five Mediterranean climates

### HERBARIUM
- Approximately 60,000 plant specimens for scientific research

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

### Living Accessions
- 11,363

### 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 Dalglish Atrium, Aldershot Escarpment Garden, Stedman Exploration Hall, Mediterranean Garden, Natural Playground, The Gardens’ Café and 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**
**Turner Pavilion Teahouse**
- Rock Garden (closed) / Hendrie Park
- Open seasonally, these areas provide visitors with a quick lunch or snack
2014 Holiday Traditions. Join us November to January for more trains and a new Santa’s Workshop!