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Spectacular, Sustainable Rose Garden in Bloom at Royal Botanical Gardens!

Burlington ON, June 25, 2020 — Visitors to Royal Botanical Gardens' (RBG) Hendrie park are in for a magical sensory experience as its innovative, sustainable and inspiring Rose Garden reaches peak bloom. Visitors can also experience 11 other themed garden areas and the inspiring Dan Lawrie International Sculpture Collection as part of the Hendrie Park experience.

RBG's Rose Garden boasts approximately 3,300 roses displaying 300 different cultivated varieties, 4,500 companion plants and many new enhancements to the garden landscape. This includes upgraded pathways, fences, gazebos and lighting as well as the renovated Turner Pavilion Teahouse that offers light fare and provides a breathtaking view of the garden. Education elements include an array of new interpretive signs, including the "story of roses" display, teaching visitors about the history of roses.

"Much like our rejuvenated Rock Garden, the Rose Garden embraces new designs and techniques that reflect a more modern, environmentally conscious approach to growing roses. One that people can implement in their home garden," said Alex Henderson, RBG's curator of collection. "It celebrates sustainability while offering an unbelievable swath of colour and fragrance through careful selection of magnificent roses."

Opened in 2018, the sustainable rose Garden focuses on Ontario-hardy, disease resistant roses together with companion plants. Beneath these beneficial plant pairings is a trickle irrigation system. Deep roots, combined with a consistently maintained layer of mulch, means less artificial watering which promotes an eco-friendly approach. The companion plantings and advanced irrigation system creates a garden that is resilient and sustainable; a garden growing in healthy soil working together to attract beneficial insects that stave off pests.

As part of a phased reopening, Royal Botanical Gardens open outdoor garden areas that include Hendrie Park, Laking Garden, David Braley and Nancy Gordon Rock Garden and the Arboretum from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last admission at 4 p.m.), seven days a week.

RBG is welcoming its community to experience the beauty of the Gardens in a safe and respectful manner as it continues a phased reopening by providing access to these celebrated outdoor gardens. RBG Centre and the Rock Garden Visitor Centre will be open only to provide access to garden areas. Building amenities and areas such as the Mediterranean Garden remain closed to the public.

All visitors to Royal Botanical Gardens trails must follow Provincial measures and guidelines to allow RBG to remain open safely. Please see the full re-opening FAQ at rbg.ca for more detailed information.

For More Rose Info and Photos:

[RBG's Blooms Press Kit](#)

[Rose Collection](#)

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