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BOTANICAL
GARDENS
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our future



2015

DONOR
ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT

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

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VISITATION

263,465 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: 82 full-time, 175 part-time

Off season: 82 full-time, 48 part-time

MEMBERSHIP

8,603 memberships representing an estimated 16,316 members

AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS

325 volunteers provided approximately 39,000 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

6,925 taxa (different species and cultivars) in the permanent living collection; maintains the International Lilac Registry

Rock Garden

Closed summer of 2014 for rejuvenation, opening 2016

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, plus clematis and ornamental grass collections, extensive perennial gardens 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

9,674 accessions and approximately 143,884 living plants representing 6,925 taxa, 163 families, 824 genera, 2411 species and 4514 cultivated varieties

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

Turner Pavilion Teahouse

Hendrie Park, open seasonally, provides visitors with a quick lunch or snack

RBG Facts

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It is a pleasure to share with you how much was achieved in 2015 because of your commitment to Royal Botanical Gardens! Without the support of our members, donors and volunteers there would be no way we could accomplish so much of the integral work we do to connect people to plants and the natural world.

With your support we provided memorable experiences for guests of all ages, and continued to make a positive impact on our community through education and outreach, planting seeds for the growth of future environmental leaders. This included numerous public programs and our award-winning day camps. RBG continued to protect and restore 2,450 acres of natural lands and the more than 50 species at risk that make their home there, while leading the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System project that ensures there is even more wildlife habitat and green space in our region for years to come.

Frogs: A Chorus of Colours proved to be the most attended winter exhibit to date, a perfect opportunity for RBG staff to promote its mandated areas of education, conservation, science, and horticulture and support our mission through daily programs, evening lectures and special events. Panorama, our month-long festival in support of the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games, allowed us to celebrate diversity through our gardens, food, environmental art, and musical and cultural performance. We continued to build on our popular annual events, including the addition of the RBG Express ride-on train experience as part of Holiday Traditions.

In our gardens, the last major component of the Rock Garden Rejuvenation project, the new visitor centre was completed in November. RBG officially named the garden David Braley & Nancy Gordon Rock Garden in recognition of their support as lead donors in its \$20 million rejuvenation. Final preparations began for grand opening celebrations for its historic opening in the spring of 2016.

Every day at RBG, staff and volunteers are working on numerous projects throughout our 2,700 acre property that help to make our community and planet a better place to call home. Though not all of this work is visible to the everyday visitor, it is all integral to our success. It is all made possible through the support of the Government of Ontario, Regional Municipality of Halton, City of Hamilton, numerous volunteers, more than 16,000 members and by charitable donations. Thank you for allowing us to keep up this valuable work!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Runciman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light green background that features a faint map of the Royal Botanical Gardens property.

Mark Runciman, CEO,
Royal Botanical Gardens



**You create
pathways
for a greener
tomorrow**

Environmental Leaders in 2015

Royal Botanical Gardens has a long history in environmental leadership — from the days of Calvin and Thomas Baker McQuesten and their colleagues protecting Cootes Paradise Marsh from development and establishing RBG itself, to the present day. We are always seeking new ways to achieve the aspiration of our vision statement: Royal Botanical Gardens is a global leader in how we use plants and the natural world to connect people, place and sustainable behaviors.

A great example of this leadership was the certification in 2015 of our Nature Interpretive Centre as an Ontario EcoCentre. This certification indicates that our outdoor educational programs for children incorporate environmental sustainability in all of its messaging, and that the facility in which the programs are delivered is



operated in an environmentally responsible manner. Royal Botanical Gardens has committed to a high standard of environmental sustainability in all its operations. We are currently developing new programs and initiatives under our 2015 to 2020 Strategic Plan, which place visitor experience, financial sustainability, and environmental leadership atop our highest priorities.

In 2015 we made a major contribution to the protection of crucial lands in our area through the purchase of nearly 50 acres of open space in the Pleasantview Survey area of Dundas as RBG's newest nature sanctuary. This former farm field is a key link in the ecological corridor running from Niagara Escarpment to Cootes Paradise Marsh. With the help of partners such as Hamilton Conservation Authority, Conservation Halton, and Hamilton Community Foundation, we have now helped to establish a continuous corridor of protected land from the escarpment to the wetland, a major goal of the Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System.

Your support ensured a continuing legacy ...

In 2015, your support of the Rock Garden Capital Campaign brought us within reach of our \$20 million goal in rejuvenating RBG's oldest and most celebrated garden.

With lead donors David Braley and Nancy Gordon pledging to match all community donations up to \$2 million, you answered their call and helped RBG to raise an impressive \$19 million by year's end. This included a successful match campaign run by The Auxiliary of Royal Botanical Gardens in which our generous volunteers donated \$15,000 towards a \$30,000 total.

By fall, construction was nearly finished and with brilliant colours gracing the garden's new landscape it was imperative that we shared our progress with those whose support had brought us to that point. Donors and 10-year plus members were treated to private tours and experienced the amazing transformation in the garden's infrastructure, accessibility and landscape design. These tours affirmed that the new Rock Garden is truly a garden for all seasons.

In November, the last major component of the Rock Garden's Rejuvenation Project was put in place with the completion of our new, state-of-the-art visitor centre. The centre operates as the garden's main entrance and houses a fully operational restaurant and conference facility that accommodates up to 130 people for RBG programs, weddings, corporate and private functions. The centre also features a look-out deck and patio that provides guests with an optimal view of the garden's lower bowl. Its modern architecture is the perfect complement to Rock Garden's historic charm.

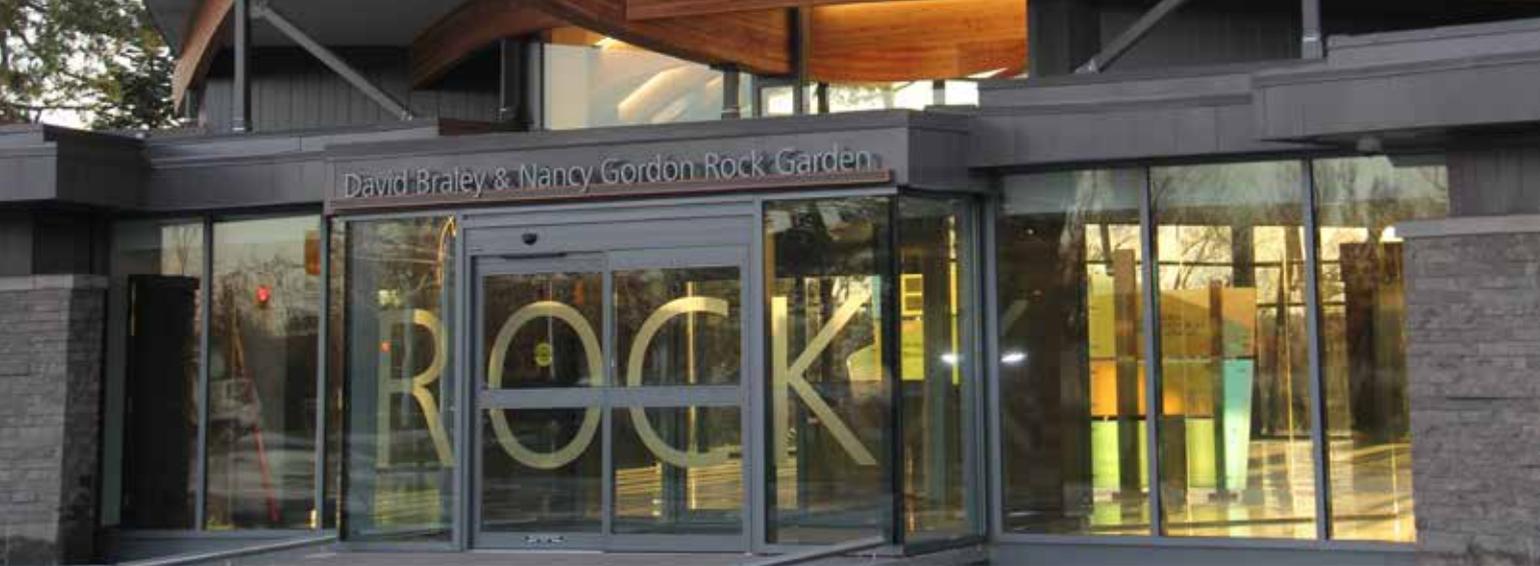
Completion of the visitor centre afforded RBG the opportunity to host some of Rock Garden's greatest supporters and its first dinner was hosted on November 19 to recognize the contributions of the campaign's major donors. In addition to the unveiling of the garden's donor wall, the garden was renamed David Braley & Nancy Gordon Rock Garden in gratitude of their support.

Through your support, RBG neared completion of the largest capital project in its history, the rejuvenation of its famous Rock Garden. It started with a commitment from the federal and provincial governments and it will finish because of you. 80 years is just the beginning. Through your support people of all ages can enjoy the garden and it will be a place to inspire future generations. Thank you!

Rock Garden



**You restored
a community jewel**



David Braley and Nancy Gordon

Local businessman David Braley and his wife, Nancy Gordon, believe strongly in giving back to the community where they have lived almost their entire lives. Both David and Nancy were raised in the Westdale area of Hamilton, and enjoyed the Children's Garden at Royal Botanical Gardens at a young age. Throughout their lives, RBG continued to hold a special place in their hearts, with David supporting the Gardens both personally and through his business. Nancy dedicated 18 years to the RBG Auxiliary as a volunteer, and served two of those years as president of the Auxiliary.

As the lead donors to the Your Rock Garden Memories Capital Campaign, David and Nancy have provided the vision, support and guidance to help RBG transform Rock Garden back to its original glory. Through their matching gift program, they were also successful in challenging the community to raise an additional \$2 million dollars to support it.

David and Nancy feel very deeply about the role RBG has within the Hamilton community, not only today but for the youth of tomorrow. It is their hope that this beautiful landmark can influence others as it has influenced them throughout their lives. In recognition of their generosity, RBG chose to rename the garden David Braley & Nancy Gordon Rock Garden.

Rock Garden Champions



Dalglish Family Foundation

Camilla and Peter Dalglish have proudly supported Royal Botanical Gardens since 1980. Initial contributions funded RBG's Capital Expansion Project, which included the building of the Camilla and Peter Dalglish Atrium. A member of the board of directors at The W. Garfield Weston Foundation, Camilla has also helped to fund RBG's compelling winter exhibits such as *Backyard Monsters*, *Amazon Voyage* and *Wild Music*.

Dalglish Family Courtyard was created in 2015 thanks to the continuing vision and generosity of the Dalglish Family.

It has been said that gardens reflect the spirit of a nation and the tenor of its time. The modern feeling of this courtyard is an artistic expression and includes an exquisite gallery of alpine and other plants.

The Dalglish family invite you to discover and enjoy the art of the garden and explore the diversity of nature in this unique space.





ArcelorMittal Dofasco

In the spirit of great corporate citizenship, ArcelorMittal Dofasco has been a strong and consistent supporter of Royal Botanical Gardens dating back to the 1970s.

ArcelorMittal Dofasco has made significant contributions to RBG's Capital Expansion Project throughout the years, and in 1994 helped fund The Fishway through the Project Paradise campaign. Other contributions have supported Grindstone Creek Christmas Tree Project and Centennial Rose Garden in Hendrie Park.

In recent years, ArcelorMittal Dofasco has provided invaluable training for aquatic and terrestrial interns through funding of RBG internship programs and has supported the development of RBG's new Green Angels subsidy program.

In 2015, ArcelorMittal Dofasco committed \$500,000 to the Rock Garden Capital Campaign. This generous donation is recognized by the dedication of the water features that welcome guests to the visitor centre.

10 / Rock Garden Champions



You protect paradise

IN 2015

- 54,300 fish were documented and passed through the Fishway
- 12,000 wetland plants were added to Cootes Paradise Marsh
- 15 acres of forest was restored
- 3,000 prairie plants were added to Princess Point meadow
- 3 new observation platforms were added to the trails
- 18 wildlife and plant species-at-risk were protected, through recovery efforts such as inventories and long-term health monitoring, restoring habitat, threat mitigation, and public engagement activities

Natural Lands

Your support through membership, donations and grant funding allowed natural lands staff to restore RBG's intricate trail network and habitats throughout 2,450 acres of environmentally sensitive nature sanctuaries. Highlights of trail work included the creation of two new observation platforms at Cootes Paradise and improved trail connections between the Arboretum and natural areas, as well as reconstruction of Westdale's trailhead. All trail projects are undertaken to facilitate protection and public enjoyment of our local biodiversity.

Restoration work focused on management of a range of invasive species, including ongoing work to exclude Common Carp from marsh areas, extensive removal of most *Phragmites* from wetlands, and removal of non-native shrubs from the understory forest on the north side of Cootes Paradise Marsh.

Extensive replanting projects continued at Cootes Paradise Marsh and the margins of Churchill Park. Protection of endangered species continued by gathering baseline information on the many species present, and highlighted by the successful rearing and release of 22 baby Blanding's Turtles and the fledging of two more eaglets.

This valuable work is a testament to you, our community that engages with RBG, and our volunteers who participated in numerous stewardship and monitoring projects within our natural areas, ranging from wetland plantings to amphibian population monitoring. You made the difference!

Volunteering

The Auxiliary of Royal Botanical Gardens' 325 members dedicated 39,000 hours of volunteer service in 2015.

Dynamic volunteers worked closely with RBG staff — both with planning and on-site execution — on numerous events to ensure an excellent visitor experience. This included *Frogs: A Chorus of Colours*, Enchanted Garden Weekend, Teddy Bear Picnic, Great Pumpkin Trail, and Holiday Traditions, where volunteers embraced the holiday spirit and drove the RBG Express, a ride-on train experience taking visitors to Santa's cabin.

Volunteers in the workshop and horticultural sales worked diligently to prepare for the Auxiliary's annual fundraising events. As a result, an additional \$52,250 was raised towards the children's Natural Playground at RBG Centre. \$55,000 was donated to the Rock Garden Capital Campaign which included \$15,000 in individual donations by Auxiliary volunteers through a match campaign.

Many volunteers are involved in the two fundraising arms of The Auxiliary. The Floral Design Workshop organizes the annual Christmas Show and Sale and Evergreen Design Workshops. The horticultural sales team prepares plants for the spring and fall plant sales.

The Auxiliary worked closely with RBG management as it entered year one of its five-year strategic plan. This included exploring new ways to "promote the objects and interests of Royal Botanical Gardens" as stated in The Auxiliary of RBG's mission statement.





Health • Education • Nature

Annual Campaign

2015 was the first year of implementing the turtle recovery plan, and it was a remarkably good year both on-site and for our partner organizations. Most notably we tracked Blanding's Turtles to nest sites, gathered and protected the eggs, had 20 of the 22 eggs hatch and returned the young to the wild. This was a remarkable achievement as these were the first new Blanding's Turtles in decades to be successfully returned to the ever-improving habitat of Cootes Paradise Marsh.

Our ability to do what seemed like the ultimate long shot was made possible by you through many volunteer hours of observation, financial support from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Species At Risk Stewardship Fund and your contributions to the Growing Up Green annual campaign.

In November, as part of our Growing up Green efforts, we introduced you to Chaz — one of the Blanding's Turtle hatchlings — through a direct mail campaign. A letter from Chaz told the story of his journey and the amazing work being done through your support of Growing up Green. This resulted in 101 new donors and raised \$25,000 towards the campaign. In total, your support raised over \$160,000 for Growing Up Green.

But the work didn't stop there. Your financial support through Growing Up Green allowed even more to be done on the turtle front. Another 32 nests of various turtle species were protected with temporary covers and 10 other nests were gathered from hazardous locations and incubated at RBG Centre. RBG volunteers helped by providing information on where turtles were spotted, several new preferred nesting sites (sand piles) were



created at the back of Cootes Paradise, and turtles took to them straight away. Most importantly, the marshy turtle homes of Cootes Paradise and Grindstone Marsh are improving each year.

Our partners got into the turtle conservation effort as well. Following RBG's Cootes Drive pilot studies with temporary fencing to prevent road kills, City of Hamilton established a permanent wildlife barrier fence along the length of Cootes Drive between McMaster University property and Spencer Creek to prevent wildlife, such as wandering/nesting female turtles, from getting crushed on the road.

Following this theme, Hamilton Conservation Authority constructed a temporary fence on the north side of Cootes Drive (opposite from RBG) to reduce road kills, contributed an intern to monitor effectiveness, and contributed to *Phragmites* management in the same area.

Volunteers with Dundas Turtlewatch patrolled Cootes Drive, King Road and Olympic Drive looking for turtles in jeopardy of being hit, and several adult and hatchling turtles were rescued.

Hydro One, a property owner at the back of Cootes Paradise, also improved fencing at their works yard (to ensure turtles don't wander in) by installing custom nesting sites outside the fence — and turtles nested in them. And to round it out, McMaster University added nesting sites to the area it's re-naturalizing along Ancaster Creek, found immediately upstream of Cootes Paradise.

These are just some examples of the valuable work you have made possible through Growing Up Green. Every year, RBG staff protects and restores 2,450 acres of natural lands that are home to over 50 species at risk. With your continued support, we will continue to share inspiring stories of environmental achievement.



The Hamilton Port Authority

In January, Royal Botanical Gardens' Growing up Green campaign was the beneficiary of a \$5,000 donation through Hamilton Port Authority's Environmental Excellence Award.

Each year, Hamilton Port Authority (HPA) recognizes the environmental leadership of one of its tenant companies. Winners are selected for their commitment to environmental sustainability and for demonstrating actions to protect and enhance the natural environment around Hamilton Harbour.

HPA's award fund gives each annual winner the opportunity to allocate \$5,000 in its name to a local Hamilton environmental organization. In 2015, McAsphalt Industries was selected for the award to recognize its demonstration of continuous improvement in environmental protection. McAsphalt selected RBG's Growing up Green campaign, with a focus on restoration of neighbouring Cootes Paradise Marsh.

The dedication of these important funds further demonstrated HPA's belief in strong community partnerships and environmental stewardship. This donation helps RBG to protect and restore this important wetland while fostering an appreciation of the natural world in future generations.

"Proactive environmental stewardship of the port's industrial harbour is a job we take very seriously. We encourage a high level of environmental performance on the part of our tenants, and McAsphalt is a superb example of a company that is showing leadership."

– Bruce Wood, HPA President & CEO

"We would like to thank the Hamilton Port Authority for this award and the ongoing support and encouragement regarding sustainable business practices throughout the port lands. Also we are very excited to help contribute to the ongoing stewardship of such an important local ecosystem, the Cootes Paradise sanctuary."

– Joel Gardner, McAsphalt Industries

IN 2015

GREEN ANGELS SUBSIDIZED:

- 81 educational programs
- 42 school groups
- 34 camp program days
- 1,189 children and youth

Thank you



Subsidy Fund

In 2015, your support of the Green Angels program raised over \$55,000 so that more than 1,000 kids could explore, learn and let their imaginations grow in Royal Botanical Gardens' natural world.

Your commitment to Green Angels subsidized educational programming allowed RBG to work with organizations and local schools to nurture children's understanding of the environment and the positive impact they can make to protect it. You enrolled them in educational programs, sent them on a class trip and gave them a day at camp that they will always remember.

Green Angels also provided 500 admission passes to under-privileged kids through community organizations that included: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hamilton and Burlington; Camp Trillium; Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region Branch; Canadian Mental Health Association, Hamilton Branch; Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton; Children's Aid Foundation of Halton; Halton Multicultural Council, Oakville Speers Office; Ronald McDonald House Hamilton; The Centre for Education & Training (new immigrants); and Children's Aid Society of Hamilton.

A day at RBG opened so many of these children's eyes to experiences they had never imagined possible. It introduced them to a whole new world of plants and animals, gave them a touch of magic with Enchanted Garden Weekend, a one-on-one with Santa at Holiday Traditions and, most importantly, gave them endless green spaces where they could simply play and be kids.

You shape tomorrow by acting today



Leave a Legacy

Royal Botanical Gardens is fortunate to have the support of many passionate individuals who contribute to the Gardens each year and see first-hand the positive change they are affecting. Some wish to keep making that difference long after they are gone and make sure their care for RBG continues with a legacy donation.

Legacy gifts have become a significant funding source for RBG as a number of our long-time members appreciate the impact this organization has and will continue to have on future generations. A 2,700 acre property with gardens, nature sanctuaries, wetlands and diverse plant and animal species in the middle of two large urban centers is a treasure to be protected forever. Legacy donors provide secure funding through their wills, securities, RRSPs, RRIFs, TFSA's, life insurance policies and charitable gift annuities. Following is a list of our generous legacy donors from 2015 who ensured that RBG was one of their charities of choice when preparing their estate plans. These gifts, some small, large and even transformational are all equally important to the organization.

RBG is forever grateful to those who have left us but still live on through their legacy contributions.



Mary Stedman

The Legacy of Mary Stedman

In November 2014, Royal Botanical Gardens lost one of its greatest friends, supporters and benefactors with the passing of Mary Stedman.

One of four daughters of Brantford retail magnate Samuel Stedman and wife Jessie, Mary grew up watching her father and his brothers Edward and George establish the first Stedman book store in 1904 before moving on to establish a nationwide chain of department stores. Mary served as managing director of Stedman's Bookstore Ltd. from 1950 to 1974.

Mary was very involved in the community and was a member of the executive of Canadian Booksellers Association, former member of Brantford General Hospital board of governors, former president of Brant County Foundation for the Mentally Challenged, former regional councillor of TV Ontario and former director of Sanderson Centre Foundation.

The Stedman family has long loved and enjoyed the beauty of Royal Botanical Gardens. In the 1940s, Mary's aunt Helen

"I will miss Mary's honesty and spirit, but most of all I will miss her kindness. Mary was a very special woman with a great fondness for Royal Botanical Gardens and I had the privilege of sharing many moments with her over the years, discussing all that we do. Mary made her opinions known and they were always fair and constructive. I was deeply appreciative of her candor. City of Brantford has lost one of its greatest people and Royal Botanical Gardens has lost one of its most ardent supporters. She will be missed but her legacy will live on with the amazing contributions she has made here."

– Mark Runciman, CEO

Kippax introduced her and her sisters to RBG, and the organization's work and accomplishments became part of the family's life in the decades that followed.

In 2005, a decision was made by the sisters to support the development of a garden to commemorate the life and legacy of their aunt, Helen, who was one of the eight founding members of the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (1934).

Helen M. Kippax Garden came to fruition at RBG in 2008. Seven years on, the garden has become established and is a breathtaking testament to the form, function and beauty of Ontario's native flora.

In 2009, Mary's love of RBG and its educational programming led to her funding Stedman Exploration Hall in RBG Centre.

Mary wanted membership to flourish at RBG and was always looking to engage the citizens of her hometown of Brantford. With this in mind she started a spring lecture series in Brantford featuring various RBG experts in horticulture and the environment. This resulted in an increase in membership from the Brantford area.

Mary Stedman was 93. She was predeceased by her parents, Samuel and Jesse Stedman and by her sisters, Margaret, Ruth and Catherine. Mary and the Stedman legacy live on through decades of contributions to the Brantford community and beyond. She helped to ensure that visitors would be treated to the wonders of RBG for generations to come.



Alex Henderson with Mary Stedman

"I was lucky enough to meet Mary and tour her through Helen M. Kippax Garden on several occasions. I was always impressed by her no-nonsense inquisitiveness and her ability to ask straight-to-the-point questions. Mary called it as she saw it and was a great decision maker. She also had a sparkle in her eye, a feisty sense of humour and she loved to make jokes and make people laugh. Her love for life, her community outreach and her firm belief in life-long education and self-improvement is, what I believe, drew her to support Royal Botanical Gardens. This culminated in a life-long journey of engagement and support of RBG resulting in the creation of one of the first truly remarkable Canadian gardens of the 21st century and one of the nation's finest native plant collections."

– Alex Henderson, Curator of Collections



Gordon and Heather Albini

Gordon Albini and Family

Gordon Albini has been supporting Royal Botanical Gardens both personally and corporately for a number of years. Gordon was inspired to get involved while observing his father-in-law's, Terry Yates, transformational leadership of the organization between 2004 and 2009. He joined RBG's volunteer board of directors in 2007.

With a Bachelor of Arts from McMaster and an MBA from Western's Richard Ivey School of Business, Gordon has brought a true business approach to RBG in his role as board member and Chair of the Business Development and Community Engagement Committee. He has helped guide the organization strategically and operationally and has invested in the organization financially. He has supported many areas of the organization over the years but he has a special interest in the Green Angels program that subsidizes children to participate in RBG's programs.

Gordon is general manager for Image Honda and Queenston Chevrolet. For the past two years, Gordon's two dealerships have sponsored the school subsidy program component of Green Angels. One of the ways he gives back is through his dealership's Drive for a Cause Program.



Chevrolet Canada delivers the Drive for a Cause Program which encourages local dealerships like Queenston Chevrolet to choose a charity and over a two-day timeframe, provide test drives to the community. For each test drive, Chevrolet Canada donates \$25 to the charity of choice up to a maximum of \$1,500.

Queenston Chevrolet chose RBG as its Drive for a Cause recipient in 2014 and 2015 and both years RBG reached the maximum donation in test drives, which Queenston Chevrolet matched, and a total of \$3,000 was donated each year to our Green Angels school programs.

In a brief interview with Mr. Albini, we asked him these questions:

Why is RBG one of your charities of choice?

“RBG is science and humanity — it makes a difference in people’s lives and has a preventative type of approach. Between my wife’s love of nature and outdoors including canoeing, backpacking and sustainable gardening and my father-in-law Terry’s incredible leadership and mentoring of myself and RBG’s CEO, Mark Runciman, I felt a real pull to get involved. I am so glad I did as my passion for the environment and every aspect of RBG — education, horticulture, science and conservation — makes me feel like I am giving back not just to preserve the environment but also the people who live in it. The beautification of the community, first inspired by the vision of T.B. McQuesten has been phenomenal and RBG has added to it in a multitude of ways.”

Why do you give corporately to RBG and do you see a return on your investment?

“Well first of all, we give for the cause and don’t expect something in return. Giving corporately is our way of giving back to the community. We feel it is our obligation to give back with no strings attached, however there are benefits to giving. Our employees see the company is engaged in community giving and that shows the organization cares for the community and therefore we care about our employees.”

Growing up Green Annual Campaign

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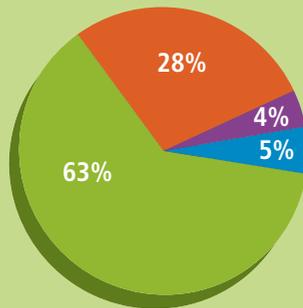
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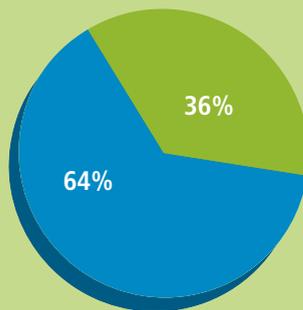
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- Province of Ontario
\$ 4,036,000
- City of Hamilton
\$ 599,206
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