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Welcome to Garden Inspiration 2016, brought to you by the professionals at Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association.

I travel across Ontario to appear at events, where I connect with homeowners. I feel like you value outdoor spaces more than ever; Ontario families “get it” that outdoor living really does promote health and happiness. It’s that simple.

It is also simple to ask a professional about plants and landscaping, whether it’s advice on pansies or a backyard makeover. Landscape Ontario’s Green for Life message is all about your success. Browse the stunning landscapes in this issue, and see how each of the featured families got experience, advice, ideas and best value by working with a professional LO member.

Then take a minute to enjoy the new plants coming on the market this year. I predict they will inspire a trip to your local LO garden centre.

And finally, our members could not resist using this magazine to showcase their pride. Green profession volunteers are working to better communities in every corner of the province, as you can see in the regional sections and our Remembrance in Action feature.

Please keep and enjoy this issue, then visit www.landscapeontario.com to bring your own dream landscape to life!
Ed Lawrence
Radio personality and retired horticulturist for historic Ottawa gardens

How did you get inspired in the horticulture business?
Despite growing up in the heart of Toronto, across the street from the main train tracks and a coal yard, I was surrounded by gardens and nature. Having neighbours on both sides who gardened very well on postage stamp-sized lots set my focus clearly on the horticultural side of my world. I chose to surround myself with nature.

What is your favourite plant, and why?
Surprisingly, with the breadth of exposure to plants in my career, my favourite plant is lily of the valley! It takes me back to my beginnings in the garden. Even a kid can grow it, it toughs out shade and dry conditions, and it transplants more successfully than anything else. Most of all, it has the sweetest and most gentle fragrance I can remember.

What is your biggest gardening mistake?
Going overboard with projects when I finally moved to my own country property. Trying to do too many things led to disaster. No project got finished, so they all seemed like millstones around my neck. No joy! I learned that my own home deserved the same attention and professional approach I gave to everyone else. I re-set priorities, established reasonable timelines and started enjoying my new home. The thing that many people do wrong in their gardens, is forgetting that it’s meant to be fun!

What is your favourite garden to visit?
My favourite garden to visit is the one I’m in! Be there completely, and you will really be able to see and enjoy it. In May 2015 I visited the northernmost botanic garden in the world at the University of Tromso in Norway. It was wonderful. Each garden is unique and special in its own way, such as the walled garden at Maplelawn in Ottawa or Rideau Hall. The Toronto Botanical Garden, Montreal Botanical Garden and Royal Botanical Garden in Burlington are all unique and wonderful in their own ways.

What is your favourite garden fragrance?
Although lily of the valley is an emotional scent for me, I do have some other favourites. High on my list would be the scent of old roses, or peonies with a background of freshly mown lawn.

What is your favourite garden food?
I love all the fresh produce we grow. If it’s down to one choice, I’ll go with tomatoes. Of these, Sun Sweet and Mortgage Lifter are tied for first place!

Why do you value your association with the professional members of Landscape Ontario?
As a student, way back in 1971, our eyes were opened to the professional side of the business. The idea of anybody being able to throw a lawnmower in the trunk and call themselves a “landscaper” seemed less and less acceptable. Unfortunately it still happens. The latest involves guys with chainsaws, going door-to-door offering removal for the decimated ash population. I stand by the professional trade members from Landscape Ontario. I’ve made many friends in Landscape Ontario, and they’re open, honest and reliable. Collectively we have all advanced horticulture across the province by maintaining professional standards.
Mark Cullen

How did you get inspired in the horticulture business?
My dad, Len Cullen, gave me my first job working as a carry-out boy at the Weall and Cullen Garden Centre in Toronto. When I was really young I had been unsure about the business, but working at the store, I quickly found joy in serving people while learning about plants.

What is your favourite plant, and why?
Narcissus is the highlight of the early gardening season; I have 20,000 planted in my 10-acre garden. Peonies celebrate the beginning of summer and while they don’t last very long, they are pure perfection. Last, Sedum spectabilis blooms for weeks during the fall, attracting bees, butterflies and other pollinators and remains standing through winter. If I could only choose one, it would be narcissus.

What is your biggest gardening mistake?
For years, I planted numerous shade-loving plants in the wooded rear garden of my family home. In time, I discovered that only about 10 per cent of the “shade tolerant” plants actually grow in full, dry shade. Hooray for lily of the valley, pachysandra and epimediums!

What is your favourite garden to visit?
The Trebah Gardens in Cornwall, England, are paradise. Just 20 acres, but everything is in such abundance, including 150-year-old Australian tree ferns, 80 ft. high rhododendrons, masses of blue hydrangea and water features. The historical connection to World War II — Americans launched the D-Day assault from the shore of Trebah — is another fascinating element.

What is your favourite garden fragrance?
Heliotrope.

What is your favourite non-gardening hobby or sport?
Golf.

Why do you value your association with the professional members of Landscape Ontario?
Working in the horticulture industry is a gift that provides time outdoors, great colleagues and clients, and the opportunity to give back while encouraging the next generation to pick up a trowel and get their knees dirty.
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Frank Ferragine
aka “Frankie Flowers”

How did you get inspired in the horticulture business? My family has owned and operated a greenhouse for nearly five decades; horticulture is in my blood.

What is your favourite plant, and why? Pansies are great in the spring because they are cold hardy and have impact colours; you can eat them, too! In the summer, ‘Limelight’ hydrangea is easy, sturdy and their blooms don’t fall over. Finally, ‘Brilliant’ sedum’s drought tolerance is perfect for autumn.

What is your biggest gardening mistake? I make mistakes every year and continue to learn.

What is your favourite garden to visit? The Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, Arizona, is so unusual and features a great restaurant!

What is your favourite garden fragrance? Nothing says warm weather like the fragrance of lilacs.

What is your favourite non-gardening hobby or sport? I love cooking and playing hockey. I don’t have a sports car, but I do have double ovens!

Why do you value your association with the professional members of Landscape Ontario? I love to celebrate the landscape industry and am proud and inspired by the landscapes being created.

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Tara Nolan

Award-winning writer and founder of Garden Savvy

How did you get inspired in the horticulture business? My mom inspired me through her amazing eye for plants and placement and her ability to add a sense of personality and whimsy to a garden. As I grew up, I was drawn to public gardens and enjoyed learning about plants. Later, I was introduced to a fantastic network of gardeners and garden writers through my work with Canadian Gardening.

What is your favourite plant, and why? I love all the bulbs that pop up each spring, especially uncommon varieties. They represent the anticipation of spring and being able to get back in the garden after a long winter.

What is your biggest gardening mistake? Staking plants is not my strong suit. Last summer I used a pair of weak tomato stakes when I ran out of cages, and my cucamelons deserved more than the small piece of lattice I gave them to climb.

What is your favourite garden to visit? There are so many great gardens to choose from! Several that made an impression on me are Giverny, in France, the Kitty Coleman Woodland Garden on Vancouver Island and Reford Gardens in Quebec. I also enjoy gardens close to home like the Toronto Botanical Garden and the Royal Botanical Garden.

What is your favourite garden fragrance? While it may sound strange, I love the smell of thawing earth as the snow melts during spring. In terms of plants, I love the scent of honeysuckle and lilac.

What is your favourite non-gardening hobby or sport? I enjoy mountain biking, travelling, knitting, sewing and making things.

Why do you value your association with the professional members of Landscape Ontario? I value making connections with people and groups who are working towards the common goal of creating a greener world while inspiring and educating the public.
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Niki Jabbour

Writer, radio host, author of
The Year Round Vegetable Gardener

How did you get inspired in the horticulture business?
The vegetable garden has always been a place of wonder for me, even before I enjoyed eating veggies. By the time I was a teenager, I had taken over the family plot and studying horticulture was a natural transition.

What is your favourite plant, and why?
With over 50 edibles and hundreds of varieties grown in my garden year round, it’s very tough to pick just one. However, the peak is middle to late summer when we’re harvesting bushels of heirloom and hybrid tomatoes like Sungold, Chef’s Choice Orange, Chocolate Sprinkles, Costoluto Genovese and Cherokee Purple. There is nothing better than eating a sun-warmed tomato in the garden.

What is your biggest gardening mistake?
I’ve made so many over the years, but my biggest was not dealing with the goutweed that had drifted from a neighbour’s property. By the time I tackled it, the weed was a five by 15 ft. swath of green evil that, years later, I still haven’t eradicated completely.

What is your favourite garden to visit?
That’s a toss-up between the Halifax Public Gardens and the Toronto Botanical Garden. Both are incredibly beautiful and do a great job spotlighting important issues like the need to support and encourage pollinators.

What is your favourite garden fragrance?
Like most gardeners, I try to select plants that offer multiple uses and more than one season of interest. Fragrance is very important in a garden, and vegetables — my specialty — don’t offer much aroma. I rely on herbs like basil and lavender as well as annual flowers like sweet peas for fragrance. I also love the smell of just-pulled carrots!

What is your favourite non-gardening hobby or sport?
There are other hobbies besides gardening? Just kidding! I’m a basketball mom, so most of my off-garden time is spent courtside cheering on my kids.

Why do you value your association with the professional members of Landscape Ontario?
Connecting with colleagues in the horticulture industry is very important to me. Trade associations like Landscape Ontario are also great resources for gardeners across Canada. LO offers inspiration, ideas and support to homeowners and gardeners, and helps foster interest in gardening that helps us all.
Landscape designers know how to make the most out of available space. Dining, cocktail hour or time with a book all has its place, plus a patch of inviting turf for the kids. Strategic lighting extends this backyard’s usability beyond sunset.

— Project by Landscapes by Lucin, Toronto, Ont.
Rural properties allow families to stretch out a little; the designer of this rural backyard carved the generous spaces into zones that encourage family members to get outdoors and either get active or relax.

Tailored paving on pool and patio transitions into more rustic slate facing the retaining wall. Let’s take a swim!

— Project by DA Gracey & Associates, Vaughan, Ont.
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Landscape lighting
Do you love both nature and electricity? Bring landscapes to life at night, by painting with light. Landscape lighting promotes both beauty and safety, and it offers great career potential.

TALK TO: James Solecki,
Integra Bespoke Lighting Systems,
705-385-3000, or info@integralighting.com

Interior plantscaping
It’s a fact: people are happier when surrounded by plants. Professionals have built a business out of that need, enhancing offices and public places with greenery. Create and maintain indoor plantscapes that are both lovely and beneficial.

TALK TO: Hella Keppo,
Stems Interior Landscaping,
416-966-2762, ext. 1

Lawn care
The lawn care profession optimizes variables that promote plant health, without using cosmetic pesticides. Everyone wants green, lovely lawns; a lawn care pro understands how to use water, fertilizer, mechanics and genetics to make it happen.

TALK TO: Rohan Harrison,
416-480-6100, ext. 89842 (Leave a message and Rohan will return your call)

Garden centres
Help customers beautify their homes with nature, as you work with colourful, living inventory in the garden centre business. Retail is an important part of Canada’s economy, and garden centres offer career opportunity in every community.

TALK TO: Kristin Ego MacPhail,
Ego’s Garden Centre, 705-326-9922

Nursery growing
Ontario’s nurseries keep pace with modern agriculture, and offer opportunity in specialties from crop production to marketing to environmental stewardship. Learn the art and science of growing trees and plants that beautify our cities.

Talk to: Mark Ostrowski,
Laurel Forest Farms, 519-940-4361

Irrigation
Irrigation promotes healthy, green environments. Give this specialty a try if you enjoy sophisticated computer control systems that conserve precious water resources, and working outdoors with nature; new talent is needed.

TALK TO: Chris Le Conte,
Smart Watering Systems,
1-888-444-1530

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Also, get in touch with any of the companies listed in this issue, organized by regions of Ontario.
Chances are very good they are looking to meet you!
Every entrance needs paving; this one sets a circle into the squares for charm and interest. Materials were selected to echo the home’s facade, and their quality adds stature.

Potted petunias sound simple; these petunias are presented and placed to accent the home’s dignity and value.

— Project by Oriole Landscaping, Toronto, Ont.
This home did not stand out from its neighbours, until it was landscaped.

The result shows in property value. Two 90-degree elements, a low wall and an open wooden structure, define an asymmetrical greeting and seating area — answering the family’s wish for a space to connect with the community.

This project delivered style, within budget.

— Project by Parklane Nurseries, Beaverton, Ont.
Respect in action

Ontario’s green industry professionals celebrate Canadian heroism, past and present, through Vimy Ridge tree project and the Highway of Heroes campaign

Trees along Hwy. 401 to honour fallen Canadian heroes
It started with a dream: “A tree for every hero.”

Now, it’s becoming reality — with the Highway of Heroes campaign to plant 117,000 trees along Hwy. 401 in Ontario. The campaign to honour fallen Canadian service men and women officially launches this spring.

The 828-km stretch between Trenton and Toronto is called the Highway of Heroes, because it marks the journey each fallen Canadian soldier makes upon returning from foreign battlefields.

The project is expected to take three years and cost $20 million. Green industry personality Mark Cullen, at left above, serves as the campaign’s chair.

“The idea of growing trees to symbolize Canada’s war dead is poignant,” he says. “A properly planted tree can live a long, long time. It’s giving life because it converts carbon monoxide, filters toxins out of rainwater and makes the conversion to oxygen. I find a metaphor in that the people who gave their lives for Canada, so you and I can live in a free and democratic country, gave us life.”

For more information, or to donate, visit hotribute.ca.
Canadian nursery returning oaks to Vimy Ridge

On April 9, 1917, nearly 100,000 Canadians poured from trenches, dugouts and tunnels to begin the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

Among those soldiers was Leslie Miller, a farm boy from Toronto. When the guns had gone silent, Vimy Ridge was a barren ground. Nothing was left standing, including the old oaks that once grew tall upon the border region of Belgium and France.

In the aftermath of the hard-fought victory, Miller discovered acorns amongst the muddy battlefield. As a token of remembrance, he sent them home to be planted at his Markham, Ont., farm. Upon his return to Canada, Miller found nine samplings had taken root; he would tend them until his passing in 1979.

Now, some 99 years after the iconic battle, Conon Nurseries NVK of Waterdown, Ont., is looking to bring the oaks back to Vimy Ridge.

Not the original trees, which have grown tall and continue to thrive in Canadian soil, of course, but their offspring through advanced cutting and grafting techniques.

All told, the expert propagators at Conon Nurseries NVK expect to grow 1,000 trees, of which the best 120 will be transported across the Atlantic Ocean to be planted at Vimy Ridge to commemorate the 100th year since the pivotal battle was won.
Plants add life, colour and softness to this sunken outdoor entertainment space. White hydrangeas provide height and a strong statement, in contrast to ground-hugging hostas.

Turf is set into a perennial border like a round jewel — the plants are selected for interest and contrast throughout the season. Lighting lets the homeowners enjoy plantings into the evening.

— Project by Earthscape Ontario, Wallenstein, Ont.
Simple raised beds elevate plants by 18 inches — turning them into landscape stars.

The designer of this project understood how much hard structure, such as pools, water features and decking, contribute to functionality.

Topping the structure with alliums, coreopsis and humble sweet potato vines provides living focal points, as well as backyard beauty.

— Project by MapleRidge Landscapes, Lynden, Ont.
James Robinson Public School in Markham, Ont. is now home to a one-of-a-kind accessible playground that serves as a shining example of community spirit and ingenuity for schools across the country.

The project, which continues into 2016, involved the installation of a safe and sustainable recreation area with an emphasis on accessibility for students “living with mobility, physical, low vision, emotional and development disabilities,” according to the project committee’s mission statement.

Adding to the outdoor classroom, stage and universal play structure already in place, LO Toronto Chapter members donated their time, equipment and materials to build over 600 sq. ft. of wheelchair accessible pathways leading through gardens and a variety of sensory feedback elements.

JRPS students were also encouraged to get involved in the project and LO members taught the kids how to install sod and plant trees. Volunteers also donated some $10,000 raised at their annual golf tournament towards an accessible spider web-style climbing structure planned for 2016.
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1 Perennial pick: Daylily *Hemerocallis*
Depend on daylilies for low-maintenance colour, year after year; it is a reliable standby for home gardens and used in public plantings, as well. New this year is *Shy Tiger*, a beautiful summer bloomer with fragrant tangerine flowers featuring slightly wavy petals edged in salmon with a bright yellow heart.

2 Annual pick: Petunias
Petunias are the classic choice for easy-to-grow, full season bloom. The wide range of colours is an added bonus. New this year is *Petunia Easy Wave Yellow*, from a popular spreading series. This cultivar’s performance compares favourably with other yellow petunias.

3 Container pick: Gerbera
Gerberas are a longtime favourite cut-flower because of their vibrant colours and classic daisy shape. Now they are also a great choice to brighten patios or entrances in containers. The new *Garvinea Sweet* series performs well in Ontario summers; see it growing at the Landscape Ontario trial gardens in Milton.

4 Perennial pick: Coreopsis
This plant family is native to prairies, which helps explain its toughness and low water requirements. The new Leading Lady series of coreopsis is named for three Hollywood stars, Lauren Bacall, Sophia Loren and Charlize Theron. ‘Charlize’ coreopsis, pictured, produces large, clear yellow, double pom-pom flowers all season.
5 Annual pick: 
Globe amaranth *Gomphrena*

Gomphrena continuously produces colourful, globe-shaped blossoms from mid-summer to frost, attracting butterflies to the garden. New for 2016, the *Budacious* series boasts three new colours: Radiant Red, Outrageous Orange and Prismatic Purple. All are heat and drought tolerant and thrive in full sun.

6 Shrub pick: Spruce

Big, bold and full, spruce trees add height and texture to a garden along with unique colours. New for 2016, the *ByJohn blue dwarf spruce* maintains a symmetrical, globe-shape without the need for pruning, and its needles are short with a medium-blue colour.
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7 Annual pick: Marigold *Tagetes*
Marigolds belong in every child's garden; they are both colourful and easy to grow. That is why marigolds are always popular — from kids to seniors. The new introduction **Proud Mari** has double flowers on thick, sturdy stems that hold the flowers up proud.

8 Perennial pick: Peony
Inspiring oriental art to farmhouse gardens, peonies are timeless classics. Large, fragrant peony blooms have a unique elegance, and peonies are one of the longest-living perennials. The new **Sea Shell** peony is a tall, graceful plant that rarely needs staking. Its rich green foliage is lovely all season long.

9 Rose pick: Hardy Canadian roses
Canada has a proud rose breeding heritage. Cultivars from Canada, such as Explorer and Canadian Artists series roses, have set standards for hardiness and easy care. A new Canadian Artists introduction is the **Oscar Peterson** rose, named after the renowned jazz pianist. It features 10 cm, semi-double white flowers with yellow centres, blooming in June and again in August.

10 Annual pick: Salvia
Available in a breathtaking range of colours, salvia produces spikes of densely packed flowers, which provide height and variety to containers or borders. New for 2016, **Black and Bloom** salvia delivers thick leaves, large blooms and dark stems and is a “tough as nails” performer in heat, drought and humidity.
The annual Easter weekend food-drive in Thornbury, Ont., provided members of the Blue Mountain community an opportunity to help those in need. Spearheaded by Landscape Ontario volunteers in the Georgian Bay area, the successful food drive demonstrated the region’s generous spirit.

Past projects by the Georgian Lakelands Chapter include landscaping work for the hospice at the Royal Victoria Hospital and installation of the Cedar Grove Labyrinth in Thornbury. Volunteers also frequently get involved in school greening projects, including plantings for National Tree Day each fall.

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Giving back to the Hamilton area community

There were smiles all around when Landscape Ontario’s Golden Horseshoe Chapter handed Hamilton Victory Gardens a $3,000 cheque. Hamilton Victory Gardens is a non-profit team of community volunteers dedicated to alleviating hunger and food insecurity by transforming empty city lots into places of community, education and growth. HVG estimates it has harvested over 10,020 kilograms of produce from its gardens. Produce is distributed to local food banks and meal programs including Living Rock, St. Matthews House and Dream Centre.

The gardens also provide educational opportunities for local students.

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Aldershot Landscape Contractors
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Arborvitae Ecological Landscapes Ltd.
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BJJ Contracting Ltd
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CSL Group
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Caledonia Garden Centre
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11 Vine pick: Clematis
If home gardeners were limited to only one flowering vine, clematis is the hands-down choice; clematis is the showiest vine for Ontario. Bernadine from the Boulevard series works exceptionally well for small gardens and containers. Enjoy its soft, silvery-lilac flowers from late spring through early fall. Bernadine is ideal for brightening outdoor dining areas.

12 Perennial pick: Coral bells Heuchera
Known for their dramatic, colourful foliage and delicate, airy flowering spikes, coral bells are a unique option for a low maintenance groundcover. With their tiny, bell-shaped white, pink, red or coral flowers blooming in late spring through summer, coral bells make a great border or edge in your garden. New for 2016, Sunrise has large orange foliage that fades to a rich yellow-orange.

13 Rose pick: Floribunda roses
With timeless beauty and sweet fragrance, floribunda (Latin for "many-flowering") roses are a classic. New floribundas for 2016 include Koko Loko, shown, the deep red Oh My! and the latte to lavender Sparkle and Shine.

14 Shrub pick: Hydrangea
With their huge, eye-catching bouquets of clustered flowers, hydrangeas are lush standouts in any garden. New options for 2016 include Invincibelle Spirit II, Everlasting Revolution, (pictured) Everlasting Wings and Fire Light.
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Dicam Landscaping
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Dreamview Landscape
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Dutchman’s Landscaping Ltd
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Dutra Landscape Construction
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Earthworks Landscaping
www.earthworks-landscaping.ca
Eastgate Truck Centre
www.eastgatetucks.com
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Excalibur Masonry Inc
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Grindstone Landscaping & Property Maintenance
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Heritage Green Landscape Contractors
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Hockley Landscape Services Inc
hockleylandscape.com
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Ian McGregor Pools & Landscaping
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Limestone Trail Co Inc
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15 Annual pick: Euphorbia

Resilient, durable and versatile, euphorbia is a low maintenance annual that can be used for borders, beds or containers. New for 2016, Glamour euphorbia fills in fast to make a soft “hedge,” in mass plantings, mixes well with other flowering annuals, and shines in large cityscape containers.
INSPIRATION in the London area

Landscape Ontario members in the London area are proud of their involvement in the multi-phased Veterans Memorial Parkway Community Program (VMPCP), an award-winning project designed to honour the Canadian Armed Forces. In 2014, members completed the Landscape Ontario Bravery Garden along the parkway.

In 2015, London area members also took an active role in numerous school greening projects including construction of an outdoor classroom at Elgin Court Public School in St. Thomas and the installation of vegetable gardens at John Paul II Catholic Secondary School in London.

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Aylmer Garden Centre
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Beagle Run Nursery
www.beaglerunnursery.com

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Birchcrest Landscape
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Blue Jay Irrigation
www.bluejayirrigation.com

BlueStone Properties
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Definitive Lawn & Garden Service
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Gord Williams Landscaping Ltd
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Great Lakes Lawn Care Inc
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16 Perennial pick: Switch grass

Switch grasses are an ever-popular choice for the rear of perennial borders, or as tall screens. New for 2016, the Hot Rod Panicum virgatum has foliage that starts blue-green in the spring before turning a bold burgundy colour into the summer months.
Giving back to the Durham area community

It was all about the kids this year for Landscape Ontario Durham Chapter members, who offered fun activities and educational opportunities at the 2015 Brooklin Harvest Festival.

The LO booth was a big hit at the annual event, providing kids with an interactive interlock puzzle game and a “nature scene” drawing board. Durham Chapter volunteers also took part in National Tree Day by planting trees at Grandview Public School in Bethany.
Blueberry plants provide delicious fruit for jams or desserts along with ornamental value from delicate white spring blooms to fiery red foliage in the fall. Perpetua blueberries are a new concept, able to flower on new growth without any chilling. New for 2016, the blueberry has a vigorous growth rate, is vase-shaped and maintains a compact growth habit.

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The entranceway of Northumberland Hills Hospital in Cobourg, Ont., now features a beautiful dry stone wall and garden thanks to donations by the local rotary club and Upper Canada Stone, along with the hard work of Landscape Ontario member Dean McLellan and his crew of dedicated First Nations students. The crew built the wall by hand, without mortar or cement, using techniques developed three and a half millennia ago.

“The revitalization of the front garden is a perfect example of community partners working together to create a lasting legacy for the enjoyment of our patients and visitors,” Rhonda Cunningham, executive director of NHH Foundation told local media. “We are honoured to be the recipient of this exciting project and can’t wait for everyone to see the final result.”

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18 **Shrub pick: Weigela**
Flowering shrubs are getting more attention as homeowners want low maintenance, four-season structure and flowers — all in one plant. Weigela fits that bill perfectly, with abundant mid-summer blooms that hummingbirds just love. New for 2016 is **Maroon Swoon** featuring deep maroon colour and compact growth habit.

19 **Annual pick: Spider plant Cleome**
Cleomes, with their large, airy and colourful flowers atop sturdy stems, make for a focal point at the back of any garden border. Drought and heat resistant, the **Senorita Mi Amor** cultivar is new for 2016, and features soft pink blooms. It grows best in full sun.

20 **Perennial pick: Shasta daisy Leucanthemum**
Like daisies on steroids, leucanthemums have a similar look like roadside flowers with larger, more robust blooms. The new **Spellbook Lumos** cultivar brightens any garden with its non-fading yellow flowers and rich-green foliage. A fast grower, **Spellbook Lumos** is small in stature with a sturdy growth habit.

21 **Flowering tree pick: Crabapple Malus**
Crabapple trees bloom early in spring, producing plentiful white, pink or red flowers. When provided with full sun and well-drained soil, crabapples create a impact during all four seasons. New for 2016, **Royal Mist** rosybloom crabapple has outstanding deep-pink flowers and purple foliage that turns bronze-green in the summer.

22 **Shrub pick: Clethra**
Grown for their fragrant, cup-like white or yellow flowers, Clethra, or summersweet, are deciduous and evergreen shrubs and small trees ideal for woodland style gardens or in mixed borders. **Einstein summersweet** is new for 2016, featuring fragrant white racemes that reach up to 12-in. long.
The National Military Cemetery at Beechwood in Ottawa, Ont., was once again, fittingly, in tip-top shape during Remembrance Day ceremonies on Nov. 11, 2015.

Over the last 10 years, Landscape Ontario Ottawa Chapter members have had the honour of volunteering their services and equipment to support the annual Day of Tribute. Volunteers are also proud to maintain the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Survivor’s Park, located on 4.5 acres in Ottawa’s Alta Vista neighbourhood. Members have volunteered their time each spring and fall since 2009, and last year, were pleased to incorporate students from Algonquin College into the project.
INSPIRATION in the Windsor area

Landscape Ontario members living and working in the Windsor area continued their long-running commitment to improving and maintaining the Children’s Safety Village, a non-profit community organization that is “the recognized leader in providing safety and injury prevention education programs to residents of Windsor-Essex.”

In August, more than two dozen volunteers took part in the renovation of the organization’s back garden. Features of the improved space include an upgraded water feature and a vegetable garden.

In 2015 Windsor Chapter also provided maintenance support to the Hospice of Windsor and Essex County, a commitment volunteers have made for over a decade. This year, the chapter plans to continue working with both the Children’s Safety Village and the local Hospice while also building a legacy garden at St. Clair College.

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Rural Roots Landscape & Design
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SKZ Landscaping Inc
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Serv-A-Yard
www.servayard.com
Suffield Contracting Inc.
Tel: 519 791 4787
Top Grade Landscape & Garden Solutions
www.topgrade.ca

23 Perennial pick: Hosta
Touted for remarkable shade and soil tolerance, hostas provide a stunning backdrop to colourful flowers. They look great at the front of a garden, especially when subtly spilling out over the edge. Velvet Moon, shown, is a new, vigorously growing introduction for 2016 that has dark green leaves with large, gold borders.
Fusion Gardening®

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Giving back to the Waterloo area community

Sir Isaac Brock Public School in Guelph, Ont., received a beautiful outdoor classroom in 2015 that provides students an opportunity to learn while enjoying the many benefits of nature. Designed and constructed by members of Landscape Ontario’s Waterloo Chapter, the natural learning environment was officially unveiled in September at a wonderful ceremony highlighted by a butterfly release and a spirited rendition of the school’s anthem. The outdoor classroom marks the 13th annual school greening project undertaken by volunteers in the Waterloo area.

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Don Prosser Landscape Design
www.donlandscape.com
Douglas Wood Large Tree Services
www.douglaswood.ca
Dr Green Services
www.doctorgreen.com
Dreamstate Landscaping Inc
www.dreamstate landscaping.com
Drimmie Property Maintenance
Tel: 519 846 5187
Duench Custom Woodworking & Maintenance
Tel: 519 574 0787
Dyna-Co Construction Ltd
Tel: 519 894 0047
EMB Mfg Inc
www.embmfg.ca
Earthscape Ontario
www.earthscape.ca
Edenborough Landscaping
www.edenboroughlandscaping.com
Fast Forest
www.fastforest.ca
Fleischauer Brothers Landscaping Ltd
www.fleischauerbrothers.com
Floristerra Greenhouses and Landscape Centre
www.floristerra.ca
Forestell Designed Landscapes - Main Office Guelph
www.forestell.com
Freiburger Landscaping Inc
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Future Lawn Inc
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Green Ventures Landscape Care
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www.justsodit.com
Greensleeve Maintenance Ltd
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new plant picks!

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24 Annual pick: Hibiscus

With their showy, colourful, trumpet-shaped flowers, hibiscus are great at attracting butterflies, bees and hummingbirds to a garden. The Tradewinds ‘Bali Sunrise’ cultivar is a new for 2016, featuring double flowers that are orange, accented with a red tone.
PROOF OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE  Mandatory: Rate 5 or 0 only
Landscape contractors are required by law to pay WSIB premiums on behalf of their employees in the event of a workplace injury. Hiring companies that are not in compliance makes the project owner – you – liable in case of workplace injuries. Ask to see a Certificate of Clearance.

PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE  Mandatory: Rate 5 or 0 only
All contractors should carry liability insurance to protect themselves and their clients from the expense of any unforeseen workplace incidents that might cause damage to your own or neighbouring properties. Ask to see a Certificate of Insurance; it should state the name and address of the contractor, the fact the company carries a minimum of $1 million commercial general liability, including coverage for bodily injury and property damage, and the effective and expiry dates of the policy as well as the date of issue of the certificate.

SUPPLIER REFERENCES  Rate 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent)
By ensuring that the contractor regularly pays material suppliers in accordance with standard trade terms, you can protect yourself from creditor liabilities. Depending on the size of the project, it is advisable to obtain up to three supplier references. If possible, obtain references from suppliers of materials designated for your project, such as interlocking stone, nursery stock, timber, etc.

CONTRACT  Rate 1 to 5
A written and signed contract protects the interests of both homeowners and contractors. Contracts should clearly stipulate details such as payment schedules, start dates, and the complete scope of the project. Areas of responsibility, such as the provision for underground service locates, permits, etc. should also be stipulated. A good contract will also define procedures for the approval of change orders and costs of extras.

WARRANTY  Rate 1 to 5
The terms and conditions of the contractor’s warranty should be clearly spelled out in writing and should specify if the workmanship is warranted and for how long and the length of the guarantee on materials. It is important to specify responsibilities for ongoing maintenance, such as watering, that may affect the warranty. This is especially important for plant guarantees.

CLIENT REFERENCES  Rate 1 to 5
Whether the contractor you are considering is capable of handling your project can best be determined by asking for references from up to three recent clients. Answers to the following questions will help you rate the value of the references:
   Was the work completed on time?
   Was there sufficient supervisory staff on site?
   Did the contractor return phone calls promptly?
   Was the quality of workmanship acceptable?
   Did staff conduct themselves in a professional manner?
   Was the site kept tidy throughout the construction process?
   Were extras dealt with according to the terms of the contract?
**Compare and decide:**

**A tool for RATING and SELECTING your landscape contractor**

Use this chart two ways:

1. As a simple guideline to the qualities you should be looking for in a landscape contractor, or
2. As a rating system to help you determine more specifically the suitability of a contractor you are considering hiring. It's your choice.

**Companies under review**

Company A: ______________________ Company B: _______________________ Company C: _______________________

### HUMAN RESOURCES

The number of employees, including supervisors, should be adequate for the size of the project. It is important to remember that a small company with one crew may well be sufficient for smaller projects, providing they have adequately scheduled their projects for the season. A company’s ability to schedule projects can also be determined through client references.

**Rate 1 to 5**

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### EMPLOYEE EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

Determine the level of training and experience of key and supervisory personnel. Post secondary degrees, apprenticeship program participation or certification through the Landscape Industry Certified program are all indicators of skilled, committed employees. More information on green industry certification programs is available at www.landscapeontario.com/industry-certification.

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### EQUIPMENT RESOURCES

Contractors should have adequate equipment resources to complete jobs efficiently. It is important to remember that it may be more cost-effective for certain or specialized pieces of equipment to be rented on an as-needed basis.

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### SCOPE OF EXPERTISE (INCLUDING SUB-CONTRACTORS)

Determine which specific disciplines are required for your project. The company should be skilled in all aspects or use reputable sub-contractors. These include disciplines such as:

- paving ston
- natural stone work
- carpentry
- demolition
- water features
- lighting
- irrigation
- site clean-up
- earth-work (grading, etc.)
- soft landscaping (tree and shrub installation)

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### YEARS IN BUSINESS

How many years has the company been in business under its current name?

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### COMPANY PROFILE

Does the company project a professional image? Are its representatives in uniform? Are its trucks and equipment clean and well cared for?

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### ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

An accreditation procedure is part of Landscape Ontario’s membership application process. Members of Landscape Ontario are required to follow a Code of Ethics and a Code of Conduct. Association membership indicates a company's commitment to professionalism.

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**TOTALS** Tip: A perfect score is 65, any total less than 49 indicates a score below 75 per cent.
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