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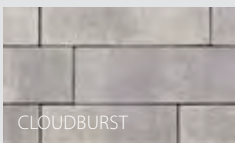
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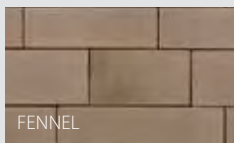
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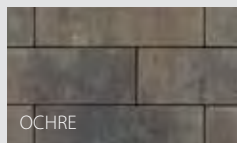
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## *living colour*

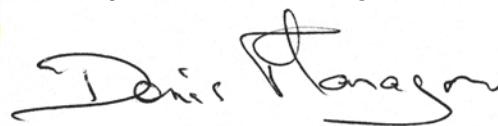
Colour plays an important role in many aspects of our lives. Several years ago, our son was playing his first competitive hockey game, and eager to be supportive I began to chant Go Green Go! from the stands. Only to be quickly corrected by my wife, that in fact the jerseys were chartreuse! I thought of this story when Kim, our artistic director, informed me that a leading colour for 2019 is in fact — chartreuse.

Shades of green can have a calming effect in a garden, as can light hues of pink. Professional garden tour organizers know that using yellow-tinged plants in certain areas can slow traffic. Restaurant owners are aware that bright red blossoms increase a customer's appetite.

Professionals at Landscape Ontario stay up-to-date with colour trends by visiting our trial gardens and attending courses on the latest in plant combinations. When clients hire our pros for designing, creating and maintaining projects, they can be assured of receiving leading-edge advice. This level of expertise is reflected in the thousands of Awards of Excellence that have been presented to our members over the years.

On a personal note, before our grandkids start playing sports, I will make sure I brush up on my wife's colour charts. I hope you enjoy and are inspired by this 2019 edition of *Garden Inspiration*. Please enjoy this issue, and visit

**landscapeontario.com** to imagine the colours of your own dream garden! 



ON THE COVER: Carefree Celebration shrub rose is one of the 147 roses on display at the Landscape Ontario trial gardens in Milton, Ont., and is a wonderful example of this year's Pantone colour 'Living Coral'.





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# Recognizing EXCELLENCE


THROUGH THE YEARS

LANDSCAPE ONTARIO  
*Awards*  
of Excellence 

For over 45 years, Landscape Ontario has honoured the work of designers, maintenance professionals and landscape construction specialists who spend their energies beautifying Ontario's outdoor spaces. The Awards of Excellence program has grown significantly over that time, as professional landscaping has become more valued, skill levels have advanced and projects push new creative boundaries.

To become an Award winner with Landscape Ontario, projects must meet the highest standards in quality construction, innovative design and impeccable maintenance. Expert judges rate the entries on detailed criteria. Winning an Award means achieving a score that denotes excellence. If no entry in a given category earns a qualifying score, no Award is given.

The Awards program is one more tool homeowners can use when shopping for landscaping. Search for Landscape Ontario member companies at [landscapeontario.com](http://landscapeontario.com), and make special note of Award-winners. Combined with the *Selecting a Landscape Contractor* guide on pages 44-45, you are well on your way to a new, beautiful landscape and a satisfying customer experience.

Over the years, one thing remains the same; the expert members of Landscape Ontario are passionate about what they do — creating gardens that make dreams come true for homeowners. 



*and into tomorrow...*

An award-winning garden will have quality plants that are healthy and create texture and colour.



Judges look for specific detail in straight lines, consistent risers on steps and attractive choice of pavers and stone.



Innovative design, creative use of space and integrating elements of stone, plants and family living space make for a winning garden.

# *classic* ENGLISH GARDEN



# A lovely place to entertain

These perennial gardens maintained by Yorkshire Garden Services of Concord, Ont., are a Landscape Ontario Awards of Excellence Winner. This beautiful property is in bloom from early spring through late fall. The backyard garden is filled with ferns, *Brunnera*, hostas, redbud, tulip tree, meadowsweet and Japanese forest grass. Closer to the house, the patio has a parterre of herbs and flowers for cutting.

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# DEN

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A secret woodland garden provides a cool reprieve on a hot summer's day, with its cedar mulch pathways and inviting benches.



Perennials such as delphinium, ivy and meadowsweet are perfect choices for this traditional English garden.



# uptown

# BEAUTY

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of Excellence  
WINNER







# Chic city garden

Pro-Land Landscape Construction of Brampton, Ont., using a design by Eden Tree Designs of Toronto, created this downtown retreat, which earned a Landscape Ontario Award of Excellence. The smaller downtown backyard required creative ideas on purposing each space in the garden. The aluminum pergola with custom screens creates an intimate space around the pool and lends to the high-end look the homeowner wanted to achieve.

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A sleek, modern sculpture reflects the pattern of the custom screens. Clean lines and a mix of natural wood and smooth stone truly add drama to this outdoor space.

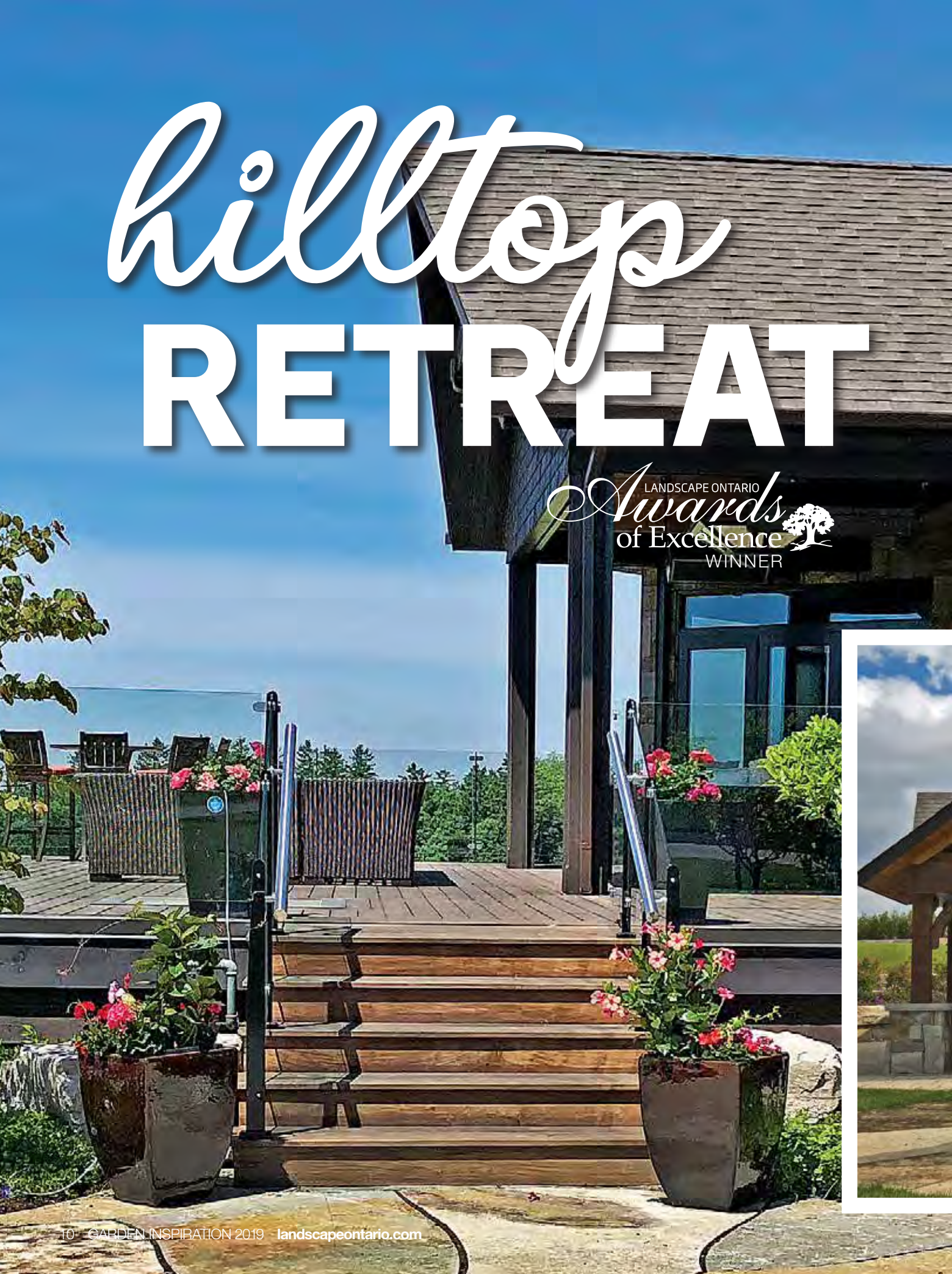


Varying elevations provide entertaining, dining and cooking areas, while keeping open sight lines for the whole garden.



# hilltop RETREAT

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# Sweeping lakeside views

Landscape Ontario Award of Excellence winner Dutch Touch Landscaping of Orono, Ont., constructed an outside retreat that is a fluid extension of the home for a family that loves to entertain. The homeowners were looking to create a harmonious mountain-top resort feel to their property. Custom-cut flagstone was used to build the driveway, pathways and patios, including three floral stone designs, while Douglas fir wood was used to create an impressive outdoor kitchen.

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Natural stone steps lead to a hand-crafted mortise and tenon structure which accommodates the cooking and entertaining area.

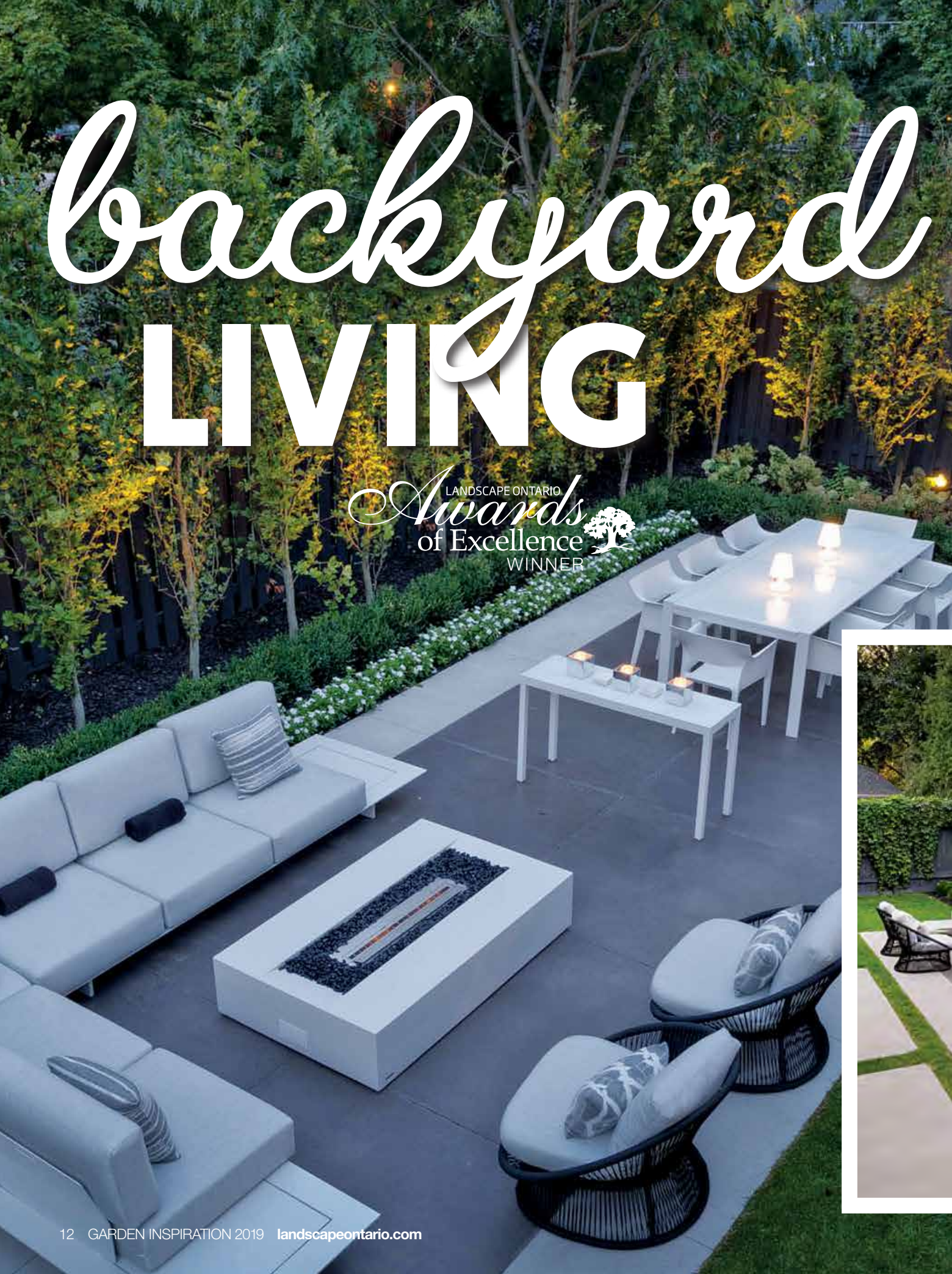


The water feature acts as a welcoming centrepiece for the whole property.



# backyard LIVING

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# Clean and crisp outdoor space

Elite Concrete of Thornhill, Ont., earned a Judge's Choice for creating this chic backyard project, incorporating a specialty limestone finish concrete as the hardscape. The two-tone patio includes a large charcoal coloured inlay that was poured separately from the perimeter banding. The stepping stones are poured in place and are connected to each other via rebar below grade. The existing basement walkout was also overlaid and the steps feature crisp cantilevered reveals.

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Hydrangeas and white impatiens add to the crisp feel of this garden. Steps leading from the basement were overlaid for a fresh look.



The dark charcoal inlay of the patio adds drama.

# float ON

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*Awards*  
of Excellence  
WINNER





# Ultimate staycation

Springbank Landscapes of London, Ont., earned a Landscape Ontario Awards of Excellence Judge's Choice for this one-of-a-kind garden that provides year-round entertaining opportunities in a very small space. The floating stepping stone walkway and bubbling rock water feature are the focal points to the backyard. Lighting complements the garden and provides safety, and low maintenance plants soften the hardscaping and add vibrant colours, while the existing trees provide shade and privacy.

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Daylilies make perfect perennial garden partners, offering lots of colour starting mid-summer.

The bubbling rock is the central feature of this garden.



A 'floating' bar provides a place to eat and a perfect conversation area.





# Tranquility in the city

BY KIM BURTON  
PHOTOS BY MIKE SCHRAM

Picture being stuck in traffic on a steamy summer day in the city. Tired and hot, you finally arrive home to your private retreat. A soaring, overhead canopy of trees filters sunlight on flagstone paths, terraced garden beds and a bubbling water feature. The stress of a workday falls away like flaking paint, and the cool, quiet outdoor space envelops you.





The bubbling water feature adds a gentle quietness to this garden, requiring little maintenance. A stone bench doubles as a step to another level of the garden, and provides a place to reflect.

The picture is reality for two Toronto homeowners, who envisioned a minimalist, Japanese-themed garden with water and rocks. Their garden is not about a large expanse, but clever ideas for maximizing available space. An online search led them to Landscape Ontario, and Neil Obach, an old acquaintance. Obach and his team operate Jacob's Gardenscape, a Canada Blooms award-winning garden builder.

"Any garden space has potential," said Obach, "so as soon as I saw the backyard, I knew we could transform it into a beautiful garden and an outdoor space for the homeowners to enjoy."

"Neil made sure the basic elements we wanted were part of his design and rejuvenation," said the homeowner. "We wanted a water element but didn't want the hassle of maintaining and cleaning a pond, which was there when we moved in. Neil suggested a bubbling rock, something we had not considered. We also wanted a low maintenance garden and Jacob's Gardenscape was able to pull all the elements together for us."

A space of contemplation  
and contentment for all.





Topiary and water feature provide the focus for the garden.



Because of the tight space and limited planting area, gabion panels were installed to provide a bit of privacy ... and a lot of appeal!

Shade plants like hosta, astilbe and hydrangea are perfect choices for the terraced garden beds.





The gabion panels also serve as front-yard focal points.



The contractor felt the garden lacked a point of interest; it was just a plain garden. There was a patch of old turf grass and no attractive plants. Since the homeowners foster rescue dogs, easy maintenance was a necessary consideration.

Once a design was established, Jacob's Gardenscape happily accommodated minor adjustments, and with decisions on materials completed, Neil and his team came



in as scheduled, finished on time and under budget, and left the place cleaner than when they started. He also provided post-construction support and seasonal services, returning as needed for maintenance and replacing any plants that didn't thrive as nicely as expected.

For the homeowner, being teammates from years earlier provided an already established trust. But knowing Jacob's Gardenscape is part of Landscape Ontario, one of the largest green professional associations in North America, gave confidence the project would be completed to the highest standard.

"Being part of Landscape Ontario is an inspiration to make sure we provide exceptional service — to at all times be above the ordinary," said Neil Obach. "LO is a great help in our operations, whether it's a simple question we need answered or education to keep us on our toes. Just to be connected to an organization like Landscape Ontario is like having a big brother, always there for you." 🦋

# CANADA BLOOMS

*inspiring ideas*  
FOR GREEN LIVING



Every March, keep a date with Canada's largest flower and garden festival.

Few events satisfy the senses like Canada Blooms — visitors leave grey March behind, and enjoy the fragrances and colours of spring.

Besides the sheer joy of flowers and living greenery, Canada Blooms visitors come year after year for landscaping ideas. Creative feature gardens are always full of inspiration, for Ontario homeowners to recreate at their own homes.

Landscape Ontario member garden builders are proud of their work, and are often available in their gardens throughout the festival. Talk to them! They are friendly and want to answer your questions. Many lasting and successful homeowner/contractor relationships started at Canada Blooms.

Smaller-scale balcony and doorstep displays inspire as well. You can also shop for everything from bulbs to rubber boots at the Canada Blooms Marketplace.





Landscape Ontario and the Garden Club of Toronto founded Canada Blooms in 1996, and Garden Club members present world-class flower show displays at the festival. Visitors may choose from over 200 seminars and workshops presented by landscaping, horticulture and floriculture experts.

Bookmark [www.canadablooms.com](http://www.canadablooms.com), and be sure to attend every year! 🦋



# new for SPRING 2019



Plant breeders never stop the quest for show-stopping blooms and enhanced performance, and gardeners love trying out new and improved selections. Your local independent garden centre is headquarters for new plants — keep this section handy for your spring shopping.

Enjoy this roundup of new plants for 2019!



**PERENNIAL**

## Diamond Mountain spurge

This super-sized spurge is great for hanging baskets and extra-large upright containers. Grows two to three feet tall with a two- to three-foot spread.

The vigorous growth of this plant makes it a great choice for the landscape as well. In our trials it grew twice as large as *Euphorbia* Diamond Frost.



This very attractive plant has relatively large leaves, grows quickly and is tolerant of both sun and shade.

**ANNUAL**

## Hippo Pink polka dot plant

The Hippo series is big and bushy with an upright habit, suitable for use as a thriller or filler in containers and landscapes.



**ANNUAL**  
**SolarPower Black Heart sweet potato vine**

New heart-shaped leaf selections join the SolarPower series in 2019. Densely branched, it holds its shape and colour in the landscape and mixed combos all summer long.

This ornamental sweet potato vine has large heart-shaped leaves that maintain their dark purple (black) colour throughout the growing season. With its slightly mounding habit, it's a great annual ground cover for the landscape or "spiller" in mixed containers.



**EDIBLE**

**Primero Red habanero pepper**

Primero Red is the earliest ripening habanero you can grow, with fruit ready to harvest and enjoy early in the season. Expect huge yields that are larger than other habaneros with just one-third the heat. Gardeners appreciate rich flavour in fresh salsa and cooking.



One of the trial's containers had average yields of 170 peppers per plant during the outdoor growing season.

## DOES IT PERFORM IN ONTARIO?

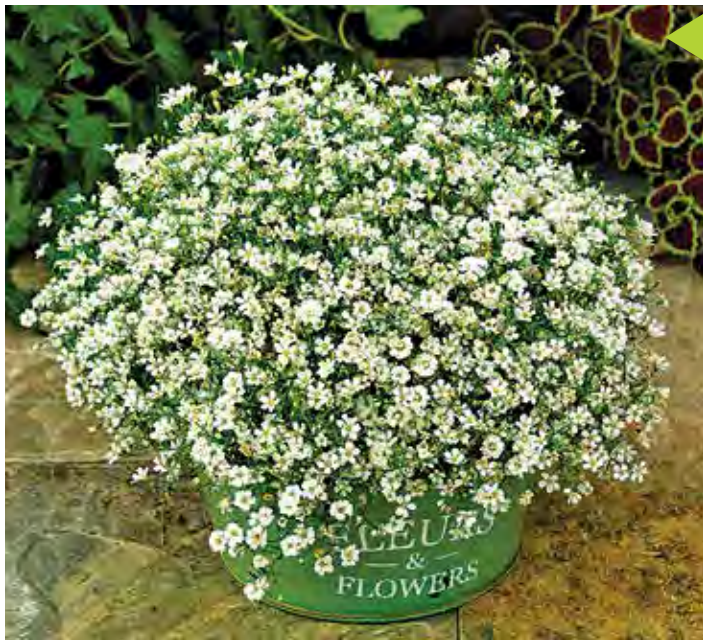
Two trial gardens in Guelph and Milton are great resources for helping Ontario gardeners succeed. Both gardens are managed by the University of Guelph, and reveal how new selections perform in real-life, southern Ontario conditions.



Several of this spring's new cultivars were trialed; watch for the "Ontario Tested" logo, along with comments by trial garden manager Rodger Tschanz. Both gardens are open to the public. The Milton garden is at 7856 Fifth Line South, just east of Milton at the Landscape Ontario home office. In Guelph, gardens are located at the entrance of the Guelph Turfgrass Institute at 328 Victoria Rd. S. Instagram users can see more trial garden info at #guelphtrialgarden.



*Trial Gardens at Landscape Ontario in Milton.*



**ANNUAL**

### Gypsy White Improved low baby's breath

Gypsy White Improved produces many large, semi-double blossoms with improved branching and a better growth habit than other *Gypsophila* selections. It is well suited for containers, small spaces and garden beds.

Its peak performance period seemed to occur in the spring and early summer. Non-invasive annual and 2018 All-America Selections National Flower Trial Winner.



**SHRUB**

### Double Play Doozie spirea

Double Play Doozie is a hybrid that reblooms without deadheading. The hot pink-red flowers are very colourful, as is the vibrant red new growth.



**EDIBLE**

### Snackabelle Red sweet pepper

Mini-bell pepper ripens from green to deep red. Perfect eating at any stage of ripeness. Thick fruit walls and rich, sweet flavour make Snackabelle Red great for cooking or snacking. Seed cavity releases easily for quick cleaning.

This is truly a snack- or bite-sized sweet bell pepper. Suitable for both containers and ground beds and functions well as an ornamental food crop.



**ANNUAL**

### First Flame Purple woolflower

First Flame has brightly-coloured blooms two weeks earlier than other celosias, according to its breeder. Well-suited for borders and containers. Purple is a unique colour to this type of celosia.

The dark purple plumes contrast well with the green foliage and seemed to maintain their colour throughout the growing season without fading.







**ANNUAL**

**ColorBlaze Golden Dreams coleus**

This robust coleus grows vigorously to form a bushy mound of radiant gold foliage with red venation. Like all ColorBlaze varieties, it performs well in both sun and shade.

This was one of the favourite coleus entries last year, with a golden leaf overlaid by a pattern of dark venation. This plant was not seen to bloom in the 2018 trials — a desirable characteristic in coleus, since there is no detractor from the colourful foliage.



**ANNUAL**

**Angelface Steel Blue summer snapdragon**

Gardeners have a new colour option in Angelface Angelonia — this unique, silvery lavender shade pairs beautifully with the pastel pinks and silvers.

In the Guelph trials it combined incredibly well in mixed plantings with the pink coloured flowers of Gomphrena Truffula Pink.



**ANNUAL**

**City Lights dahlia**

Dark-leaved garden dahlia pops with contrast, and its bold, bicolor blooms last all season long. Available in four colours.

This dark-purple leaved dahlia has a well-branched bushy habit and reaches heights of 40-50 cm. The purple bloom contrasts well with the foliage.



**EDIBLE**

**Butterbaby butternut squash**

Produces an abundance of sweet, personal-size fruit with classic light tan skin colour. Fruit lasts many months after harvest. Vines will not take over your garden and Butterbaby is resistant to powdery mildew, improving your harvest of high-quality fruit.



The fruit of this butternut squash is small compared to others commonly found; a single serving for one or two people. The vine requires trellising in tight areas such as containers on a balcony.



**ROSE**

**Oso Easy Double Pink landscape rose**

Excellent disease resistance and abundant, continuous blooms set this low mounded, ground covering rose apart. Ten or more pink double flowers are produced per stem, creating a mass of cheerful summer colour. Glossy dark green leaves add to its appeal.



**ANNUAL**

**Headliner Starry Sky Burgundy petunia**

The Headliner series of mounded petunias boasts early flowering and a fast finish with a dramatic colour range. The new Starry Sky Burgundy features large flowers with a star and spots. Attractive burgundy and yellow colours. The star pattern is more pronounced in cool weather.



**SHRUB**

**Tuff Stuff Ah-Ha mountain hydrangea**

This beauty has dinner plate-sized blooms encircled with large, pastel, water lily-like double flowers of blue or pink. A strong rebloomer, Tuff Stuff Ah-Ha is nearly always in flower during the season. Zone 5.



**ANNUAL**

### **Cadet Upright verbena**

Cadet Upright flowers one week earlier than other upright verbenas, according to its breeder. This verbena features a compact patio pot or window box habit. Available in seven colours.



**PERENNIAL**

### **'Burgundy Bunny' miniature fountain grass**

Everything about this grass is small, including its short height, narrow green leaves and flower plumes. It has fiery red highlights in late spring, followed by buff coloured blooms in mid- to late-summer. In fall the foliage is a stunning red. Grows to a height and spread of 45. Exposure is full sun. Zone 5.



**SHRUB**

### **Magical Candle panicle hydrangea**

Immense, porcelain-white flower heads appear backlit as if to create a surreal glow of soft, yellow flowers above tall, erect stems. A robust grower, the dense, lacy panicles of this hydrangea are among the most beautiful in its class. Growing four to five feet tall and wide, Magical Candle makes a great hedge or foundation plant. Zone 3.

## **PLAN A AND PLAN B**

Independent garden centres are the best place to find the new and improved plants featured in *Garden Inspiration*. Independents are the experts at providing large selections and hard-to-find specialty plants.

What if a selection is sold out or not available? Your local garden centre is where you will find professional staffers who can suggest alternates. Buy your plants from sources that understand the business of horticulture!





PERENNIAL

### Electric Sunshine tickseed

Electric Sunshine flowers beautifully from spring until late fall in a non-stop display of colour. Doesn't require cleaning or cutback to flower.



ANNUAL

### PartyTime Pink Fizz coleus

PartyTime Pink Fizz boasts a vibrant leaf colour and a naturally compact habit that performs well in both full sun and shade. Pink Fizz makes a great accent plant or component for mixed containers.



ANNUAL

### Bright Lights Pink African daisy

A breakthrough colour for African daisy, this pink selection is ideal for spring containers. Though its flower is the classic form and it thrives in cool seasons, this plant has also been bred for increased heat tolerance, so it blooms all season, in most climates.



SHRUB

### Electric Love weigela

Loaded with electric red flowers against dark foliage, Electric Love is the first weigela of its kind. Grows two feet tall and three to four feet wide. Zone 4.



PERENNIAL

### 'Cheese and Wine' reblooming daylily

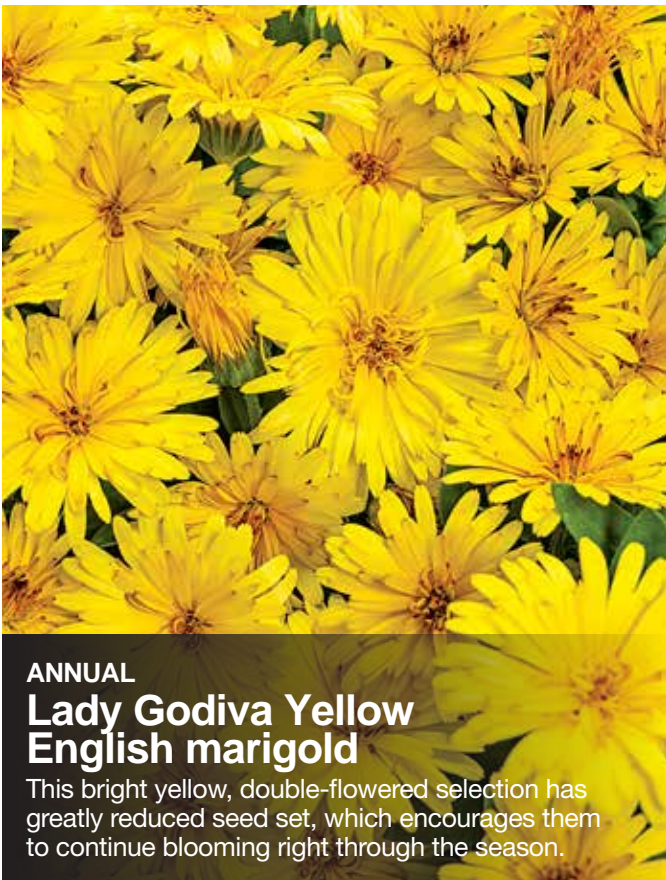
With the colours of red wine and a variety of cheeses, this fragrant reblooming daylily provides colour over a long period during the summer. Grows to 75 cm. Best in sun or part sun. Zone 3.



PERENNIAL

### 'Younique Bicolor' garden phlox

These compact plants have loads of soft pink flowers with a white eye and bright pink specks. Earlier blooming than tall summer phlox, this selection will re-bloom if deadheaded. Mildew resistant. Best in sun. Grows to 40 cm. Zone 4.



ANNUAL

### Lady Godiva Yellow English marigold

This bright yellow, double-flowered selection has greatly reduced seed set, which encourages them to continue blooming right through the season.

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**ANNUAL**  
**MiniFamous Uno Double  
Pinktastic mini petunia**

This award-winner features heavily contrasted double flowers and a ball-shaped habit that is half trailing. The MiniFamous Neo series is filled with medium-compact calibrachoa with uniform flower timing. Grows best in baskets or mixed containers.

This was voted one of the favourite container plants by visitors to the trial garden in 2018. The small double bloom held up well under conditions of heavy rain.



**SHRUB**  
**Moonrock panicle hydrangea**

Creamy blooms emerge with an intense lime-green centre that's both funky and elegant. Grows four to six feet tall and wide with sturdy red stems. Zone 3.



**ROSE**  
**Lotty's Love shrub rose**

Lotty's Love is a cinnamon-scented rose with large, semi-double flowers that are a deep shade of mauve. The shrub is medium-sized with deep, glossy green foliage.

**PERENNIAL**

**'Blue by You' meadow sage**

'Blue by You' has excellent winter hardiness and heat tolerance. Will repeat bloom several times during the growing season when spent flowers are removed. It's a sterile hybrid for longer flower life. The plant is adorned with long, bright-blue flower spikes. Zone 4b.



**ANNUAL**

**SunPatiens Vigorous Red impatiens**

SunPatiens have delivered flourishing colour in both sun and shade, spring through fall, for over 11 years. The new Vigorous Red features even better branching, with strong plant vigour.

**SHRUB**

**Happy Face Hearts shrubby cinquefoil**

A unique display of sweet pink flowers accentuated with a white star in the centre of each bloom. A healthy, dense plant that holds its flower colour well. Blooms from spring to fall. Zone 2.

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**SHRUB**  
**Titan English laurel**

The foliage is handsome with bronze new shoots that keep their colour for a long period. White flowers appear in spring. It has a broad, upright and bushy growth habit, and grows to a height of 1.25 metres and a spread of one metre. Likes full sun to part shade. Zone 5.



**ROSE**  
**49th Parallel Collection  
Chinook Sunrise shrub rose**

Chinook Sunrise is the second addition to Vineland Innovation and Research Centre's 49th Parallel Collection of roses. This incredible rose blooms in a flush with a riot of exotic coral colours. It is a low-maintenance beauty featuring a 1.2-metre spread, black spot tolerance and winter hardiness across Canada.

**PERENNIAL**  
**'Boom Chocolatta'  
hardy geranium**

'Boom Chocolatta' has rich, dark bronze leaves and an upright habit. Blue-purple flowers cover the top starting in early summer. It grows to a height of 70 cm and a spread of 75 cm. Exposure is full sun to part shade. Zone 4.







PERENNIAL ▲  
**'Appleblossom Burst' pinks**

'Appleblossom Burst' features semi-double flowers ranging from white to an intense pink blush. Best in sun and well-drained soil. Grows to 25 cm. Zone 4.



PERENNIAL ▲  
**'Super Star' tickseed**

'Super Star' boasts extra-large flowers to bring beauty to the perennial garden. Great in landscapes or use in containers for long-lasting texture and colour. Zone 5a.

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**ANNUAL**

### **Supertunia Vista Paradise petunia**

Glowing watermelon-pink blossoms blanket the wide spreading foliage from spring through fall without deadheading.

This is a new colour and welcome addition to the Supertunia Vista series of petunias which includes the ever popular Vista Bubblegum. This series is known for its vigour and tolerance of a wide range of growing conditions.



**ANNUAL**

### **Canary Wings begonia**

Canary Wings offers a unique take on begonias, a staple in gardens around the world. It has bright chartreuse foliage with beautiful red blooms all season long. Grows best in 60 per cent shade and makes great shade baskets, pots and combinations.

The light green of this foliage and brilliant red bloom contrast nicely and really brighten up a shady section of the garden. Caution: Too much direct sun will cause the leaves to become pitted and stunted.

**ANNUAL**

**Big EEZE Foxy Flamingo geranium**

Foxy Flamingo features the rounded habit of a zonal geranium, but the heat tolerance of an ivy. With flamingo pink variegated flowers, Foxy Flamingo is a new addition to the Big EEZE series.



**ANNUAL**

**Easy Breezy alyssum**

Easy Breezy provides bright flowers that continuously bloom from early spring. It features a non-split habit.



**SHRUB**

**Summer Crush bigleaf hydrangea**

Summer Crush brings a profusion of rich raspberry red or neon purple blooms all summer long. This hydrangea has dark green glossy leaves, resists wilting in summer heat, and fits smaller garden spaces or containers. Grows to 45-92 cm tall and wide.



**TREE**

**Night Rider 'Durby' Japanese elm**

Night Rider is a hybrid between Japanese elm and Siberian elm that has rapid growth, upright, rounded crown form and is highly resistant to Dutch elm disease. It exhibits good cold hardiness and foliage turns purple in the fall. Night Rider is an excellent street tree since it tolerates the urban environment well. Mature height is 12 metres with a 10 metre spread. Zone 3.



**ROSE**

**Suñorita shrub rose**

Classic rose flowers start out orange and transform into rich hues of gold and yellow as they open and mature. This shrub has shown good continuous blooming and healthy glossy, dark green foliage.



**TREE**

### **Skinny Genes oak**

Columnar in form, Skinny Genes is the narrowest cultivar to date. It has glossy, very dark green foliage that turns yellow in fall. Use it as a visual screen or street tree. It grows to a height of 14 metres and a spread of 3 metres. Exposure is full sun. Zone 4.



**PERENNIAL**

### **Ka-Pow garden phlox**

The Ka-Pow series offers excellent branching to ensure an abundance of flowers throughout the summer. This hardy garden phlox provides beautiful bouquets of flowers in four vibrant colours. Zone 4b.



**SHRUB**

### **Pink Frosting 'ByBoughen' flowering almond**

Pink Frosting produces an explosion of showy, single pink flowers that completely cover the plant in early spring. The flower buds are ultra cold-hardy and appear in full bloom to the tips of the branches during the coldest winters. Pink Frosting is an excellent choice for an informal hedge, mass planting and accent shrub, due to its robust spring display. Hardiness Zone 2b.

**SHRUB**

### **Berry White panicle hydrangea**

Berry White's flowers emerge white fading to pink, then deepening in the fall to a red. This hydrangea has upright growth, with full branching. Zone 3.



PERENNIAL

### Kismet Intense Orange coneflower

Kismet Intense Orange is a deer-resistant, low water usage perennial with an extensive bloom time. Due to years of persistent Echinacea breeding, the Kismet Intense Orange keeps blooming from early summer until frost. Zone 4.

SHRUB

### Fireside ninebark

This new ninebark has stunning foliage. Fireside's reddish new growth matures to deep red-purple foliage that holds its colour reliably all summer. Pinkish-white flowers bloom in spring and foliage turns deep purple in fall. This plant has a rounded, upright shape.



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**SHRUB**

### **Genie magnolia**

Black-red buds open to small tulip-shaped blooms of deep rich, maroon-purple with tips that fade to a lighter magenta-rose. Genie grows to a height of three to four metres and a spread of two metres. Exposure is full sun to part shade. Zone 5.



**SHRUB**

### **Little Joker physocarpus**

Slow growing, compact shrub with green-purple foliage, and maroon stems supporting white-pink flowers.

**PERENNIAL**

### **'Red Lightning' coral bells**

Electrifying dark red veins spark over huge gold leaves. Colour holds well throughout the season. This striking foliage works equally well in the garden or a mixed container. Best in part to full shade. Zone 4. Grows to 30 cm.



**PERENNIAL**

### 'Pure Heart' plantain lily

Named after Mighty Mouse's girlfriend, this very compact selection bears leaves with blue-green margins and a creamy yellow centre – the reverse of *H. 'Mighty Mouse.'* Best in part to full shade. Zone 3.



This New Guinea Impatiens has a semi-double bloom and a relatively compact growth habit. In the trials, Wild Romance Red produced brilliant red blooms consistently throughout the summer.

**ANNUAL**

### Wild Romance Red New Guinea impatiens



The Wild Romance series features flowers that resemble a rose as the bud is opening and a gardenia when fully open. Now, Wild Romance Red joins Blush Pink and White.



**ANNUAL**

### SuperCal Premium petunia

The SuperCal series of 13 petunias is joined by five next-generation colours that feature larger flowers and a stronger mounding habit. New colours include Bordeaux, Caramel Yellow, Cinnamon, French Vanilla and Sunray Pink.



PERENNIAL

### **Sombrero Tres Amigos coneflower**

The Sombrero series blooms freely on naturally well-branched and compact plants. New for 2019 is Tres Amigos, showing three colours at once: flowers open to peachy-coral, age to rose, and fade to burgundy. Zone 4b.

ROSE

### **Cherry Frost 'Overredclimb' climbing rose**

Cherry Frost is a solid cane, Zone 4-hardy rose with beautiful clusters of smaller red blooms. It repeat-blooms throughout the season abundantly. It has superior disease resistance and performs well on its own roots.



ANNUAL

### **Senator iQ wax begonia**

This wax begonia has a uniform and compact plant habit and dark bronze foliage. Its large, bold blooms are well-suited for containers and mass landscape plantings. The series includes Deep Rose, Pink, Rose, Rose Bicolor, Scarlet and White.



**PERENNIAL**

**'Mel's Blue' Stokes' aster**

An upright selection with four-inch wide periwinkle blue blooms, held high and flat on strong stems. This Stokes' aster stands apart because of the large number of upright flowers it produces. Zone 5.



**SHRUB**

**Bella Bellissima potentilla**

An abundance of rich pink blooms from top to bottom of the tidy, compact form. Two to three feet tall and wide. Zone 2.

# Heirs of Horticulture

Showcasing the talent of our future industry professionals

## Heir /er/ (noun)

'A person inheriting and continuing the legacy of a predecessor'

Like any significant legacy, the horticultural profession looks to its heirs to impart its knowledge, traditions, and positive impact in communities across Canada. With increasing attention on the environment, a large retiring workforce, and a growing demand for living green infrastructure, Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association (LO) works with many partners to increase awareness about the multiple education and training pathways that are important to the development of our future skilled workforce.

Landscape Ontario thanks Mohawk College's Level 1 and Level 2 Horticultural Technician Red Seal Apprenticeship program classes of 2019 for showcasing some of the talent and diverse skill sets required to design, build and maintain aesthetically pleasing and functional landscapes. We hope you enjoy the 'Heirs of Horticulture' Feature Garden at Canada Blooms 2019.

Apprenticeship programs are post-secondary programs that support the development of individuals who want to pursue a career in a trade profession, including the Horticultural Technician program. The Horticultural Technician Red Seal program provides apprentices with a mix of on-the-job training and

mentorship, combined with in-school experiential learning at local colleges. From the design through to construction, students worked first hand with instructors, (some of whom are employer sponsors), to take the landscape plan and build it for all to enjoy at Blooms. The skills and knowledge passed onto these students by their instructors and employers, will enable the creation of many gardens and landscapes that will remain as legacies for communities far in to the future. It is this mentorship and transfer of knowledge and skill that sustains this respected and growing profession. It is an honour to share some of the skills and talents of our Apprentices with visitors at Canada Blooms.



A special thank you to our corporate sponsors: Permacon, Select Stone, Niagara Pallet, Ilumicare, and Gelderman Landscape Services; your generosity has helped create an opportunity for these students to leave their mark at Blooms 2019.

To find out more, or register in the Apprenticeship program, contact our team at 1-800-265-5656 or visit [horticulturetechnician.ca](http://horticulturetechnician.ca)



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### **Corona China pink**

Corona produces large-size flowers on a compact, mounded plant. It offers the biggest blooms of any dianthus of this type with exceptional flower form, according to its breeder.



PERENNIAL

### **'White Gold' golden bleeding heart**

'White Gold' has brilliant-white, heart-shaped flowers and blooms in the early spring. This bright green-yellow perennial acts as a hummingbird attractor and can bring colour and light to any shade garden. Zone 4.

PERENNIAL

### **'King Kong' bigleaf ligularia**

New leaves are glossy and black-purple, turning to burgundy purple with a semi-gloss finish as summer progresses. Golden orange, daisy-like flowers top the plant on purple stems in mid-summer. Suited for use in borders, as a specimen or in woodland shade. Grows to a height of 1.25 metres and a spread of 1 metre. Zone 4.



# Making your landscape more water efficient with Fusion

## What is Fusion landscaping?

Fusion landscaping is a style of landscape design, construction and maintenance that combines stunning colours and textures, with landscape elements that utilize potable water efficiently and manage rainwater where it falls.

## What is a Fusion Landscape Professional?

A Fusion Landscape Professional (FLP) is an industry professional that has extensive training and experience, and is certified by Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association. An FLP can design, build or maintain functional, beautiful landscapes that save water, manage stormwater and enhance livable space. This is done by focusing on reducing runoff, correcting drainage issues, and using water efficiently on your property. You can find a certified professional at [www.fusionlandscapeprofessional.ca](http://www.fusionlandscapeprofessional.ca).

If you are not currently in the market for a new landscape, here are some tips to make your current landscape more water efficient:

### Harvest Rainwater

An easy way to reduce the amount potable water applied to your gardens is to harvest the rainwater that falls on your roof. Installing a rain barrel at the outlet of your downspout is a simple way to collect rainwater, and utilize it to water your gardens as needed.

### Choose the Right Plant for the Right Place

Selecting and matching your plant selections to local conditions can help them to thrive with minimal watering once they are established. Consider soil quality and make up, potential winter salt spray, drainage and sun exposure when choosing plants. It is encouraged that you choose either native plants or plants that are well adapted to our climate, that will not become invasive – this will minimize both maintenance and watering needs.

### Water and Irrigate Efficiently

There are several ways to reduce watering requirements including, grouping plants according to their watering needs, mulching garden beds to retain moisture, and choosing drought tolerant plants when possible. If you have an irrigation system, it is recommended that it is assessed by a Water Smart Irrigation Professional to make sure the system is efficient as possible. Find a WSIP certified company at [www.watersmartirrigationprofessional.ca](http://www.watersmartirrigationprofessional.ca).

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### Disconnect Downspouts

Consider disconnecting the downspouts on your house from the stormwater sewer system, and directing the water away from your foundation and into a well-draining lawn or garden instead. This will allow the large amount of water that lands on your roof to percolate into the ground. If your house is located on a tight residential lot, consider hiring an FLP to construct a Fusion element, such as a rain garden or bioswale, to infiltrate the rainwater.

### Limit Impervious Areas

Hard surfaces such as roofs, driveways, and patios can take up a large percentage of the footprint of your property. All of the rainwater that falls on these surfaces will not infiltrate into the ground, and will create large volumes of polluted runoff after a heavy rain. Try to increase the amount of permeable surfaces on your property, through softscaping or using permeable hardscape surface options including, permeable pavers, porous concrete or gravel.

By implementing these changes, you can make your property more resilient to both extreme rainfall events and drought, while having a positive impact on the environment.



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# SELECTING A LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR

## *a guide for homeowners*

### 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.

COMPANY A: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY B: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY C: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **PROOF OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

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.

**Mandatory: Rate 5 or 0 only**

#### **PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE**

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.

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#### **SUPPLIER REFERENCES**

By ensuring 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.

**Rate 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent)**

#### **CONTRACT**

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.

**Rate 1 to 5**

#### **WARRANTY**

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.

**Rate 1 to 5**

#### **CLIENT REFERENCES**

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:

**Rate 1 to 5**

- 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?

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## HUMAN RESOURCES

The number of employees, including supervisors, should be adequate for the size of the project. It is important to remember a small company with one crew may 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

## 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 [landscapeontario.com/industry-certification](http://landscapeontario.com/industry-certification).

Rate 1 to 5

## EQUIPMENT RESOURCES

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

Rate 1 to 5

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

Rate 1 to 5

## YEARS IN BUSINESS

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

Rate 1 to 5

## COMPANY PROFILE

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

Rate 1 to 5

## 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.

Rate 1 to 5

## TOTALS

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

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## Hiring a professional?

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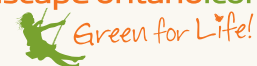
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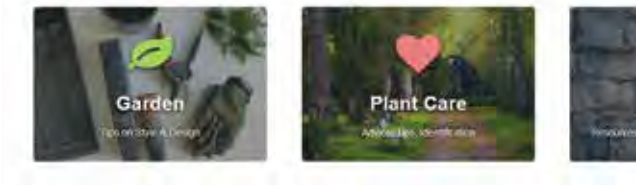
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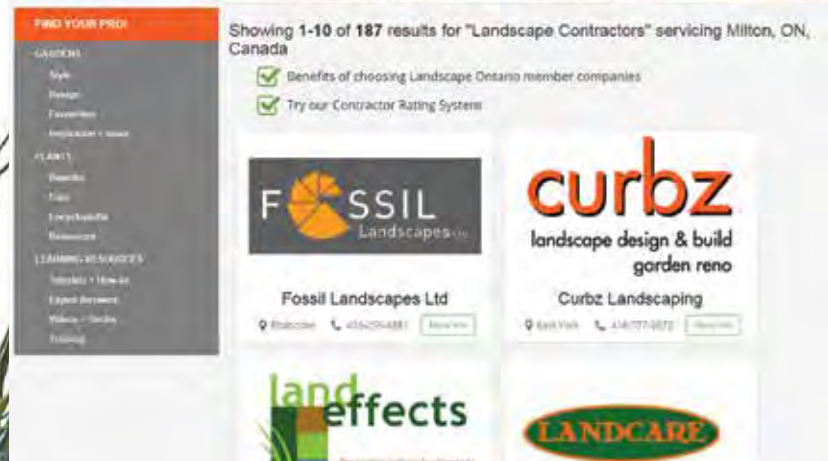
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