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**SHERATON HAMILTON HOTEL  
HAMILTON, ONTARIO**

**SEPTEMBER 26 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**



# SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**7:10 AM** LOAD BUSES FOR GROWERS PRE-TOUR AT SHERATON HAMILTON HOTEL  
**7:30 AM** GROWERS PRE-TOUR DEPARTS  
**9:30 AM** ARRIVE AT HILLEN NURSERY  
**10:30 AM** DEPART FROM HILLEN NURSERY  
**11:00 AM** ARRIVE AT CANADALE NURSERY (LUNCH)  
**1:00 PM** DEPART FROM CANADALE NURSERY  
**1:30 PM** ARRIVE AT PIEPER NURSER  
**2:30 PM** DEPART FROM PIEPER NURSERY  
**3:00 PM** ARRIVE AT NORVIEW GARDENS  
**4:00 PM** DEPART NORVIEW GARDENS  
**5:00 PM** ARRIVE AT SHERATON HAMILTON HOTEL  
**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM** WELCOME RECEPTION

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**7:40 AM** LOAD BUSES FOR BOTANICAL PRE-TOUR AT SHERATON HAMILTON HOTEL  
**8:00 AM** BOTANICAL PRE-TOUR DEPARTS  
**9:30 AM** ARRIVE AT WHISTLING GARDENS  
**10:30 AM** DEPART FROM WHISTLING GARDENS  
**11:00 AM** ARRIVE AT WINKELMOLEN NURSERY (LUNCH)  
**1:00 PM** DEPART WINKELMOLEN NURSERY  
**1:30 PM** ARRIVE AT ALDERSHOT GREENHOUSES  
**3:00 PM** DEPART FROM ALDERSHOT GREENHOUSES  
**3:15 PM** ARRIVE AT RBG ROCK GARDEN  
**4:45 PM** DEPART FROM RBG ROCK GARDEN  
**5:00 PM** ARRIVE AT SHERATON HAMILTON HOTEL  
**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM** WELCOME RECEPTION

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**7:00 AM** REGISTRATION OPEN, LOBBY  
**7:00 AM** SILENT AUCTION ITEMS ACCEPTED, LOBBY  
**7:00 AM** POSTER AND DISPLAYS SETUP  
**8:00 AM** GENERAL SESSION, BALLROOM EAST  
**8:00 AM** OPENING REMARKS, ELIZABETH DUNHAM, 2022-23 IPPS-Eastern Region President  
**8:15 AM** KEYNOTE SPEAKER: KELLY NORRIS  
Practicing New Naturalism: Site-Specific Plantings in Public and Private Places  
**9:15 AM** IPPS AWARDS  
**9:35 AM** COFFEE BREAK / SILENT AUCTION  
**9:55 AM** SESSION 2: JAIME MANLOVE  
Commercial Seed Production at North Creek Nurseries  
**10:45 AM** SESSION 3: DANIEL NORDEN  
Wood Fiber Media in Young Plant Propagation  
**11:15 AM** SESSION 4: ADAM MCLANAHAN  
Fabric Liners and Root Pruning for Trees  
**12:00 PM** AFTERNOON TOURS DEPART  
Attendees will be divided into 3 groups and visit:

- NVK Nurseries
- Verbinnen Nursery
- Connon Nurseries

**6:00 PM** BAR-B-QUE SUPPER BY NVK NURSERY  
**8:30 PM** RETURN TO THE SHERATON HAMILTON

**Have an item to enter into the Thursday's Silent Auction?  
There's still time!**

**Check in your item(s) at the  
Registration desk by  
Thursday at 8:00 am**



# OF EVENTS

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 7:00 AM REGISTRATION OPEN, LOBBY**
- 7:00 AM SILENT AUCTION ITEMS ACCEPTED, LOBBY**
- 8:00 AM GENERAL SESSION, BALLROOM EAST**
- 8:00 AM SESSION 5: KURT DREISILKER**  
Public Gardens; Sentinels of Invasive Plants
- 9:00 AM SESSION 6: SUZANNE WAINRIGHT-EVANS**  
Pest Issues in Propagation
- 10:10 AM COFFEE BREAK/ SILENT AUCTION**
- 10:30 AM BRIAN DECKER: IPPS EASTERN REGION FOUNDATION UPDATE**
- 10:35 AM SESSION 7: MEGAN MATHEY**  
Plant Selection, Breeding and Trialing Shrubs at Spring Meadow Nursery
- 11:05 AM SESSION 8: PANEL**  
Holding the Keys to the Future; A Panel Discussion on Nursery Succession Planning
- 12:00 PM AFTERNOON TOURS DEPART**
- Attendees will be divided into 3 groups and visit:
- Westbrook Greenhouse Systems
  - Linwell Gardens
  - J.C. Bakker
- 5:00 PM RETURN TO THE SHERATON HAMILTON**
- 6:00 PM COCKTAIL HOUR/FINAL SILENT AUCTION BIDDING, BALLROOM FOYER**
- 6:45 PM SILENT AUCTION CLOSES**
- 7:00 PM DINNER IS SERVED, BALLROOM**
- 7:00 PM DINNER BLESSING**  
lead by Case Vanderkruk
- 7:45 PM LIVE AUCTION AND LIVE BAND!**
- 8:45 PM AUCTION CLOSED**
- 9:00 PM DINNER ENDS**

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 7:00 AM REGISTRATION OPEN, LOBBY**
- 8:00 AM GENERAL SESSION, BALLROOM EAST**
- 8:00 AM SESSION 9: DR LI YI**  
Developing and Evaluating a Non-Invasive Cultivar of Burning Bush
- 8:40 AM SESSION 10: DAVID ROBERTS**  
Plant Selection/Breeding trials in GA and MN
- 9:20 AM IPPS EASTERN REGION ANNUAL MEETING**
- 9:55 AM COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:15 AM SESSION 11: MICHAEL BROWNBRIDGE**  
Plant Protection and Integrated Pest Management
- 11:00 AM 2024 CONFERENCE REVIEW**  
Wood Fiber Media in Young Plant Propagation
- 11:10 AM SESSION 12: STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATIONS**
- 11:30 AM NEW PLANT FORUM**
- Presented by:
- Spring Meadow
  - Bailey
  - Vanbelle
  - Star Roses
- 12:00 PM END OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**



# PRE-TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

## BOTANICAL TOUR

### Whistling Gardens

After receiving a degree in Outdoor Education, Darren Heimbecker worked at a nursery as a propagator, shipper and field manager for 18 years before purchasing a 56-acre farm in Wilsonville, Ontario just south of Brantford. In 2006, Whistling Gardens Nursery and Garden Centre was first established, attracting plant collectors from across Canada and the United States.

May 26, 2012 marked the official grand opening of "Canada's Newest Horticultural Playground" as the botanical gardens feature 20 landscaped acres. The conifer collection of approximately 1,300 different species and cultivars and a donated peony collection features approximately 1,300 varieties. Each is considered the largest public collections in North America! In total there are nearly 5,000 different plants in one of Ontario's only privately-operated botanical gardens.

The gardens fountain display has become a popular attraction which has approximately 110 jets choreographed to music. Recently the fountains underwent a 2 1/2 year renovation. Completed in 2022, it is likely Canada's largest computerized fountain display with lighting and theatrical effects for evening performances.

Since its inception, Whistling Gardens has received numerous municipal, provincial, national, and international awards including Canada's Best New Garden Experience Award presented at the Canadian and International Garden Tourism Awards. The gardens are also the recipient of the Sustainable Tourism Ambassador of the Year Award.

Darren and Wanda were recognized in 2017 for Canada 150 for 150 Awards in which they received a Gold Medal from Federal MP Diane Finley. In 2019 Whistling Gardens was presented with the Millstream Award at the Denver Botanical Gardens for horticultural excellence and garden design. For more information see [whistlinggardens.ca](http://whistlinggardens.ca)

### Royal Botanical Gardens

For more than eight decades, the Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) has connected people to the plant world. This has been done not only to awaken people to plants' beauty, diversity and necessity but also to serve as a beacon for an increasingly urgent movement to preserve plant species and habitats and by extension, our planet.

Part of the Niagara Escarpment UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve, RBG plays a vital role in this region, protecting and preserving 2,700 acres of environmentally sensitive areas (including 2,400 acres of nature sanctuaries, 300 acres of cultivated gardens and an arboretum), to improve the ecosystem of Lake Ontario to the Niagara Escarpment; ensuring a balanced relationship between people and nature, and connecting natural spaces where wildlife can thrive.

The Royal Botanical Gardens' 300 acres of cultivated gardens are divided into five distinct garden locations and display more than 7,200 unique taxa of plants. Among the many collections the Rock Garden is a highlight. The garden went through a major complete renovation from 2014-2016, changing it from a seasonal display garden to a more sustainable mix of perennials, shrubs, conifers, and specimen trees mingled among the historic plant architecture found throughout the space. Find out more at [www.rbg.ca](http://www.rbg.ca)

### Winkelmolen Nursery

Winkelmolen Nursery was founded in the spring of 1979 with 15 acres and 10,000 seedlings. More farms have been added since 1979 and Winkelmolen now contains 600 acres. Seedling production was started in the 1980s. Seeds are collected locally by a certified seed collector or purchased from Ontario seed sources whenever possible. Winkelmolen Nursery is located in seed zone 37 with additional collection in zones 32 and 33. Seedlings are transplanted into the field for one or two summers and then either left to grow on or budded and grafted. Nursery production also includes a large selection of different top grafted varieties, ranging from weeping peashrub to weeping elm.

Five thousand square feet of cold storage was built in 1988. Several buildings have been added over the years and with the newest cold storage, the total capacity is approximately 85,000 square feet. Loading dock capacity has 11 cold docks for barefoot material. Three outdoor loading docks are available for containers and baskets.

A gutter connected greenhouse is used for propagation. During the past 10 years, the number of polyhouses has been expanded and are mainly used for growing seedlings and to provide winter protection for trees.

Although Winkelmolen Nursery started out mainly as a bare-root grower, it has now expanded into container trees. Nursery production includes native trees in 2, 3, and 5 gallon pots for naturalizing. There is also an extensive selection of quality bare root trees in 5, 7, 12 or 16 gallon containers. Containers are held for one season to allow plants to root and they are ready to ship the next season. These trees will arrive at a garden center or jobsite ready to sell or plant.

### Aldershot Greenhouses

A family owned business with a multi-generational passion for growing amazing flowers. Since 1954, the Vander Lugt family has been growing quality flowers from their Burlington location in southern Ontario. Aldershot Greenhouses has been able to connect and build relationships through business to business for 65 years.

Initially a cut flower business, a major shift to chrysanthemum production in the 1980s gave rise to the addition of their renowned potted mini roses beginning in the 1990s.

Today, it's the high demand for these dazzling mini roses that has the Aldershot greenhouse team filling the majority of under-glass acres year round with the colourful varieties that compose this specialty product.

Aldershot Greenhouse's mini rose product line is complemented by several smaller batch, seasonal products. The outside production team has been leading programs of both hydrangeas and helioborus. While seasonal greenhouse products continue to include mums in the fall and poinsettias leading into the holiday season.

Aldershot Greenhouses has been owned and operated by Len Vander Lugt since 1990, following operations by his father. In the last few years, sons Aaron and Duane have stepped into leadership positions within the company. Aldershot enjoys a reputation as a quality grower of finished potted roses, chrysanthemums, hydrangeas and hellebores as well the pre-finish potted roses and hydrangea for the North American market. A reliable year-round supplier, Aldershot Greenhouses provides superb potted plants to interior-scapers, wholesalers and retailers of all sizes.

# PRE-TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

## GROWER TOUR

### Hillen Nursery

Hillen Nursery Ltd. is located 20 minutes west of London, Ontario in the quaint agriculturally rich town of Mount Brydges, Ontario. Situated on a picturesque 250 acres and producing roughly one million plants annually, Hillen Nursery Ltd. has become one of the most trusted and respected nurseries in the industry. Founded by Peter and Ellie Hillen in 1983, Hillen Nursery Ltd. remains as dedicated and passionate today about continuing with the vision set forth by its founders.

Hillen's production includes, but is not limited to, ornamental grasses and perennials, broadleaf and spreading evergreens, flowering shrubs, vines and container grown ornamental and shade trees. Hillen Nursery Ltd. is continually expanding and improving their production in an effort to bring new innovative products to you, their valued customer.

As this industry continues to grow, Hillen Nursery Ltd. remains poised to grow and change with it. One thing that will not change is their dedication and commitment to providing top quality 100% Ontario grown nursery products. Thank you and best wishes for a successful 2023 season!

### Canadale Nurseries Ltd 'A Field of Quality'

Established in 1955 on 120 acres, Canadale Nurseries grew from humble beginnings to become a well established nursery and garden centre. The nursery is comprised of a 45 acre container operation specializing in woody ornamentals for the retail trade. With their long serving and dedicated staff, Canadale has focused on producing new and exciting plants, top grafted ornamentals, Japanese Maples, Dwarf conifers and unique and specialty plants. Canadale is a Gold Key Proven Winner grower. They also grow and offer First Edition, Bloomin' Easy and other brands.

Canadale's Garden Centre has grown into a business that offers one of the largest selections of plants in south western Ontario. It features the novel Design and Inspiration Gardens that offers it's customers visual aids for landscaping their yards.

Canadale has been honoured with many awards over the years, including The Better Business Bureau's Provincial Business Integrity Award, 5 time winner of LO's Ontario's Favourite Garden Centre, over 70 Landscape Ontario Awards of Excellence in both divisions.

The Intven family and their dedicated staff are delighted and honoured to host the Eastern Region IPPS tour.

### Pieper Nurseries

Chris completed his horticultural Apprenticeship and master gardening school in Germany. Doris and Chris Pieper founded the Nursery in 1991 after immigrating to Canada from Germany. Pieper Nurseries Inc continues to be a family run business located in Dorchester, Ontario. They are a wholesale container grower of roses, shrubs, perennials, and grasses and mainly supplies independent garden centers in Ontario.

### NORVIEW GARDENS

Norview Gardens Ltd., a Canadian and family owned business, has been growing quality ornamental grasses for 25 years. In 1996, Paul Scharringa started the business on a farm that he purchased near the quaint village of Norwich, ON, and it has continued to the second generation with Jeff becoming fully involved and a co-owner. Norview Gardens Ltd. started by growing a few species of ornamental grasses and a few other perennials but soon concentrated solely on grasses. We are producers of liners/plugs that are available to our customers for potting up, and also provide landscape-ready plants which are supplied to the many high-quality plant nurseries and garden centres here in Ontario and throughout Canada.

We are privileged to be part of such a great industry where we are able to grow and provide quality grasses for the beautification of the surrounding landscapes and home gardens, and we are committed in continuing to serve this industry to the best of our abilities.

"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3



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