

News



Phase 1 Completed – Phase 2 Campaign Underway!

With the support of the Niagara Health Foundation; building maintenance personnel from BGIS; hospital staff; Gauld Nurseries Ltd.; and Rain Your Way Sprinkler Systems. Phase 1 created an extensive perennial garden along the west wall of the hospital in 2022.

Phase 2 will continue that work with Sitting Rocks (example from London ON shown above) installed in the grassed and treed areas between the existing sidewalks and service roadway.

Similar to the Phase 1 Campaign, Phase 2 offers :

- Donations in any amount are welcome.
- Donations of \$100 or more recognized on our virtual Donor Wall.
- Donations of \$250 or more acknowledged on Phase 2 Recognition Plaque at the Hospital Garden site.
- Tax Receipts will be provided for all donations over \$10.
- **Sponsor a "Sitting Rock" at a donation level of \$1,500 each!**

"Sitting Rocks" Approved for Garden!

A total of Six (6) Donor-Named *Sitting Rocks* will be installed by *Landscapes by Bill Nieuwenhuyzen* to augment the trees and two bench/pergola combinations between the existing sidewalk and roadway.

Each Rock is approximately 2 feet deep x 4 feet wide by 18 inches high. Donations will be recognized with an appropriate plaque on the Rock location selected.



Hospital Garden One of 22 Projects to Receive Grant from Retired Teachers of Ontario



The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore is pleased to announce it has been selected as one of 22 Projects across the Province of Ontario to receive a \$4,000 Cdn grant from the Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTOERO) in support of the Clarice West Hobbs Contemplative Garden. The grant augments a \$500 donation made directly by RTOERO's local District 14 Niagara itself and the support of many, many individual RTOERO members.

"This \$4,000 Grant from RTOERO has been invaluable in completing Phase 1 of this project for 2022 and served as a launching pad for Phase 2 of the Garden to come in 2023", according to Garden Chairperson Eric Jones at the Nov. 17th meeting of RTOERO in Niagara Falls. "On behalf of the Club membership, we are incredibly grateful for the support from RTOERO provincially, District 14 Niagara regionally and the many donations received from RTOERO members individually towards the Garden."

This Grant was awarded as part of RTOERO's annual community grants program. For 2022, RTOERO funded 22 projects across the province for a total of \$87,471.00. *"Our members care about their communities, and in partnership with great organizations, that translated into action on the ground. We believe in a better future, together", says Martha Foster, chair of the board at RTOERO.* Since the inception of the program 22 years ago, RTOERO has donated \$1.9 million to more than 525 programs and projects.

Signage Order Placed!

The Garden Committee is pleased to announce that the signage concepts for the Garden have been approved by all Hospital stakeholders and the order placed with Digital Graphics of St. Catharines for Spring installation.



The main signage area will appear at the centre focal point of the Garden as illustrated in the photo above.

Donor recognition signage for each Phase will be placed on the adjoining walls abutting the window bay shown above. The Phase 1 Plaque design is shown below.

Clarice West Hobbs Garden Phase 1 Donors

Bob and Janet Allan	Milica Kovacevich and Family
John Armstrong and Family	Dr. Marlene E. Mader and Norm Durward
Mary Birch and Family	Annette Marchionda and Len Hume
Patricia Boyko	Sue McEwen and Family
Gary and Sandi Chard	Dr. Emilio Raimondo and Family
In Memory of Jim Cunningham	Rain Your Way Lawn Sprinklers
In Memory of Josephine DeRose	RTOERO, Ontario
Randi Dyck	RTOERO, District 14 Niagara
Joy A Flegg, Gary Snider, and Family	RWTO / OERO, St. Catharines Branch
Friendship Force Niagara	Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore
Gauld Nurseries Ltd.	Rotary Club of St. Catharines South
Andrew Hall and Family	In Memory of Bill Smith
Barbara Harris	Bruce Timms and Coral Cutler
Willy Heidbuechel and Family	Doug and Else Weeks and Family
Mary Howard	Ellen Wodchis
Eric and Linda Jones	Rhonda Young

Garden Perennial Selection Profile

Black-eyed Susan



With their bright yellow petals and dark center disks, black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia hirta*) have become a garden staple. There is a great deal of variety within the *Rudbeckia* genus, and most species are true workhorses with very few problems.

Fast-growing black-eyed Susan is easily the most commonly known *Rudbeckia*, with its daisy-like flowers with large seed heads. It also has the scratchy, hairy leaves that are characteristic of its genus (this may not be one of its best features, but it does help keep pests away). Its ability to self-seed makes it a great choice for abundant wildflower gardens.

Thanks to our Donors!

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore thanks the following donor organizations, as well as the many individuals, who have contributed to the Campaign :



**Friendship Force
Niagara**



Rotary 
District 7090

Rotary 
Club of St. Catharines South



A Tour of Phase 1 of the Garden - Enjoying the late September Sun



To Donate

Donations in any amount are welcome!
Tax Receipts will be provided for all donations over \$10.



Please [click HERE](#) to donate
via Credit Card in support of the
Clarice West Hobbs Contemplative Garden.

If you would prefer to e-transfer the funds,
please send your e-transfer to the Rotary Club
of St. Catharines Lakeshore at:

treasurer.rotarylakeshore
@gmail.com