



2010 Annual Report
to the Community



**ROYAL
BOTANICAL
GARDENS**
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Growing in the right direction

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One vacant position

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One vacant position

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Representing the Auxiliary of RBG

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Executive Team

Mark Runciman, Chief Executive Officer
Dolf DeJong, Director, Biodiversity Programs
Darlene Bennett-Howes, Director, Business Development and Fundraising
Terry Caddo, Director, Operations

The Board of Directors and the Executive Team graciously recognize the dedication of all 2010 staff members of Royal Botanical Gardens.

OUR MISSION

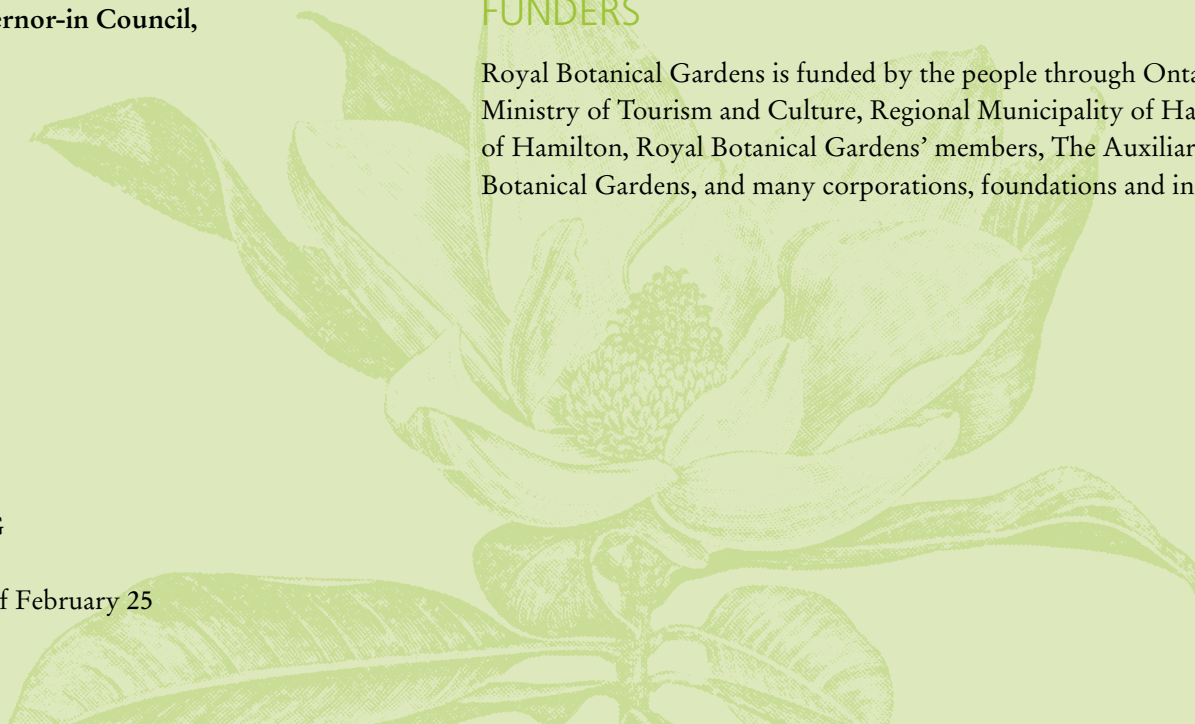
To be a living museum which serves local, regional and global communities while developing and promoting public understanding of the relationship between the plant world, humanity and the rest of nature.

VISION

Royal Botanical Gardens is to be recognized and supported as Canada's most effective change agent in promoting environmentally appropriate lifestyle choices that enable Canadians to sustain, conserve and enjoy the highest quality of life on Earth.

FUNDERS

Royal Botanical Gardens is funded by the people through Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Regional Municipality of Halton, City of Hamilton, Royal Botanical Gardens' members, The Auxiliary of Royal Botanical Gardens, and many corporations, foundations and individuals.





Letter from Board Chair and CEO

2010 saw Royal Botanical Gardens continuing down the pathway of growth and renewal of our goals. The second year of our three-year revitalization plan saw more positive changes as we entered the decade primed to show the world that we are a multi-faceted, dynamic entity and effective change-agent that adds immeasurable value to our community.

From a financial standpoint, the significant investments received from Province of Ontario, Regional Municipality of Halton, and City of Hamilton were handled judiciously, resulting in another positive year-end. We continue to self-generate approximately half of our annual revenue and are grateful that so many individuals and corporations recognize how their support helps Royal Botanical Gardens make a positive impact in our community.

We established a new structure and executive team in 2010, adding new directors of business development and fundraising, operations, and biodiversity programs. With a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, these professionals bring a new energy and further solidify the foundation that Royal Botanical Gardens requires to grow: as a business, in our programming, and as an agent of positive environmental change.



In addition to new team-members, we also provided many new experiences in 2010. Our winter exhibition, *Amazon Voyage: Vicious Fishes and Other Riches* attracted 25,000 visitors and offered a product of greater quality while providing an experience that fulfilled the mission of our mandated areas.

In May, we complemented the Camilla and Peter Dalglish Atrium with the opening of the breathtaking Aldershot Escarpment Garden. This was made possible through the support and leadership of Bill DeLuca of Aldershot Landscape Contractors and his sister Linda Cupido. The grand opening of this Garden, Water on the Rocks, was a wonderful event and a great tribute to their father Joe, a great admirer of RBG.

In September, we launched our successful Veggie Village: 100 Mile Produce Gardens, designed to demonstrate to the community the ease of growing their own food regardless of their environment, while also illustrating the health and environmental benefits of buying locally.

Our success depends on the support of our members and supporters — Royal Botanical Gardens is poised for great things in the years to come as we head into a new era. Our pathway has been solidified but we still rely on private and public support to continue in our mission. With your help, we will all foster the growth of RBG together.


Ian Brisbin,
Board Chair


Mark Runciman,
Chief Executive Officer



Horticulture

Horticulture is usually considered a plant-based enterprise. At its core, however, it is really a people business. Gardens and plantings, the most visible manifestation of RBG's mandate fulfillment, are created to enhance visitor experience. Outreach and education spread the good word to the public and interested students. Engagement involves professional organizations and dedicated specialist societies in the work of the garden. Throughout 2010, RBG continued pushing forward on all these fronts.

CREATE

Installation of the new sustainably driven display garden, Veggie Village: 100 Mile Produce Gardens, in Hendrie Park, demonstrated to guests the ease and importance of growing local produce and using it in their meals. The completion of the Aldershot Escarpment Garden showcased the beauty of our local landscape.

ENGAGE

Royal Botanical Gardens formed and fostered relationships with various groups and associations including: American Public Gardens Association, National Plant Collections Consortium, Botanic Gardens Conservation International, Consulate-General of Japan in Toronto, Bonsai Society at RBG, Oakville Horticultural Association and delegates from Suncheon City, South Korea.

REVITALIZE

In Hendrie Park, the lily collection was moved and completely redesigned while the Hammock Garden was repurposed as Imagination Grove to provide an engaging garden experience for families. In Laking Garden, beds were repurposed for new perennial introductions, and in the Arboretum, rare or unusual lilacs were propagated and preserved, and the cherry collection augmented. Plant records were updated for all woody plants in the Arboretum and at RBG Centre.

OUTREACH

Horticulture staff delivered over 55 presentations to various groups, including: Landscape Ontario, the Successful Garden Show, Canada Blooms, Niagara College, Fanshawe College and the Master Gardeners of West Virginia. Media coverage was garnered in the Toronto Star, Hamilton Spectator, Weather Network, Daily Web TV and Cogeco Television. Other outreach initiatives included the first RBG Garden Show, display gardens at Hamilton Home Show and Successful Gardening Show and participation in Deloitte Impact Day.

SKILLS FOR LIFE

Forty-seven students from McMaster University, Guelph University, Humber College, Fanshawe College, Ridgetown College, Niagara College and Mohawk College gained new practical horticultural skills in our gardens.



Education

Botanical gardens exist to grow and share knowledge about the plant world and the many relationships that exist between people, plants and nature. At RBG, we share this knowledge with people of all ages through formal and informal learning experiences that are offered on-site, off-site and through the Internet. From using interpretation as a tool to spread management messages about appropriate use of our trails and sanctuaries, to courses and school programming that helps people understand the significance of our formal collections, education underpins all that we do. Ultimately, it connects RBG's work to the public in a meaningful way by making our collections and lands intellectually accessible to people of all ages — in other words, it gives our collections and sanctuaries a voice.

In 2010, over 37,000 people took part in our various education programs.

COLLABORATE

We were successful in finding funding to support our vision of a province-wide multisectoral network of organizations that share a focus on helping to rebuild childhood connections with the natural world. We were able to secure an intern through the first eight months of the year, and at the end of the year, we had established connections with over 50 kindred organizations and received

news that the Ontario Trillium Foundation would be supporting the development of the Back to Nature Network through to early 2013. This network will facilitate collaboration among groups representing the planning, education, health, youth development, recreation and environmental sectors, and we will be working closely with our Trillium collaborative partners, Parks and Recreation Ontario and Ontario Nature. Other new partnerships include Robert Bateman's Get to Know program: in October, Mr. Bateman, a longtime friend of the Gardens, visited RBG to launch a new online virtual hike of Hendrie Valley.



COMMUNICATE

As part of our interpretation planning and renewal efforts we received Ontario Trillium Foundation support for interpretive program development and materials. With hundreds of thousands of visitors, 1100 hectares of land, and an attraction that changes from week to week, RBG requires a lot of signage — from regulatory signs to interpretive panels. This grant enabled us to acquire our own sign printer, allowing us to produce material in-house on a more timely and cost-effective basis while improving the visitor experience.

CELEBRATE

A variety of donors and sponsors made it possible for us to offer special programming to celebrate International Year for Biodiversity. Our winter exhibition, *Amazon Voyage: Vicious Fishes and Other Riches* attracted 25,000 visitors and provided many opportunities for learning about the links between our own sanctuaries and tropical biodiversity hot spots like the Amazon Basin. This theme continued through the summer in our outdoor exhibition, *Rainforest Adventure*, and the Cootes Paradise Biodiversity Festival in September. We also hosted a large audience for an autumn public lecture with one of the fathers of the modern environmental movement, Pulitzer Prize-winner, Dr. E.O. Wilson. This event was offered by video conference as part of a provincial biodiversity education conference hosted here, and we were able to link simultaneously with an audience at the COP-10 meetings of the Convention on Biodiversity in Japan.



Natural Lands

Responsible for the stewardship and monitoring of 900 hectares of Royal Botanical Gardens' properties, the natural lands department includes six core staff, with additional staffing provided through internship programs, summer students, volunteers, as well as dozens of partnership projects with other local organizations.

The primary goal of the department is the restoration of the wetlands that form over at third of the property holdings at the heart of our local ecosystem. Historically, the wetlands were destroyed by inflowing water pollution and physically uprooted by high densities of carp (*Cyprinus carpio*). Efforts to reverse these effects have been in place since the 1950s and have been boosted in recent years with the installation of large-scale infrastructure such as the Cootes Paradise Fishway and Combined Sewer Overflow tanks — dramatic improvements in the area's environmental health are now apparent.

REBUILD

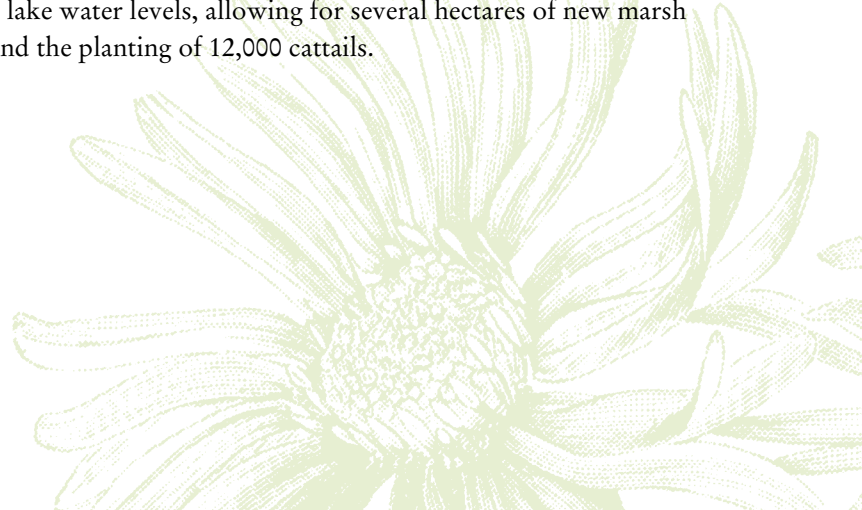
Rejuvenation of trail entrances and destinations was ongoing, with the reconstruction of the Cherry Hill Gate entrance and the Marsh Walk Boardwalk along with the reopening of Sassafras Point Trail. Hendrie Valley, Princess Point and Pinetum trails were resurfaced. These improvements complement the Special Protection Areas within RBG nature sanctuaries that ensure undisturbed space for wild species.

RESEARCH

While numerous species are encountered within the various monitoring programs, our highlight was related to water quality. Through a one-year study of our main water sources we found that water quality in Spencer and Grindstone creeks, the main waterways of the property, has improved considerably and is in much better condition than previously reported. This is critical in underpinning the restoration of the wetlands.

RESTORE

Both old fields and wetlands are the focus of environmental restoration programs. At the culturally significant Princess Point site, controlled burns were followed by the planting of 5,000 locally sourced native prairie plants. In Cootes Paradise, marsh restoration benefited greatly from carp exclusion and below average lake water levels, allowing for several hectares of new marsh regeneration and the planting of 12,000 cattails.





Science

Science is more than a body of knowledge: it is an active, vital process of inquiry that provides renewal and generates excitement and innovation. In 2010 our science group engaged in discovery and exploration, and in building bridges and partnerships with other botanical gardens, universities, colleges and other organizations involved in botany, ecology and conservation. We continued to enhance the understanding of humanity's place in nature and Royal Botanical Gardens' place in the landscape of Canada.

PRESERVE

Over 25,000 herbarium specimens were digitized using a high resolution scanner and over 9,100 historic Canadian horticultural catalogues conserved and databased. Councils and boards of participating agencies endorsed the Cootes to Escarpment Park System Vision.

INVESTIGATE

The genetic identity of 105 endangered red mulberry trees (*Morus rubra*) was confirmed using molecular genetics. Important contributions to plant taxonomy were published in *Flora Mesoamericana* and the journal *Madroño*. Studies of the development of botanical gardens in Canada were completed for a new book, *Public Garden Management*. Research confirmed RBG's nature sanctuaries as an important area for plant diversity in Canada.

CELEBRATE

A new online certificate program in sustainable horticulture was launched in partnership with University of Guelph. Professional workshops were presented on identification of goldenrods and asters, and other challenging plant groups. A Symposium on sustainable horticulture and urban life was held in February.

Events and Entertainment

The events and entertainment team works to raise funds for and complement Royal Botanical Gardens' world-class expertise in the mandated areas of horticulture, education, science and research and natural lands, by providing quality entertainment, artistic displays and one-of-a kind special events throughout the year.

The breathtaking property of the Gardens is an ideal place for people to meet, celebrate and reflect, and the events and entertainment team makes it their mission to provide clients with a memorable experience, be it a wedding, celebration, meeting or corporate event.

CAPTIVATE

The first-annual RBG Garden Show took place from April 23 to 25 at RBG Centre. The show included vendors, horticultural societies, guest speakers, feature gardens and workshops.

Tulip, Lilac, Iris and Peony and Rose celebrations included interpretive tours, the Discovery Cart, shuttle service, crafts for kids, live entertainment and a family BBQ.

RBG music series returned to summer evenings with Tranquil Tuesdays, held in a new location at Hendrie Park, that offered eight evenings of classical music, light snacks, a licensed area and a special event information booth. Red-Hot Jazz & Cool Blues was also held in Hendrie Park on Wednesday evenings, delivering 13 nights of award-winning jazz and blues artists, with a new menu every week, a licensed area, a special event information booth, and interpretive tours during intermission.

HOSPITALITY

RBG hosted 65 wedding receptions at RBG Centre, 88 ceremonies which were held in Royal Court or Rose Garden tent and 270 photography bookings held in our garden areas. Numerous corporate meetings, trade shows, conferences and socials continued to increase in 2010.

The third-annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance held February 13 began with a stroll through the Mediterranean Garden followed by dinner and dancing.

Mother's Day Brunch, an annual event at RBG, included admission to the gardens, entertainment, brunch, shuttle to our Tulip Celebration, Discovery Cart, interpretive tours, activities for families and a BBQ.

FLARE

The holiday season saw the second-annual Doorways to the Holidays run from the end of November to the end of December. This event featured 100 decorated doors by corporate clients, horticultural societies and department staff. Santa and his reindeer, local choirs, musical groups, school groups, a magician and children's crafts were all part of the festivities.

The fourth-annual Glass Under Glass exhibit and sale, which ran from January 14 to February 27, displayed over 100 examples of shining glass art created by Ontario artists and Sheridan College students.



Membership, Community Relations and Fundraising

At the heart of Royal Botanical Gardens' achievements is its people. As a not-for-profit organization, RBG's success stems from its valuable membership base and the support of its community, both corporate and individuals. These relationships continued to grow in 2010 and this invaluable support allowed RBG to continue in its mission.

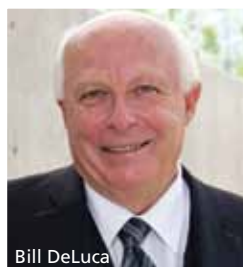
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Membership increased by almost 10 per cent in 2010 with the addition of over 1,000 new members. RBG's current membership base is comprised of 7,500 households and over 12,000 members. Annual membership offers a tremendous value to our visitors and the funds from their membership purchases are vitally important to the long-term sustainability of Royal Botanical Gardens.

COMMUNITY

The Aldershot Escarpment Garden (AEG) was completed in the spring of 2010 and was celebrated on May 27 with a gala dinner, Water on the Rocks. A celebration with donors and community supporters at this gala raised \$100,000 in net proceeds to the campaign. With the support of the DeLuca family, especially Bill DeLuca and Linda Cupido, this has become a tribute garden for the community. RBG continues to receive donations for loved ones to be remembered and honored by having their names recognized in the AEG.

Royal Botanical Gardens was the lead recipient on a \$252,400 province-wide grant from Ontario Trillium Foundation for a two-year Back to Nature



collaborative project. As well, Royal Botanical Gardens, working with nine partner agencies, was the lead recipient of two grants in support of the Cootes to Escarpment Park System Project. The Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation provided a one-year grant of \$50,000.00 in mid-2010.

SUPPORT

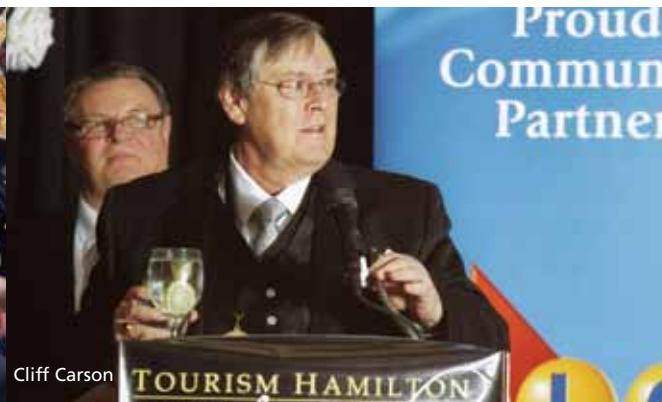
Amazon Voyage, RBG's winter exhibition, delved into the mysteries of biodiversity, highlighted significant field research, explored resource management, and celebrated the people of the Amazon rainforest. The generous support of The W. Garfield Weston Foundation and Maritime-Ontario FreightWorks contributed greatly to this exhibit's success.

July's addition of the *Rainforest Adventure* exhibit in Hendrie Park allowed kids to explore one of the least known habitats on earth in a fully interactive maze exhibit, complete with the sights and sounds of a tropical rainforest. This was made possible through the support of Turkstra Lumber.

September's immensely popular Veggie Village; 100 Mile Produce Gardens, also in Hendrie Park, was designed to educate and inform the guests about the ease and importance of using local produce in our meals. This display garden was secured through \$50,000 of funding from the Ministry of the Environment.

ACCOLADES

Royal Botanical Gardens was rewarded at Tourism Hamilton's 13th Annual Awards of Excellence as the 2010 Tourism Business of the Year and also took home the Sustainable Tourism "Green Award" for Veggie Village: 100 Mile Produce Gardens. RBG was also recognized at Canada's Garden Tourism Awards as one of the top five North American gardens worth travelling for.



Marketing and Communications

The marketing and communications department has the unique challenge of conveying the myriad of activities and efforts of Royal Botanical Gardens that encompass the four mandated areas of horticulture, education, science and natural lands as well as the many events held by both the RBG events team and its dedicated volunteer Auxiliary. There was never a shortage of stories to report in 2010, allowing the marketing and communications team opportunities to convey messages and reach new audiences, electronically and by way of social media.

CONNECT

The establishment of regional tourism organizations within the province allowed Royal Botanical Gardens to connect with other like-minded organizations in order to collaborate and develop initiatives that will establish the region as a distinct tourism destination in the future.

The launch of a new website took place in September 2011. This vast improvement over the original site continues to be updated to maximize this valuable marketing tool.

EXPAND

As marketing trends and best practices continue to move away from traditional strategies, marketing and communications implemented essential components needed to expand its reach using social media. A Facebook page was re-launched to improve communication to Royal Botanical Gardens fans while a new Twitter account expanded RBG's digital reach with early results indicating exponential growth in 2011.

A new media contact database was acquired and the building of new media lists resulted in a greater reach of outlets within and beyond Southern Ontario. The implementation of a new media monitoring service, Cision, ensured that Royal Botanical Gardens will be able to effectively attach an advertising value to all media coverage in 2011.

FOSTER

Royal Botanical Gardens' traditional advertising strategy remained regional in focus, reaching audiences throughout the Golden Horseshoe and Greater Toronto Area. Advertising included outdoor, TV, print and radio. Media sponsorships allowed for increased frequency in the regional marketplace.

Paid advertising was targeted to patron demographics data and executed throughout the year.

Paradise Found magazine has established itself as a premier membership publication within the industry. Additionally, eRBG, Royal Botanical Gardens e-newsletter with 7,500 subscribers, was redesigned to allow members accessible and timely information directly to their inbox.

As new technologies emerge, the marketing and communications team is committed to implementing the latest strategies and techniques in order to remain current and reach new audiences. Moreover, the team recognizes the value and loyalty of its core market and will continue to foster these relationships while maintaining a unique balance in both its paid and non-paid messaging that encourages engagement among members, its general audience, partners and staff.





Volunteer Services

The Auxiliary of RBG had another successful year in 2010, performing well in both its fundraising activities and other areas to support the mandate of Royal Botanical Gardens.

On the financial side, our surplus for the year was \$61,698, a 2.4% increase from 2009. Revenues from our two main fundraising activities, Plant Sales and Workshop Sales, decreased significantly, by 4.4% and 26.8% respectively. However, since expenses had been decreased by 9.6% and 45.5% respectively, the net financial outcome was positive.

The lower level of sales, experienced over the past few years, appears to be continuing, probably attributable to economic conditions and commercial competition. However, in spite of this, at the Annual General Meeting of February 11, 2010, the Auxiliary was able to make a donation of \$39,000 to RBG for two specific projects: \$24,000 for the RBG library's electronic catalogue system; and \$15,000 for genetic analysis of red mulberry samples from RBG escarpment properties in order to verify their identities. Thanks to the financial success of its 2010 Spring Plant Sale, the Auxiliary was able to donate a further \$24,000 to RBG at the Spring General Meeting in May 2010 for a third project, the renovation of the Discovery Garden at RBG Centre.

The Auxiliary has also contributed significantly to a number of important RBG events during the year. Our members helped out daily at the Glass under Glass exhibit, at *Amazon Voyage* with children's crafts, the chocolate table and interpretation and at RBG's first Garden Show. The RBG Grow the Membership Committee required 117 volunteer hours during the month of April to reach current and former RBG members to increase new membership and renewal numbers. Auxiliary volunteers assisted in many areas related to the opening of the new Aldershot Escarpment Garden, both with the fundraising gala, *Water on the Rocks*, and the successful public opening of the Garden.

Our volunteer gardeners were very busy in the Arboretum, Hendrie Park and Laking Garden, helping the gardening staff keep abreast of the weeds and making the gardens look beautiful. Auxiliary members also contributed regularly in many areas, including the library, herbarium, gardening information, tour guiding, trail watching and helping at special events.

Auxiliary members were also involved in planning the program of celebrations for the Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary in 2011.

Gabrielle Adams
2010 Auxiliary President

Finances

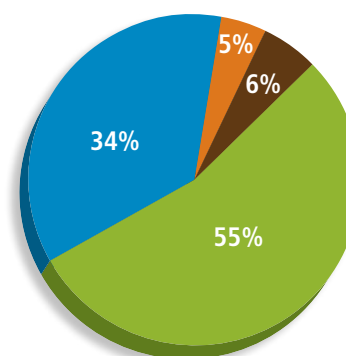
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(A Corporation without Share Capital)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

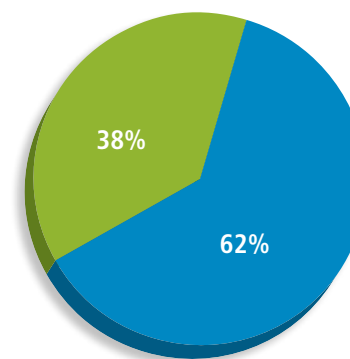
REVENUE	2010	2009
Operating grants		
Province of Ontario - Ministry of Culture	\$ 4,112,000	\$ 4,111,990
City of Hamilton	599,206	580,930
Regional Municipality of Halton	692,524	682,292
	5,403,730	5,375,212
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	1,373,288	1,044,263
Amortization of self-funded capital assets	301,591	227,550
Investment income	38,754	56,425
Admissions, marketing and visitor experience	1,746,621	1,687,201
Development — donations	399,899	645,696
Membership fees	539,450	540,446
Mandated activities	1,625,554	1,878,455
Transformation funding	279,524	102,700
Other fees	219,633	21,465
	11,928,044	11,579,413
EXPENSES		
Operations and maintenance		
Buildings and equipment	1,411,560	1,447,316
Amortization of capital assets	1,674,879	1,271,813
	3,086,439	2,719,129
Mandated activities		
Horticulture - gardens, parklands and collections	2,228,628	2,139,138
Conservation and environmental programs	558,412	719,679
Scientific and research programs	260,939	241,025
Education programs	1,432,114	1,279,019
	4,480,093	4,378,861
Administration	1,864,520	1,586,497
Development fundraising	371,135	338,183
Membership services	91,686	129,269
Admissions, marketing and visitor experience	1,961,614	2,427,057
	4,288,955	4,481,006
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 72,557	\$ 417

REVENUE



Province of Ontario	\$ 4,112,000
City of Hamilton	\$ 599,206
Regional Municipality of Halton	\$ 692,524
Self-generated	\$ 6,524,314

EXPENSES



Mandated Activities	\$ 4,480,093
Operations Activities	\$ 7,375,394

2010 DONORS, SUPPORTERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

We are most grateful to everyone who supports Royal Botanical Gardens. Your generous contributions make possible the ongoing operation of this national treasure. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list and we apologize for any errors or omissions. Please call 905-527-1158, extension 295 with any corrections. We also express our appreciation to those supporters whose names do not appear as they have chosen to remain anonymous.

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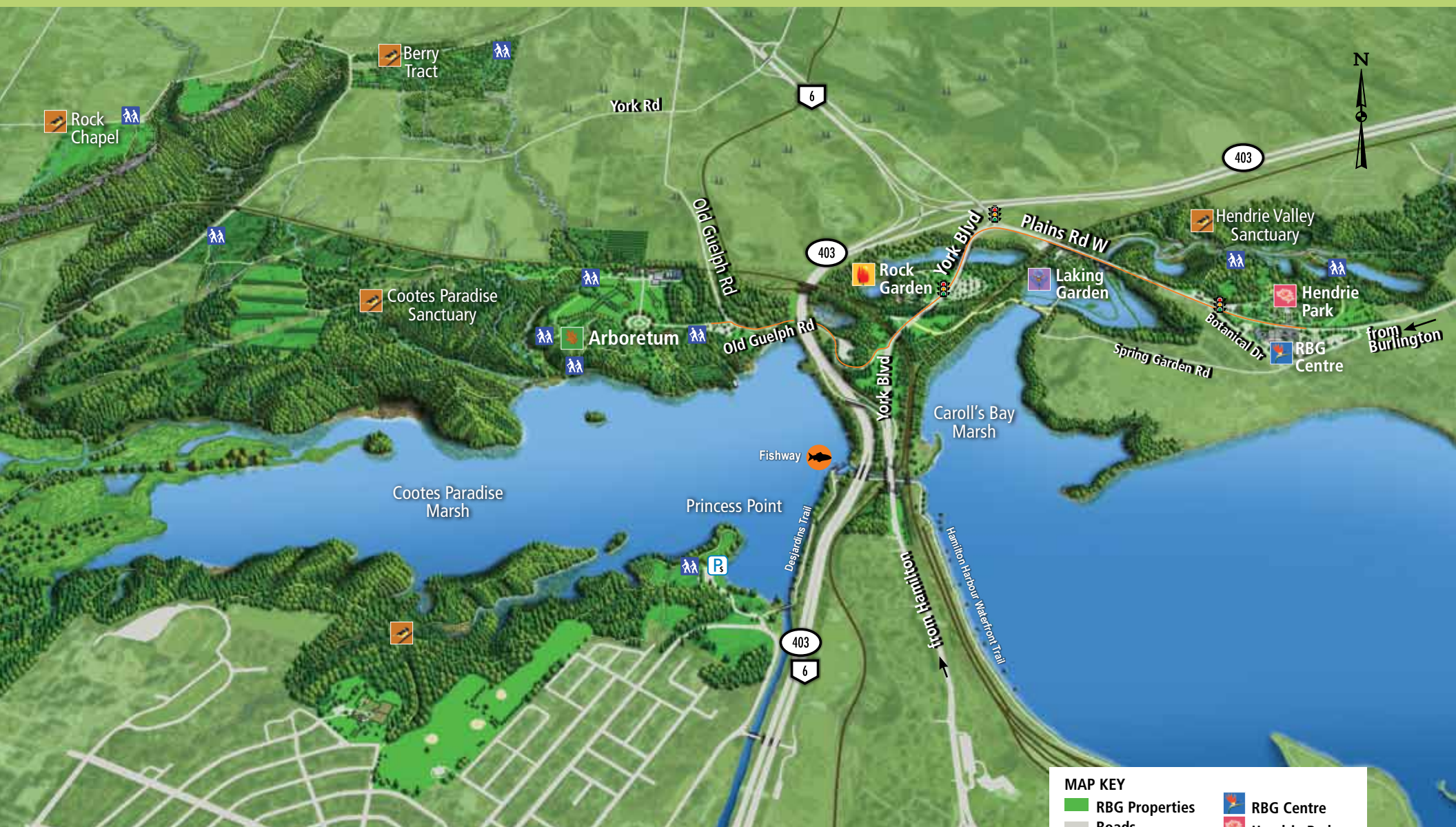
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Royal Botanical Gardens Properties



MAP KEY

	RBG Properties		RBG Centre
	Roads		Hendrie Park
	Rail Lines		Laking Garden
	Hiking Trails		Rock Garden
	Water		Arboretum
	Trailheads		Natural Lands
	The Fishway		

RBG Facts

Royal Botanical Gardens is the largest botanical garden in Canada. RBG features within its dozens of documented collections approximately 40,000 plants displayed in five major garden exhibition areas.

HISTORY

1930 – Received Royal Charter from King George V

1932 – Opened to the public

1941 – Established by an Act of the Provincial Legislature

CHARITABLE REGISTRATION

13350 0850 RR0001

VISITATION

192,548 (approximate) paid visitors, school groups, conference attendees (does not include trail users)

CORE PROGRAM AREAS

Horticulture

Education

Natural Lands

Science and Research

EMPLOYEES

Spring and summer: 145

Off season: 60 full-time (15 part-time)

MEMBERSHIP

7,988 memberships, representing an estimated

12,968 members

AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS

317 volunteers provided

46,000 volunteer hours

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS SIZE

Total: 1,100 hectares (2,700 acres or 11 square kilometres)

Cultivated Gardens:

121 hectares (250 acres)

Nature Sanctuaries:

971 hectares (2,450 acres)

Trails: 27 kilometres

HORTICULTURAL COLLECTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

8,000 taxa (different species and cultivars) in the permanent collection; maintains the International Lilac Registry

Rock Garden

70,000 spring flowering bulbs and 40,000 summer annuals

Arboretum

Features over 600 species and cultivars of lilacs, as well as extensive magnolia and crabapple collections

Laking Garden

Thousands of iris and peony blooms; ornamental grasses; as well as an extensive Perennial Garden and a Heritage Garden (Temporarily closed for the 2011 season.)

Hendrie Park

The Gardens' largest garden area is noted for its collection of antique and hybrid roses in the Centennial Rose Garden, as well as Woodland, Scented and Medicinal gardens, World of Botany, Helen M. Kippax Garden and Veggie Village: 100 Mile Produce Gardens

Mediterranean Garden

Two-storey indoor garden features a collection of ethnobotanical plants from the world's five Mediterranean climates that shaped human civilization

HERBARIUM

Approximately 60, 000 specimens

WILDLIFE SPECIES RECORDED AT ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

Birds: 248 species

Mammals: 25 species

Fish: 64 species

Amphibians: 9 species

PLANT SPECIES RECORDED AT ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

2,814 species



FACILITIES

RBG Centre, 680 Plains Road West, Burlington

This administration, research and public learning facility houses the auditorium, classrooms, archives and herbarium, Camilla and Peter Dalglish Atrium, Aldershot Escarpment Garden, Stedman Exploration Hall, Mediterranean Garden, the children's Discovery Garden, The Garden's Café and the gift shop

Nature Interpretive Centre, Arboretum, Hamilton

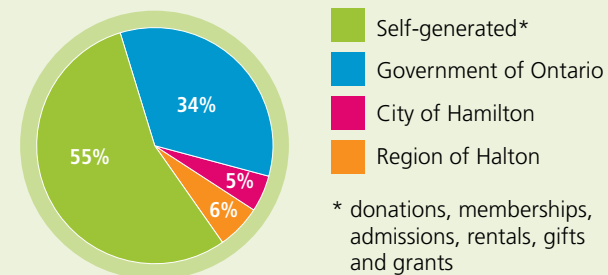
The Nature Interpretive Centre, our gateway to Cootes Paradise, features exhibits on our wetland restoration activities and is the hub of our formal education program and children's camps

Rock Garden Teahouse

and **Turner Pavilion Teahouse**, Hendrie Park

Open seasonally, these areas provide visitors with a quick lunch or snack

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