
Oshawa Valley
Botanical Gardens

22nd Annual Oshawa

Peony Festival

June 6 & 7, 2026





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Front and back cover photos
by Nick Maycher

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in a row!

Land Acknowledgment: The City of Oshawa is situated on lands and waters within the Williams Treaties Territory, home to seven First Nation communities of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg, who have cared for and maintained these lands from the time immemorial and continue to do so to present day.

Welcome

Letter From The Mayor



The sun is finally shining, and the City of Oshawa cannot wait to celebrate our beloved Peony Festival with you! This year's festival promises to captivate attendees with its breathtaking floral displays, engaging activities, and strong community spirit.

Held at the stunning Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens (O.V.B.G.), the festival showcases over 300 varieties of peonies, meticulously cared for by the City's Horticulture staff. Stroll through the picturesque gardens while enjoying an expanded lineup of local artists, vendors, and interactive experiences that bring the festival to life.

The festival continues to evolve and grow, offering new live performances, educational demonstrations, delicious food vendors, and fun-filled children's activities. The cut flower show inside Children's Arena, presented by the Canadian Peony Society, remains a highlight, displaying hundreds of exquisitely curated blooms.

Whether you're a returning guest or visiting for the first time, we invite you to experience the beauty, vibrancy, and welcoming atmosphere of the Peony Festival. We look forward to celebrating this cherished tradition with you!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Carter'.

Mayor Dan Carter

Our History

The Michael & Judi Denny Peony Garden



The Peony Garden at the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens was named “The Michael and Judi Denny Peony Garden” on June 10, 2014, to commemorate the contributions made by the late Michael Denny and his wife Judi toward the establishment of the Peony Garden and the Peony Festival.

The current Peony Garden is based on the Walter Gilbert collection which Michael and Judi relocated and cared for until a permanent home could be found. They donated their own plants, and in coordination with the Gilbert Collection, created the City of Oshawa Peony Garden.

The first garden that officially opened at the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens was the Peony Garden. It was established in 2001 with 100 peonies donated by

the Canadian Peony Society. The peony collection now numbers over 300 varieties.

The Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens also includes a collection of lilacs, hostas, a water feature garden, a commemorative gazebo and paths linked by a pedestrian footbridge. In 2017, a beautiful collection of daylilies was planted on the east side of the creek. Cross the bridge to take a look at this garden.

Public Art Sculpture:

These steel mushroom sculptures were donated by St. Stephen's Catholic Secondary School, Bowmanville, to the City of Oshawa. Between 2014 and 2015, the students of the Manufacturing class designed and fabricated the sculptures. The school has also donated sculptures to locations such as The Toronto Zoo, Harris Steel

(Windsor), Gerdau Steel, Whitby, and the Town of Essex.

Learn more at:
oshawa.ca/PublicArtworks



Mushrooms by St. Stephen's Catholic Secondary School Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens Collection: City of Oshawa

22nd Anniversary

Peony of the Year

This year's cover photo is of a Canadian hybridized peony named Colonel Owen Cousins. Lyman Cousins hybridized peonies and irises in London, Ontario from the early 1920's to the early 1960's. The collection of peonies was sold to R. G. Klehm of Klehm Nursery in the United States, and he registered this peony along with nine other Cousins peonies.

They include Ann Cousins (20), Coral 'n Gold (189), and Soft Salmon Saucer (76), found here in the gardens. See if you can find them using the map! The Colonel Owen Cousins peony (not in this collection) is an early double, bomb type flower with white, pink and peach colours. It was named in honour of Lyman's son.



Left photo:
Soft Salmon Saucer by Nick Maycher
Bottom left photo:
Colonel Owen Cousins by Nick Maycher
Bottom right photo:
Coral 'n Gold by Marian Bohlken



Event Program

Note: The Judged Peony Flower Show in the arena will open on Saturday at 11 a.m. after judging is completed.

In The Arena

Canadian Peony Society
Judged Show

Saturday and Sunday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come see the grand champion of the peony flower show and the collection of beautiful entries.

Peony advice and sales of peony floral arrangements, while supplies last.

Art Contest

Vote for your favourite interpretation of a peony!

Vandermeer Nursery
Display & Sales

Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vandermeer Nursery has helped transform Children's Arena and our stage into a garden oasis. See what products they have for sale outside in the garden.

Washrooms

Washrooms are located inside Children's Arena as well as in the garden on the west side of the creek near the bridge.

Meet and Greet
with Gabby from
Gabby's Dollhouse!
Saturday and Sunday
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visit the free
event photo booth
in the arena to
capture your day!!



Above and left photo by:
Oh Canada Photography

On Stage**Stage Entertainment
Saturday June 6**

Just Us Jazz
10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

**Opening Ceremonies
11:30 a.m.**

Just Us Jazz
12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Theatre on the Ridge
1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sam Ninan
1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Theatre on the Ridge
2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Adam Crossman
3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**Stage Entertainment
Sunday June 7**

Swing Street Band
10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Ikebana Floral Demonstration
11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Swing Street Band
12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Theatre on the Ridge
1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sam Ninan
1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Theatre on the Ridge
2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Adam Crossman
3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

By the Rock Garden

Sam Ninan
(Saturday and Sunday)
10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Courtney Bowles (Saturday only)
10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Adam Crossman
(Saturday and Sunday)
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Courtney Bowles (Saturday only)
12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Litmus Chinese Dance
Association (Saturday and
Sunday)
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

In the Gardens**Community Displays
and Sponsors**

Canadian Peony Society

Central Lake Ontario
Conservation Authority

Circular Materials

City of Oshawa: Service Oshawa

Costco

CUPE 251

Durham Master Gardeners

Oshawa Art Association

Oshawa Garden Club

Oshawa Little Theatre

Oshawa Museum

Oshawa Public Libraries

Oshawa Senior Community
Centres 55+

Oshawa Tourism

Oshawa Youth Council

Pickering Museum Village

Rotary Club of Oshawa

Theatre on the Ridge

Artisans, Merchandise & Food

Garden inspired works
by painters, sculptors and
artisans.

For more information,
see pages 6 and 7.

Interactive Activities

Meet and Greet with Gabby
from Gabby's Dollhouse

Oshawa Art Association

LivingRoom Community
Art Studio

Paint a Bus with Durhamways

Planting with Oshawa
Youth Council

Bugs and Beetles

Tree Talk and Tours

KAISER CRES



PLAYGROUND

MUSHROOMS
SCULPTURE



DAYLILY
GARDEN

STAGE

CHILDREN'S ZONE

STREET FOOD HUB

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



MEMORY
GARDEN

ADELAIDE AVE

BOND ST



ROCK
GARDEN

PEONY GARDENS

ARTISAN AND VENDOR ZONE



WASHROOMS



TREE TALK AND
TOURS MEETING
LOCATION



ICE CREAM
BUS

CHILDREN'S ARENA



WASHROOMS

PEONY COMPETITION

ART COMPETITION



SELFIE
STATION



ATM



EVENT
INFO



SHUTTLE
PICK UP /
DROP OFF

ARENA ST



EVENT
INFO



LIMITED
ACCESSIBLE
PARKING



FIRST AID
LOST
CHILDREN

Artisans, Merchandise and Food

Available Saturday and Sunday
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Artisans & Merchandise

- 3dforge.shop
- Abhinanda Art
- Athena's Diaper Cakes & Hair Pretties
- Bebo Bars
- Call Creations
- Canadian Peony Society (Inside arena)
- Creative Wood Products
- Cupcake Goodness
- Designs by Diane
- Diane Maxwell
- Eliza Perry Jewellery
- Encaustic Creations
- Glitter Designs Studio
- Handcrafted JMS
- Handmade Simplify
- Heidi's Plant Pups and Pottery
- Julieta's Art Corner
- Just Some Local Artists
- Kat's Kreations
- Kopi Thyme
- KS Creations
- KvH Fashions
- Leafii
- Mama's Ginger Juice
- Meet Paper
- Nantais Enterprises
- Newfound Flavours
- nostalgia91 Candle Co.
- Objects of Art
- Olivia Leigh Designs
- Papaw's Bakery
- Phoenix Soap Company
- Pink Squirrel
- Purple Tongue Hot Sauce
- Rotary Club of Oshawa Parkwood
- Sally's Baubles
- Shop by 'Bree Beauty
- Sue's Handmade Gnomes
- The Kings Daughters
- The Mad Mudder Studio
- The Thrift Shop - United Way

Durham Region

- The Whimsical Crispie Co.
- True North Lemonade Co.
- Uxbridge Soap
- Wall Naturals
- Wool and Silk Inspirations

Street Food Hub

- 7Spices Pockets Inc.
- Coal Pot Jerk
- CoCo Fresh Tea and Juices
- Fabulicious Funnel Cakes
- Fujiwara's Creamery
- Lowlands Fire Food
- Masala Box Food Truck
- Ontario Corn Roasters
- Sanny Hotdog
- Smoke's Poutinerie
- Steve's Lemonade
- Yummilicious Kettlecorn & Jamaican Street Meat

Subject to change.

More to See

Free Shuttle Bus

Free shuttle service between destinations in Oshawa on the weekend of the Peony Festival courtesy of Oshawa Senior Community Centres OSCC+55.



Shuttle Service

Shuttle service to nearby attractions and parking lots runs throughout the event both Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The last pickup at Parkwood Estate is at 4 p.m. sharp.

Shuttle Service will stop at:

- Peony Festival
- Parkwood Estate
270 Simcoe St. N.
- The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
72 Queen St.
- Arts Resource Centre
45 Queen St. (parking)
- Parkade 2
(north west corner of Bond St. W. and McMillan Dr.)

Parking

Parking at 155 Arena St. is for those holding a Ministry of Transportation issued Accessible Parking Permit. It must be prominently displayed so our attendants can provide access to the lot.





There is off-site free parking at:

- City Hall parking lot:
45 Queen St.
- Parkade 2: 117 Bond St.
- On-street parking where permitted by law
- Grass lot east of Arena St. and west of Kaiser Cres. on the north side of Adelaide Ave. W.

No Parking/Local Traffic Only

The following roads will be for local traffic only with no parking during the festival:

- Gladstone Ave. from Bond St. to Arena St.
- Elgin St. from Park Rd. to Arena St.
- Colborne St. W. from Park Rd. N. to Arena St.
- Warren Ave. from Bond St. to Elgin St. W.
- Punshon Ave. from Gladstone Ave. to Park Rd. N.

-  Shuttle Pick Up / Drop Off
-  Accessible Parking Only
-  Public Parking
-  Local Traffic – No Parking



Grass Lot P

Parkwood Estate

Peony Festival

Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens

Limited Accessible Parking

Parkade 2 P

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Arts Resource Centre

ADELAIDE AVE W

ADELAIDE AVE E

ELGIN ST W

WARREN AVE

COLBORNE ST W

PUNSHON AVE

GLADSTONE AVE

ARENA ST

KASPER CRES

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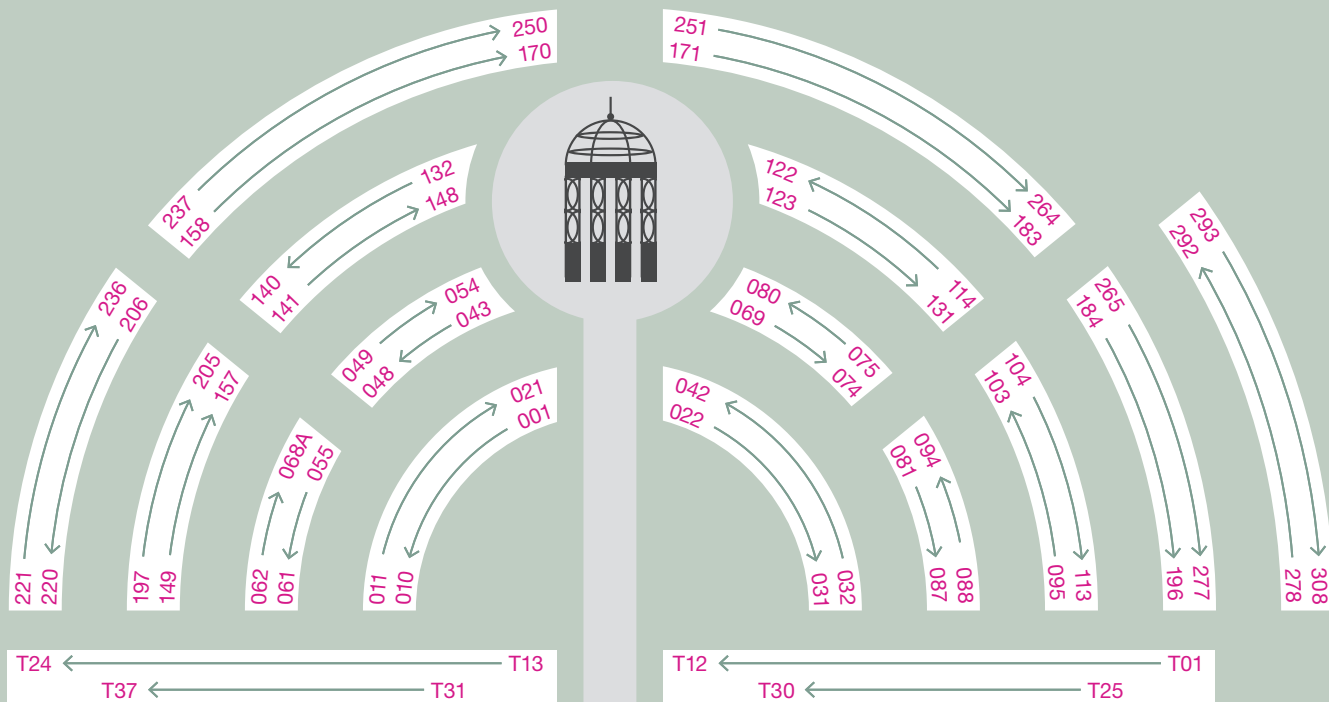
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Map of the Peony Gardens



Our Garden

Peony Cultivars Map & List

A numbered list of all the peony cultivars in the garden.

The map indicates how the peonies are numbered and located.

Peonies numbered "T01" to "T37" are tree peonies.

Tree Peonies

T01	Rimpo
T02	Taisho - no - Hokori
T03	Renkaku
T04	Kokamon
T05	Spring Carnival
T06	Shima Daijin
T07	Unknown
T08	Ice Storm
T09	Gilbert Seedling
T10	Nike
T11	Tama - Sudare
T12	Gilbert Seedling
T13	Kamata - Fuji
T14	Kamata - Nishiki
T15	Hana Kisoi
T16	Boreas
T17	Yatsuka Jishi
T18	Fuso Tsukasa
T19	Vacant
T20	Hatsu Garashu

T21	Godaiushu
T22	Dou Lu
T23	Black Pirate
T24	Banquet
T25	Terpsichore
T26	Anna Marie
T27	Leda
T28	Ezra Pound
T29	Guardian of the Monastery
T30	High Noon
T31	Gauguin
T32	Souvenir de Maxime Cornu
T33	Savage Splendor
T34	Unknown
T35	Ariadne
T36	Alice Harding
T37	Renown

Peonies

001	Minnie Shaylor
002	Sword Dance
003	Charlie's White
004	Gay Paree
005	Hot Chocolate
006	Largo
007	Rare China
008	Carrara
009	Festiva Maxima
010	Pink Princess
011	Skylark
012	King's Ransom
013	Miss America
014	Nick Shaylor
015	Isami Jishi
016	Myrtle Tischler
017	Old Faithful
018	Dainty
019	The Nathans
020	Ann Cousins

Peony Cultivars

021	Friendship	041	Requiem	061	Lotus Bloom	080	Coral Charm
022	Sea Shell	042	Joker	062	Rose Heart	081	Red Charm
023	Springfield	043	Pastel Splendor	063	Charm	082	Rosaurea
024	Douglas Brand	044	America	064	Peter Barr	083	Irene May Gilbert
025	Norma Volz	045	Shawnee Chief	065	Red Charm	084	Susie Smith
026	Milton Jack	046	Illini Warrior	066	June Rose	085	Illini Belle
027	Kukeni-Jishi	047	Jewel	067	Bill Krekler	086	Claudia
028	Flame	048	Rashoomon	068	Cytherea	087	Pink Teacup
029	Pride of Blasdell	049	Bright Knight	068A	Feather Top	088	Scarlet O'Hara
030	Surugu	050	Rose Crystal	069	Plainsman	089	Mandarin's Coat
031	Krinkled White	051	Kathryn Ann	070	Suzanna Hotz	090	Sweet Melody
032	Onahama	052	Kukeni-Jishi	071	Mons. Martin Cahuzac	091	Nathalie
033	Auguste Dessert	053	Petticoat Flounce	072	Chocolate Soldier	092	Bu-te
034	Alexander Woollcott	054	Gay Patee	073	Requiem	093	Heritage
035	Kansas	055	Miss America	074	Red Grace	094	Coral Supreme
036	Black Swan	056	Ada Ruth	075	Sarah Bernhardt	095	Unknown
037	Moonrise	057	Henry Bockstoce	076	Soft Salmon Saucer	096	Sunday Chimes
038	Paula Fay	058	Coral Charm	077	Coral Charm	097	Gardenia
039	Princess Margaret	059	Karen Gray	078	Akashigata	098	Angelo Cobb Freeborn
040	Roselette	060	Requiem	079	Mother's Choice	099	Nosegay

Peony Cultivars

100	Flaming Star	120	Cardinal's Robe	140	Myra MacRae	160	Vacant
101	Loren Franklin	121	Catherine Louise	141	Karl Rosenfield	161	Baroness Schroeder
102	Walter Faxon	122	Therese	142	Philippe Rivoire	162	Lowell Thomas
103	Silver Dawn	123	Bowl of Beauty	143	Postillion	163	Early Daybreak
104	President Lincoln	124	A la Mode	144	Smouthi	164	Do Tell
105	Buckeye Belle	125	Starlight	145	Horizon	165	Missie's Blush
106	Ruth Clay	126	Moon Over Barrington	146	Montezuma	166	White Innocence
107	Ludovica	127	Coral Sunset	147	Illini Belle	167	My Love
108	Constance Spry	128	Bride's Dream	148	Nathalie	168	Firebelle
109	Rosy Cheek	129	Coral Fay	149	Le Jour	169	Show Girl
110	White Charm	130	Mary Brand	150	Mahogany	170	Prairie Star
111	Ella Christiansen	131	Nice Gal	151	Matilda Lewis	171	Miss America
112	Shaylor's Sunburst	132	Border Charm	152	Red Red Rose	172	Doris Cooper
113	Buckeye Belle	133	James Pillow	153	Burning Bright	173	Prairie Star
114	Lois Arlene	134	Reine Hortense	154	Lovely Rose	174	Heidi
115	Laddie	135	Rosalie	155	Bravura	175	Mahogany
116	Salmon Chiffon	136	Mischief	156	Charles Burgess	176	Sparkling Star
117	Tom Eckhardt	137	Unknown	157	Cherry Ruffles	177	Topeka Garnet
118	White Sands	138	Henry Sass	158	Elizabeth Foster	178	Vacant
119	Eliza Lundy	139	Westerner	159	Lady Alexandra Duff	179	Ellen Cowley

Peony Cultivars

180	Adonis	200	Albert Crousse	220	Vacant	240	Roselette's Child
181	Cream Puff	201	Stellar Charm	221	Primevere	241	Your Majesty
182	Felix Crousse	202	Josette	222	Imperial Red	242	Dawn Glow
183	Belle Center	203	Gypsy	223	Fantasia	243	Prairie Princess
184	Mons. Jules Elie	204	David Harum	224	Vacant	244	Delaware Chief
185	Ethel Mars	205	Brand's Magnificent	225	Pink Hawaiian Coral	245	Command Performance
186	Elsa Sass	206	Francois Ortegat	226	Vacant	246	Fairfield
187	Early Scout	207	Couronne D'Or	227	Vacant	247	Lavon
188	Mme. Ducel	208	Barrington Belle	228	Vacant	248	Golden Wings
189	Coral 'n Gold	209	Chestine Gowdy	229	Great Lady	249	Early Glow
190	Solange	210	Pink Firefly	230	Mary Elizabeth	250	Judith Eileen
191	Paul M. Wild	211	Green Lotus	231	Candy Stripe	251	Ace of Hearts
192	Arcturus	212	Silver Dawn Mix	232	Winged Victory	252	Nova II
193	Vivid Rose	213	Mrs. Livingston Farrand	233	Serenade	253	Ladonna
194	Many Happy Returns	214	Pink Luau	234	Audrey	254	Lorelei
195	Age of Victoria	215	Queen of the Dawn	235	Rose Pearl	255	Greenland
196	Merry Mayshine	216	Vacant		Raspberry Charm	256	Blaze
197	Carina	217	Vacant	237	Early White	257	Color Magnet
198	Yellow Emperor	218	Vacant	238	Garden Peace	258	Pink Vanguard
199	Circus Circus	219	Ann Berry Cousins	239	May Lilac	259	Pink Moon

260	Bev	280	Sibelius	300	Maréchal Vaillant
261	Magic Moonbeam	281	Donald	301	Imperial Divinity
262	Pico	282	Lamartine	302	Octavie DeMay
263	Dearest	283	Grace Gedge	303	A.B. Franklin
264	Canary Brilliants	284	Mandaleen	304	Jean Ericksen
265	Zuni Lad	285	Petite Porcelain	305	Mildred May
266	Golden Bracelet	286	Vacant	306	Myrtle Gentry
267	Scarlet O'Hara	287	Rose Garland	307	Mother's Day
268	Louise Lossing	288	Garden Treasure	308	Mrs. J.H. Neeley
269	Early Windflower	289	Strawberry Wine		
270	Vanilla Schnapps	290	P. Anomala		
271	The Fleece	291	Callie's Memory		
272	La France	292	Belleville		
273	Windchimes	293	Vacant		
274	Richard Carvel	294	Bartzella		
275	Mrs. Edward Harding	295	Julia Rose		
276	Pink Cutie	296	Elora		
277	Garden Lace	297	William F. Turner		
278	Susan White	298	Kelway's Glorious		
279	William F. Turner	299	Le Cygne		



Above photo: Daniella Paudash



In 2019-2020 Durham College students, under the supervision of faculty member Linda Cheng, designed new wayfinding technology to enhance visitor experience at one of Oshawa's exceptional parks, the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens. The community can use the technology to learn about the gardens, identify points of interest and launch a navigation guide between landmarks. This was a partnership between the City of Oshawa and the Durham College's Office of Research Services, Innovation and Entrepreneurship and School of Media, Art & Design.

Event Coordination



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on King**
August 21

**Bright
& Merry
Market**
November 20



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2027 Peony Festival

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Join us as we celebrate the
23rd year of the Peony Festival
See you then!

