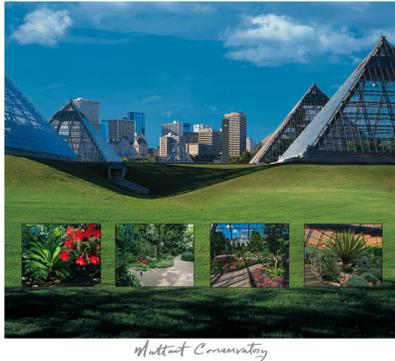




**Edmonton, Alberta
Edmonton – A Community in Bloom!
Welcomes the Garden Writers Association
Region 7 Meeting**

**July 5-7th, 2003
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**



Located on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, Edmonton is known as the "Oil Capital of Canada". It is also called Canada's Festival City. It is the Capital City of Alberta and is well known for its scenic river valley.

Floral Emblem

Rosa acicularis Prickly Wild Rose(adopted 1930)

The wild rose grows almost everywhere in the province, brightening the countryside with flashes of pink.



Tree

Pinus contorta var. latifolia Lodgepole Pine (May 30, 1984, due to the efforts of the Junior Forest Warden Association of Alberta)

In the early 1900's the lodgepole pine was primarily used to make railway ties. Today it plays a major role in Alberta's forest industry and is manufactured into poles, posts, pulp, plywood, mine timbers and other lumber products.

If you have any questions regarding our Region 7 Meeting, or you would like to become a member, please contact Donna at donna@icangarden.com

We welcome non Garden Writer Association members as well!

Deadline for Registration May 1st, 2003.

People, Plants and Pride....Growing Together

Program Schedule

Saturday July 5th, 2003

8:00 a.m.	Registration – One Thornton Court – our base
9:00 a.m.	Deluxe Continental Breakfast, One Thornton Court
10:00 a.m.	Leave for Muttart Conservatory – tour glasshouses, grounds,
11:30 a.m.	Lunch at Muttart, Wade Pike & Larry Hodgson, speakers
1:00 p.m.	Rutherford House, tour of house and gardens
2:30 p.m.	Private gardens
3:30 p.m.	Salisbury Greenhouse, Tour and Refreshments
6:00 p.m.	The Edmonton Queen Riverboat Cruise and dinner

Sunday July 6th, 2003

9:00 a.m.	Deluxe Continental Breakfast, One Thornton Court
10:00 a.m.	Depart for Devonian Botanic Gardens, tour
12:00 p.m.	Lunch at Devonian, speaker Grigg Kellock
1:30 p.m.	Region 7 Meeting
3:00 p.m.	Private Garden
6:00 p.m.	Union Bank Inn Dinner, speaker Michael Dean - Gaia Green

Monday July 7th, 2003

9:00 a.m.	Deluxe Continental Breakfast, One Thornton Court speaker, John Helder, Principal of Horticulture, City of Edmonton Tour Historic Beverly area
10:30 a.m.	Edmonton Waste Management Centre & State of the Art Composting Facility
12:00 p.m.	Greenland Garden Centre – tour, lunch, speaker Tim Chichak
1:00 p.m.	John Helder, tour of Edmonton area highlights in horticulture including Fulton Marsh - Integrated Vegetation Management
3:15 p.m.	City Hall, greetings from Councillor Michael Phair,
5:00 p.m.	Shaw Conference Centre Edmonton Horticultural Society Third Annual Garden Gala Special Speaker, Mr. Nori Pope, Hadspen Garden, England.

Places we will visit...



Muttart Conservatory

The Muttart Conservatory is a unique horticultural display garden that brings together a collection of plants from a diverse range of climatic conditions. Architect, Peter Hemmingway designed the structure in the early 70's. His plan was to combine the practical requirements for plant height with a striking visual effect. The pyramid shape is static and non-directional, providing stark contrast to its natural setting in Edmonton's North Saskatchewan River Valley and the softness of the living world within.

The pyramids were officially opened in September 1976. The Gladys and Merrill Muttart Foundation donated half of the original construction cost, with the City of Edmonton and the Province of Alberta providing the balance.

The Conservatory features four display pyramids and a small skylight located over the Centre Court atrium area. Each display pyramid maintains unique environmental conditions to meet the needs of the plants housed within. The Tropical and Temperate Pyramids each measure 660 square metres and 24 metres in height from the floor to the apex. The Arid and Show Pyramids are slightly smaller at 381 square metres and 18 metres in height. The Centre Court atrium is 1319 square metres. It provides circulation between the four display pyramids and houses the admissions area, giftshop, Café, and administration offices. A mural, painted by well-known native artist, Alex Janvier, encircles the perimeter of this central area.



Rutherford House

The gleam of polished silver, the warm glow of a library lamp and the aroma of freshly-baked scones beckon visitors into the home of Alberta's first premier, Alexander Cameron Rutherford founder of the University of Alberta.

For many years, Rutherford House welcomed the political and social elite of Alberta. Today, this restored Edwardian mansion maintains that tradition of hospitality and recaptures the spirit of Edmonton in 1915. Rutherford House was built in 1911. The Residence, was initially called "Achnacarry" after Rutherford's ancestral home in Scotland.

Costumed interpreters recreate daily household activities, reenact important events in Rutherford's life and lead guided tours of his home.



Devonian Botanic Gardens

The Devonian Botanic Garden is a regional centre for horticultural and environmental collections of living plants and fungi. The collections serve as repositories for native Alberta species and specimens of botanical, horticultural, historical, medicinal, and geographic significance collected worldwide. These collections are essential in providing ornamental display, public and professional education, academic teaching and research. In addition to its instructional and research roles, the Garden site is made up of a series of display gardens complemented by several areas of natural forest and wetland preserves which allow observation of native flora and fauna. Its location as the northernmost Botanic garden in Canada, and its collections of alpine and cold-hardy plants, have fostered the Garden's recognition as a unique northern climate garden, resulting in broad horticultural, academic, tourist and general public interest. It was established

in 1959 and is owned by the University of Alberta.

The Garden includes an authentic Japanese Garden, floral gardens, collections of native and alpine plants, and ecological reserves, and is situated within an attractive rolling landscape of pine trees and wetlands. Connected gardens extend over 80 acres with an additional 110 acres of natural areas for visitors to enjoy

Greenland Garden Centre

It was over forty years ago that John and Lennie Chichak opened their first garden centre and landscaping business. Children Wayne, Deborah and Tim literally grew up in the gardening business. They sponsor several events such as the Tour of Gardens, Magnificent Garage Sale, Harvest Festival and Country Christmas. In the recent past, Greenland has received several business awards - ranging from the Strathcona County Chamber of Commerce to a national award in retailing excellence from the Canadian Gift and Tableware Association

Salisbury Greenhouse

The Sproule family started Salisbury Greenhouses and Landscaping almost 40 years ago. Helen Sproule grew bedding plants in the garage as a hobby and soon realized she had too many for her own use and began to sell them to their neighbors. Three short years later, Fred Sproule left his full time job to work with his wife in the family business. All of Helen and Fred's six children helped out in the business. Bob Sproule, the oldest son, came to work full time at the greenhouse in 1975. Salisbury is a proud supporter of the Strathcona Christmas Bureau.



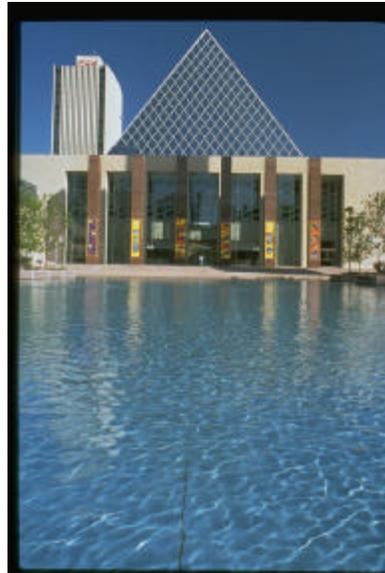
Waste Management Centre: The Edmonton Composting Facility

Located on 25 hectares, it is the largest indoor compost facility in the world by volume and size.

- Opened in the year 2000
- Creates no offensive odours – the total air volume is bio-filtered
- Has flexible operations – it allows for advances in waste management

technologies, population growth, and use by commercial waste generators

- Produces quality compost because there is no grinding or shredding of non-organic material in the composting process
- Edmonton recycles 15 to 18% of its waste, and the rest is composted
- This facility uses the city's household waste and biosolids sewage sludge as a resource to create compost
- The facility allows Edmonton to divert 65% of its residential waste from landfill, to compost in a City of under one million people.



City Hall

Edmonton's award-winning City Hall opened in 1992. It is the legislative centre for the City of Edmonton and houses the offices of the Mayor and Councillors. The City Room is a gathering place for community celebrations and features a spectacular eight-storey glass pyramid. At the top of the grand staircase is a 200-seat Council Chamber. The Friendship Tower has a 23-bell carillon that rings on the hour throughout the day. The reflecting and wading pool serves as a skating rink in winter. The Kids in the Hall Bistro is a lunchtime favorite.



The Edmonton Queen Riverboat Cruise

"The Paddlewheeler of the Prairies"

A trip to Edmonton would not be complete without a river cruise aboard The Edmonton Queen Paddlewheeler. Cruise by day through the heart of Alberta's capital; by night enjoy delicious buffet style dining and dance to the rhythms of our versatile live entertainment.

Speakers we will hear from...

- Wade Pike** co-sponsor along with Muttart for Lunch at Muttart. Wade will be speaking on his company www.stretchedpaper.ca. Co-incidentally Wade also has a showing of his some of his works at Muttart that we can enjoy while having our lunch.
- Larry Hodgson** owner of HortiCom Inc. will be presenting a slide show of Gardens of Canada. Larry also has a book out called 'The Garden Lovers Guide to Canada'. Larry is our National Director.
- Grigg Kellock** owner of Doktor Doom and co-sponsor of the cruise and dinner, the UBI dinner, the Gala dinner and our Gala Speaker, Mr. Nori Pope. Grigg will be speaking on his products and how best to use them.
<http://www.doktordoom.com/>
- Michael Dean** owner of Gaia Green and co-sponsor of the cruise and dinner, the UBI dinner, the Gala dinner and our Gala Speaker, Mr. Nori Pope. Michael will be speaking on his products.
<http://www.gaiagreen.ca/>
- John Helder** Principal of Horticulture, City of Edmonton, will be with us most of Monday, showing us the Composting facility, Edmonton highlights, Fulton Marsh. He is a wealth of information – familiar with Communities In Bloom, Front Yards in Bloom, Partners in Parks, Community Gardens and every other garden related project in the City.
- Tim Chichak** co-owner of Greenland Garden Centre and sponsor of lunch at Greenland, will be speaking to us on the latest landscaping trends after a tour of their facilities.
<http://www.greenlandgarden.com/main.html>
- Bob Sproule** owner of Salisbury Greenhouse and sponsor of refreshments at Salisbury, will be taking us on a tour of the greenhouse facilities.
<http://www.salisburygreenhouse.com/>

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Rutherford House	Tour of house and gardens
Salisbury Greenhouse	Refreshments after tour
Edmonton Queen Riverboat Cruise & Dinner	Doktor Doom & Gaia Green
Lunch at Devonian Botanic Gardens	Pride of Place/New Eden
Union Bank Inn Dinner	Doktor Doom and Gaia Green
Lunch at Greenland Garden Centre	Greenland Garden Centre
EHS Third Annual Garden Gala & Dinner	Doktor Doom & Gaia Green
EHS Third Annual Garden Gala Speaker	Doktor Doom & Gaia Green
Luxury A/C Coach	City of Edmonton

We gratefully acknowledge and thank our sponsors for making this program so varied and inclusive for our registrants. We hope you will thank them as well for making this program available and for all the goodies that they have included in your information bags (available at registration).

We also thank the two hotels for giving us preferred rates, John Helder for taking time out of his very busy schedule to meet with us, Councillor Micheal Phair for his greetings on behalf of the City of Edmonton at City Hall, to the gardeners who have opened up their homes to let us see how they garden, to all of the people who show up to tell us about their special projects at the different places we visit. We also would like to thank the Friends of the University of Alberta Devonian Botanic Garden for their assistance in securing funding.

Helix Design Communications 2001 Inc. deserve a special thank you as well for their help with the design of the short brochure.



Devonian
Botanic Garden
& the
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Stretched Paper - Fine art
photography by Wade Pike

Useful Information...

The Weather

The weather here in July is usually perfect...that makes for a wonderful time to visit. Please check <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/> to find out exactly what it will be like prior to packing.

Edmonton for First Time Visitors

<http://www.discoveredmonton.com/FeaturesReviews/TownCityReviews/8-146.html>

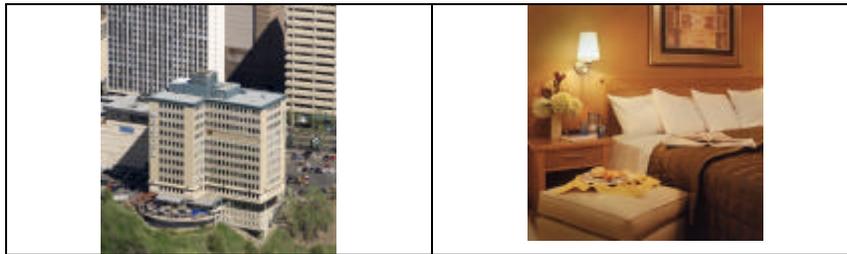
Once you get to your hotel, you will not need a car unless you choose to have one. Both hotels are close and we have bus service each day on our schedule. The Shaw Convention Center is just down the street from either of the hotels.

Getting from the airport

http://www.edmontonairports.com/bins/content_page.asp?cid=10-42&lang=1

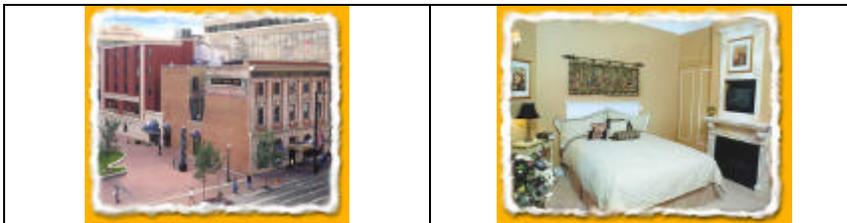
then click on the Downtown Schedule

Hotels



Our base is One Thornton Court Hotel, located downtown Edmonton. They have given us a special rate of 99.00 per night based on single or double. Please phone 1- 877-588-9988 and quote Garden Writers Association to receive this rate. Toll free good for Canada and U.S. (if you are staying at this hotel, breakfast is included, however, if you are staying outside hotel, it will cost you 6.95 per morning)

Located at 99 Street and Jasper Ave. <http://www.thorntoncourt.com/index.html>



The other hotel we highly recommend is the Union Bank Inn, located just across the street from One Thornton Court Hotel. They have given us a special price of 119.00 single. If double, just ask when you email them. Please quote Garden Writers when you email to info@unionbankinn.com The toll free number does not work outside Canada 1-888-423-3601 Located 10053 Jasper Avenue <http://www.unionbankinn.com/>

Registration form...

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____

Zip/PC: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Registration Fee For Three Day Program

GWA member	105.00 CDN
Non GWA member	140.00 CDN

- (if you are staying at One Thornton Court, breakfast is included, however, if you are staying outside hotel, it will cost you 6.95 per morning) add this to reg. Fee.
- Hotel and airfare is extra.

Please make your cheques payable to: **GWA Region 7**

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The planner of this meeting reserves the right to cancel the program in the event of inadequate participation, Acts of God, War, civil unrest or any other cause deemed sufficient. Liability of cancellation shall be limited to a refund of full registration fees except that a cancellation after May 1st, 2003 may deduct reasonable expenses already made for the meeting.

In the event that it is necessary for you to cancel your meeting registration, a written cancellation notice must be received prior to May 1st, 2003.