

Brueckner Rhododendron Garden



one of Canada's largest and publicly owned collections of rhododendrons. Situated on the north shore of Lake Ontario in the heart of Mississauga, the unique microclimate and massive white pines of the Garden nourish and shelter the rhododendrons which were generously donated by the late Dr. Joseph Brueckner.

After years of careful study and experimentation in New Brunswick and later in Mississauga, Joe Brueckner launched an extensive breeding program to develop cold-hardy rhododendrons that were tolerant of the eastern Canadian climate but retained the attractive qualities of well-known species of rhodies. Bluenose, Nahanni, Karin Seleger, Toronto, Lionel's Red Shield, Igloo, are some of the 19 registered hybrids that issued from this work. Joe Brueckner was an acknowledged expert on rhododendrons and a recognized hybridizer. His hybrids are still in propagation and are valued plants in North America and several European countries as well as England's famous Exbury Gardens. The extensive notes and correspondence from the Brueckner plant breeding program are housed in the University of Virginia Archives.

When Dr. Brueckner donated over 800 azaleas and rhododendrons from his private collection, he included the species and cultivars that form a rare collection in the Garden.

The woodland garden setting has been designed to highlight the beauty of the rhododendron / azalea display, and to integrate companion perennials and shrubs in order to provide a four-season garden presence. Please visit the Garden at any time of the year particularly from early May to the end of June to experience the spectacular floral display.

Cherished locally, recognized nationally

A garden with beauty in all seasons....



The Garden is under the direction of the Head Gardener on site.

BRGSC

The Brueckner Rhododendron Garden Stewardship Committee (BRGSC) works with the City to promote, protect, and preserve this unique public garden. This Stewardship Committee participates in the planning and maintenance of the Garden, assists with work programs, and conducts a public relations initiative in order to enhance community awareness, involvement and interest.



A quiet place for contemplation....



Park permits are available for wedding photography. Call the Customer Service Centre at 905-615-4100

**Brueckner Rhododendron Garden
Recreation and Parks
City of Mississauga**

**Located on the south side of
Lakeshore Road, west of
Mississauga Road**

The Waterfront Trail is now routed through the Garden. Please keep on the trail with your bicycle.

Pathways have been specially designed to allow best viewing of plant material and the vistas in and beyond the garden.

All are welcome to visit the Garden.

But please...

Dog urine kills rhododendrons.



keep your dog on leash and on the pathways.

Help protect and preserve this collection of rare plants.

Flowering for 2009

Rhododendrons typically flower from Mother's Day till Father's Day. This will

vary according to the weather and the temperatures.

Early rhodies such as Bluenose (blue) and PJM (mauve) begin to flower as early as mid-April.

Watch for the colourful azaleas through the Garden, usually flowering in May.

Rhodies with large flowers in showy colours begin to grace the Garden in May.



Some rhodies, such as Roslyn, have long blooming periods into June.

Spring flowering shrubs and trees fill the landscape and as the summer unfolds so does the colourful palette of the peonies, the roses, lilies, and other recently planted perennials and annuals.

Volunteering

If you would like to get involved with the many opportunities within the Garden, please visit Para, Head Gardener on site Monday to Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.