



## Gardens Lead Effort to Combat Coastal Erosion



Sea Lyme Grass

In partnership with the Comité ZIP du Sud-de-l'Estuaire, the Gardens are leading efforts to combat coastal erosion with the production and planting of sea lyme grass in the region. Sea lyme grass is a native plant whose extensive root system helps to stabilize coastal zones. Under the supervision of Jean-Yves Roy, the gardens have produced 10,000 sea lyme grass plants in our new greenhouses. As many as 5,000 plants will be used to replant an area at the mouth of the river damaged by the waves and high tides of December 6. Plants are also being made available to environmental groups and individuals at a cost of \$1 per plant. Financial support for this project has been received from the Telus Community Investment Fund, the RBC Blue Water Project and the MRC de La Mitis. The Comité ZIP du Sud-de-l'Estuaire will partner with the Gardens to educate local citizens about coastal erosion with a number of workshops and presentations over the summer. This year's annual community shoreline cleanup will be held on Saturday, June 4 at the Mitis River Park.

## Gardens to Welcome TV Crew from Historia's *Le Tour du jardin*

The Gardens will welcome a team from the new French-language television program *Le Tour du jardin*. *Le Tour du jardin* is a series that premiered on Historia in 2011 with host Geneviève Rioux and horticultural expert Albert Mondor. The film crew will be on site in July to capture the beauty of the blue poppies and tour the gardens and its collections. The 60 minute program will be broadcast in 2012.

## Preparations Begin for 2012 Celebrations



Estevan Lodge, Production Phosphoric

The summer of 2012 will be a double anniversary for the Gardens – the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the gardens to the public and the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of Estevan Lodge. Preparations are underway for a series of celebratory events for 2012, a writing competition for local youth, a new exhibition in Estevan Lodge, reunions for former staff of the gardens, the creation of one or more extra-mural gardens in the region, the unveiling of a new work of art, the opening of a museum of garden tools and commemorative activities in June, July and August. Those interested in joining the *Célébrations 2012* committee are invited to contact Alexander Reford.

**Les Amis des Jardins de Métis** is a not for profit corporation founded in February 1995 by Les Ateliers Plein Soleil and members of the Reford family. The board of directors is composed of: Guy D'Anjou, Alexander Reford, Lewis Reford, Jacqueline Roy, Jean-Yves Roy and Sally Tingley.

The International Garden Festival is administered by the **Fondation des Jardins de Métis**, whose board is composed of Stuart Webster, Lesley Johnstone, Lisa Rapoport, Alexander Reford and Lewis Reford.

Amis des Jardins de Métis

# Bulletin

Spring 2011

**Jardins de Métis**  
 200, route 132  
 Grand-Métis (Québec)  
 G0J 1Z0  
 418 775-2222  
 www.jardinsdemetis.com

Also available in English.



Partenaire depuis 1999

May 2011



## Gardens to Open for the Season on Saturday, June 4

Les Jardins de Métis open for their 49<sup>th</sup> season on Saturday, June 4. The season promises an extraordinary edition of the International Garden Festival, literary teas featuring leading authors, musical brunches from Father's Day to Labour Day and many new features in the gardens.

## Musical Brunches Begin on Father's Day

Father's Day is a wonderful occasion to celebrate a special man and with family around a table in Estevan Lodge with a delicious musical meal. The special Father's Day brunch (Sunday, June 19) will be the first of the season and will feature popular local jazz musicians led by drummer Karl Desjardins and his ensemble Jazz'N Blue. Musical brunches will be held every Sunday thereafter, with musicians Gilles Blais – HOLOS, Martin Roussel and Steeve St-Pierre, guitar prodigy Nicolas Migneault, pianist Line Croft, Gilles Blais and Eddy Métivier, Cylia Themens and La belle et l'Ingénu, a special presentation by musicians as part of the Concerts aux Îles du Bic chamber music festival, jazz vocalist Helena Urfer-Allan, Karl Desjardins and Vibra Fun and to end the season, a special presentation from the Festi Jazz international de Rimouski.

Consult our web site to learn more about the musicians and their programs. Sponsors for this year's brunches are IGA Alimentation de La Mitis, Caisse Desjardins de Mont-Joli, Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Bas-Saint-Laurent and MacDougall, MacDougall and MacTier.

## Chef Ferry on Television



Pierre-Olivier Ferry, Caroline Dumas and Jean-Michel Dufaux from La Cantine

Chef Pierre-Olivier Ferry was the star attraction on a recent program on *La Cantine* on the V channel. To see the program, go to the V web site ([www.vetele.ca](http://www.vetele.ca)) and click on *La Cantine* and *Recette* and then choose the May 5 program, *Recette de carottes jaunes*.

Les Jardins de Métis and Pierre-Olivier Ferry will also be featured on an episode of *Jardins*, a new series that is being broadcast on ARTV. Consult our web site and Facebook to follow all of our news.

## Estevan Lodge to Offer Regional Delicacies

The dining rooms of Estevan Lodge open on Saturday, June 4 with the annual inaugural special dinner featuring local producers and a selection of their best new products. Chef Pierre-Olivier Ferry and his team of 20 are preparing for a busy season, with ten weddings, benefit events for the Mitis River Park and the International Garden Festival and the annual Wine and Cheese for the CLAC. Luncheon service will begin in the dining rooms on Tuesday, June 14, with a new menu featuring a selection of Fourchette Bleue fish, lamb and other locally sourced produce. New this season! Cocktails and *canapés* in the afternoon. Musical brunches and literary teas round out the culinary program. For more information or to reserve, call (418) 775-2221, x 241.

## Literary Teas Featuring Authors and Musicians

The Gardens will play host to eight authors as part of the 2011 lineup of the popular literary tea series developed by the Carrefour de la littérature, des arts et de la culture (CLAC). The literary teas are held on Sunday afternoon and this year will feature authors Gilles Archambault (July 3), Danielle Laurin (July 17), Paul Almond (July 24), Monique Larue (August 7), Rachel Leclerc (August 14), Rodney St-Éloi (September 18) and Jacques Côté and Louis Drainville (September 25). Film director and now novelist, Paul Almond will present his new novel *The Survivor*, in English. Musicians provide the ambiance and each literary tea features a fine selection of teas (and wines) and a light menu of sandwiches and scones. Books by the authors are available for sale at each event. The Gardens are also hosting the CLAC's annual wine and cheese event on Saturday, September 17, a fixture in the region's culinary and cultural calendar. For more information on the literary teas and the CLAC, consult the literary tea flyer or [www.clac-mitis.org](http://www.clac-mitis.org).

## New Works Added to Sculpture Walk

In collaboration with the Musée régional de Rimouski, and with the assistance of the Canada Council for the Arts, the Gardens have added three new sculptures to the collection. Two works by Jean Brillant, *Aube*, 2004 and *Chimère*, 2007 on exhibition in the gardens since 2007, have been acquired by the Musée régional de Rimouski for display at the gardens. A new work by Michel Saulnier, *Sentier*, 2011 will be installed in the gardens in June. Also featured this summer is a work on plexiglass by St. Octave painter and artist Marie-Claude Hamel. An official opening and a visit of the sculpture walk will be held on Sunday, June 19 for members of the gardens and of the Musée régional de Rimouski.

Over the years, the Garden's have begun a permanent collection of works by artists whose work has been exhibited at Estevan Lodge. The permanent collection includes works by Dominique Blain, Denise Pelletier, Linda Rutenberg and Louise Tanguay. A campaign is underway to acquire "Elsie", the beautiful and monumental equine painting of Elsie Reford

by Rasa Pavilanis following its successful exhibition last summer.

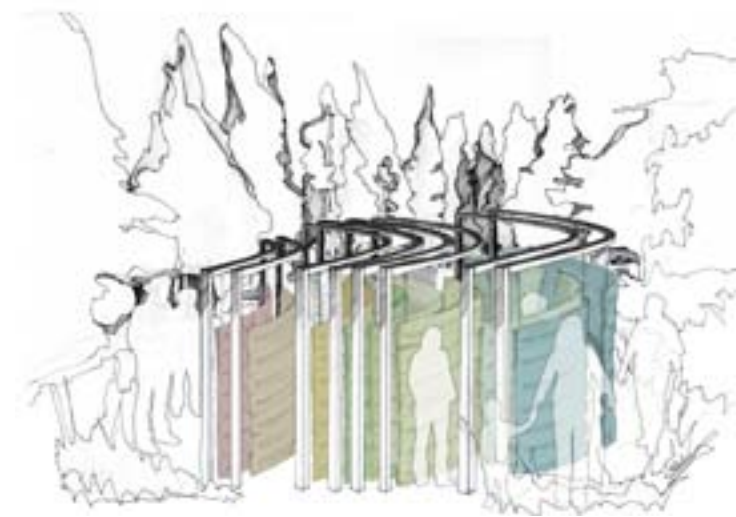
## Bertrand Carrière Photographs of the Gaspé to be Exhibited at Estevan Lodge

The exhibition room in Estevan Lodge will host *Après Strand Bertrand Carrière*, an exhibition of images by photographer Bertrand Carrière. Prepared in collaboration with the Musée régional de Rimouski and its director Franck Michel, the exhibition will feature 30 photographs taken by Bertrand Carrière over the summer of 2010. Bertrand Carrière followed in the footsteps of American photographer Paul Strand whose photographs of the Gaspé Peninsula taken in the 1926 and 1936 rank among his best work. Bertrand Carrière's photographs will be on exhibit from June 19 in the Thérèse Beaulieu-Roy Room in Estevan Lodge.

## Show and Sale of Works by Artist Richard Fortin

Rimouski artist Richard Fortin will be showing his paintings of gardens and landscapes in Estevan Lodge from June 4 to July 17. Well-known for his paintings of seascapes along the St. Lawrence near Pointe-au-Père and his exhibitions throughout the region, he will bring his passion for painting to the gardens where his work will be on view and for sale in the video room.

## International Garden Festival to feature designers from New York, Berlin, London and Sydney



The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Garden Festival will exhibit a record 23 gardens. Three of New York's most accomplished designers will create new gardens, Ken Smith, Diane Balmori and Michael Van Valkenburgh. They will be joined by three designers chosen by international competition, from the United Kingdom Heather Ring, Brenda Parker and Synnøve Fredricks, from Australia Terragram (Vladimir Sitta, Anita Madura and Robert Faber) and various parts of the world, Urbanbees (Marco Ascitti, Farzaneh Bahrami, Enrique Enriquez, Matteo Muggianu). Also joining the lineup is a

garden created by professors and students of the *Graduate School of Design* at Harvard University who will present a garden at the entrance to the Festival. The new gardens will incorporate windows, massive marble boulders and even float on the St. Lawrence. Experiences will range from traversing a curtain of many coloured algae, promenading on a bed of pure white salt and entering the dark and sinister world of the roots of plants growing overhead. The Festival will also feature an award-winning installation by Toronto landscape architects Pete and Alissa North, *Verdant Walk*, that has arrived after several years of exhibition in Cleveland. Fifteen gardens from past editions of the Festival will be renewed and re-invented for the 2011 edition as part of its theme of secret gardens.

The Festival opening is on Friday, June 24. A special roundtable will be held on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> featuring presentations on the gardens and landscape creations by designers from Berlin, New York and Toronto.

## Gardens to host chefs Marc-André Jetté and Patrice Demers at Culinary Event in August



Patrice Demers, Marie-Josée Beaudoin and Marc-André Jetté from the Restaurant Les 400 Coups

Chef Pierre-Olivier Ferry will welcome guest chefs Marc-André Jetté and Patrice Demers from the new and already reputed Montréal Restaurant Les 400 Coups. The special dinner on Sunday, August 21 will be a fundraising event in aid of the International Garden Festival. Tickets are \$200 (price includes meal, wine, tax and service and a donation receipt of \$130). The special menu prepared by Marc-André Jetté and Patrice Demers will feature a selection of local produce and some of the exuberant culinary creations and desserts for which this duo of chefs are well-known. For tickets call (418) 775-2221.

## Festival to be the Featured Charity of the Tournoi de Golf des Architectes du Québec

The International Garden Festival has been chosen was one of the charities to be supported by the 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the Tournoi de golf des architectes du Québec. The annual charity golf tournament identifies one or more charities as the recipient of the contributions made by those attending and

the International Garden Festival is one of two beneficiaries this year. The tournament will be held on Thursday, August 11 at the Golf de golf La Madelaine. For more information, [www.TGAQ.net](http://www.TGAQ.net)

## Garden Sheds Triumph at Canada Blooms



How green is the garden? presented at Canada Blooms in March

The International Garden Festival presented 5 colourful garden sheds by designer Deborah Nagan at Canada Blooms in Toronto in March where the garden was awarded the *Lesley L. Solty Memorial Award* for best overall creativity in garden design. The gardens have presented many feature gardens at Canada Blooms over the past decade, where they are usually greeted with delight. This year was no exception, with the 5 sheds and their contents intriguing and confounding visitors.

## Twice Upon a Garden Continues its Round the World Tour

Philippe Baylaucq's award-winning film, *Twice Upon a Garden (Il était deux fois un jardin)* continues its global tour, with screenings in London, Chicago, New York and Martha's Vineyard. From January to March, the film was screened on the in-flight entertainment system of Air Canada where it was seen by thousands of travelers. The London première will be on Tuesday, June 7 at the *Curzon Soho Theatre* followed by a discussion led by author and garden historian Tim Richardson and featuring UK designers from past editions of the Festival. The film will also be presented at the *Architecture and Design Film Festival* in Chicago (May 5 to 9) and New York (October 19 to 23) and the *Martha's Vineyard Film Festival* in September. The French language version *Il était deux fois un jardin* will have its inaugural broadcast on ARTV on Victoria Day weekend, on Sunday, May 22 at 8 pm and will enjoy a repeat broadcast on the holiday, Monday, May 23 at 1.30 pm.

## Gardens to host National Aboriginal Day Activities

The Garden will host the National Aboriginal Day on Tuesday, June 21. Local indigenous peoples and members of the Métis Nation will be on hand to present their artisanat and lead a celebration to celebrate the summer solstice.