

# GROWERTALKS

## GT in Brief

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## PPA National Symposium Set for Canada

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The 2023 Perennial Plant Association (PPA) National Symposium is one that everyone should participate in at least once. The meeting will take place this year in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, for a week designed to highlight the wonders of perennial plants.

From tours of public and private gardens to education crafted for diverse industry interests, this is THE event for perennial plant people. The National Symposium will be hosted at the Sheraton Fallsview in Niagara Falls, Ontario, from July 24-28, with tours exploring into the surrounding areas.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend education, tours, socials, an evening garden dinner, plus a trade show, and can choose to participate in the weeklong experience (Monday to Friday) or a three-day Core Symposium (Tuesday and Wednesday).

Speaker highlights include:

- Mark and Ben Cullen, Expert Garden Communicators
- Gary Lewis of Phoenix Perennials
- Dr. Allan Armitage, Renowned Horticulturist, Researcher and Speaker
- Tony Spencer of The New Perennialist
- Patrick Cullina of Patrick Cullina Horticultural Design and Consulting

Tour attractions include:

- Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens & Butterfly Conservatory
- Sheridan Nurseries
- Terra Watertown
- Kayanase Nursery and Ecological Restoration
- Watering Can Flower Market

Plan on making lasting connections during evening visits and social events, which include the Royal Botanical Gardens' Rock Garden for a special tour and dinner. PPA's National Symposium follows traditions started over 30 years ago, but incorporates something new each year.

The early bird registration deadline is June 14, 2023, and final registration deadline is July 12, 2023. For more information and to register go to [perennialplant.org/page/NationalSymposium](https://perennialplant.org/page/NationalSymposium). **GT**