

## Garden Tour showcased Nobleton and King City

The sun shone, the people came and the gardens were beautiful.

Sunday, July 14, the Nobleton and King City Horticultural Society held a garden tour that had people amazed at the variety of gardens we have, taking notes and photos of the plants and features they saw and appreciating the charms of King Township. First of all, thanks to the garden owners. They generously agreed to let people visit their properties and they worked tremendously hard (most of the owners do their own gardening) to make the gardens peak on the day. The extra efforts owners made to explain their gardens and make people feel welcome were outstanding.

We are grateful to the Nobleton and King City Horticultural Society members who helped make the event a success. The Garden Tour Committee worked especially hard, starting in July 2012. Hundreds of hours went into such tasks as lining up the gardens, ticket design and publicity. The society members sold tickets and went to various events to spread the word. This work is essential and kudos to all who contributed.

The community also supported the tour: Black Forest Garden Centre, King Guardian Drugs and the Nobleton Pharmacy agreed to sell our tickets and many more businesses and Township locations put our posters in their windows; local newspapers publicized our event; and the lunch booth at the King City Farmers' Market, Pine Farms Orchard and the Cappuccino Bakery in Nobleton had garden tour specials for patrons to enjoy. One business provided rosebud tea samples. We appreciate all your help.

Nearly 200 visitors came to see the tour gardens. One had only to hear some of the people say, 'I've never been on a garden tour before ? it's fantastic!?' to know that all the effort was worthwhile.

Thanks, everyone.

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Chair, Garden Tour Committee