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Botanical Gardens Across Canada Team up with Compost Council to Celebrate Gardening and Dig-in to the Growing Season Ahead

Coast-to-Coast Tour to feature Special Presentations to both Inspire and Celebrate Canadian Gardening

From St. John's to Vancouver, Canadian gardening and its many possibilities will be celebrated through a series of presentations featuring well-known gardening experts: Mark Cullen, Owen Reeves and Albert Mondor. The tour will be held during *International Compost Awareness Week* (May 7 – 13) as part of Canada's Sesquicentennial Year.

Created through an initiative between The Compost Council of Canada and MUN Botanical Garden (St. John's NL), Les Jardins de Métis/Reford Gardens (Grand Métis QC), Toronto Botanical Garden (Toronto ON), The Arboretum at the University of Guelph (Guelph ON) and VanDusen Botanical Garden (Vancouver BC) along with a partnership with Debra Dynes Family House and the Ottawa Food Bank (Ottawa ON), these special public events (tickets available by visiting www.compost.org) aim to both inspire and celebrate gardening in Canada while also helping raise funds for these important gardening organizations and local programs. The tour is being supported by Premier Tech and BIOMAX® CQA-certified compost.

"Canadians love to garden. And in this special year of celebrations, it's wonderful to kick-off the gardening season with these inspiring experts who will help us dig a little deeper into the joys of gardening while also supporting these great gardens and programs," said Susan Antler, executive director, The Compost Council of Canada. "These events, just like gardening, promise to be both fun and full-of-learning, whether you are a first-time or seasoned gardener."

The tour schedule is as follows with tickets being available for sale through www.compost.org.

<p>Date & Time: Sunday May 7th 2:00 PM</p> <p>Featuring: Owen Reeves</p> <p>In Support of: MUN Botanical Garden Location: 306 Mount Scio Road St. John's, NL A1B 4L6</p>	<p>Date & Time: Tuesday May 9th 7:00 PM</p> <p>Featuring: Albert Mondor</p> <p>In Support of: Debra Dynes Family House & The Ottawa Food Bank Location: Jean Pigott Place @ Ottawa City Hall 110 Laurier Avenue West Ottawa, ON K1P 1J1</p>	<p>Date & Time: Wednesday May 10th 7:00 PM</p> <p>Featuring : Albert Mondor</p> <p>In Support of : Les Jardins de Métis – Reford Gardens Location: Salle Desjardins-Telus 25 rue St-Germain Ouest Rimouski QC G5L 4B4</p>
<p>Date & Time: Thursday May 11th 7:00 PM</p> <p>Featuring: Owen Reeves</p> <p>In Support of: VanDusen Botanical Garden Location: 5251 Oak Street Vancouver, BC V6M 4H1</p>	<p>Date & Time: Friday May 12th 8:30AM</p> <p>Featuring: Mark Cullen</p> <p>In Support of: Toronto Botanical Garden Location: 777 Lawrence Avenue East Toronto, ON M3C 1P2</p>	<p>Date & Time: Friday May 12th 7:00 PM</p> <p>Featuring: Owen Reeves</p> <p>In Support of: The Arboretum, The University of Guelph Location: College Avenue East Guelph, ON N1G 2W1</p>

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