



**Ottawa Valley
Rock Garden &
Horticultural Society**
A Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society

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The Ottawa Botanical Garden Society and
The Ottawa Valley Rock Garden & Horticultural Society
proudly present a talk by **Dave Demers**

**Grasses and Grasscapes:
From the Four Corners of the Earth to You**

Dave Demers, an expert on grasses from around the world, will delight you with his sumptuous photographs of grasscapes in the wild, and in cutting-edge gardens. His talk will help you choose the best grass cultivars to use in our northern landscapes.

Mr. Demers, a modern day plant hunter and garden designer, has traveled the world to discover plants in their native habitats. On his visits to China, Peru, India, Bhutan, South Africa, Mongolia and Chile, to name just a few of the countries he has visited, he has studied one of the most successful of the plant families – that of the Poaceae or Grass Family.

Mr. Demers has an extensive and varied horticultural career: head horticulturist at the historic garden Le Domaine Joly de Lotbinière, Québec; event programmer and tour guide in public and private gardens in Québec; garden judge; founding member of the Québec chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society; author of numerous articles for prestigious magazines such as Quatre-Temps (published by the Friends of the Montréal Botanical Garden), The Plantsman (The Royal Horticultural Society, England), and most recently Fine Gardening (The Taunton Press, USA). Dave owns Cyan Horticulture, a design-build landscape company in Vancouver, where he is a much sought-after consultant and garden designer. www.cyanhorticulture.com

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| When: | Monday, December 8 th , 2008 at 7:00 p.m. |
| Where: | The Library and Archives Canada 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa |
| Cost: | Individual members of the OBGS and OVRGHS \$10 Group members of the OBGS \$15 General Public \$20 |

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For further information or to arrange an interview with Dave Demers:
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