



OTTAWA BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY  
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**For immediate release**

**The Ottawa Botanical Garden Society and the Barrhaven Garden Club**

present

## **Des Kennedy The Gardens of Ireland**

Des Kennedy, award-winning journalist, broadcaster, environmental activist, author and unrepentant gardener will lead his audience on a visual and literary exploration of the lush landscapes and gardens of the Emerald Isle. Employing poetry and historical reference, Kennedy will touch upon the mystical and tragic elements of the Irish condition and its artistic glory. We will visit both the wild seascapes of Connemara, the Ring of Kerry, and several public and private gardens.

Nominated three times for the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour, Mr. Kennedy will also read an excerpt from his "Passionate Encounters in the Garden", a steamy satire on the passionate life of the gardener - attractions, flirtations, infatuations, and promiscuities.....

Des has written extensively on gardening, environmental issues and rural living for a wide variety of publications in Canada and the United States. He has served as co-writer and host of several television documentary series dealing with social and environmental issues, and is the author of several novels and gardening books including: *Living Things We Love to Hate*, *The Garden Club*, and *The Passionate Gardener*. The television series 'Recreating Eden' says: "His humour, irreverence and passion for gardening and the natural world have made him a must see speaker in demand across Canada."

"The Gardens of Ireland" has been made possible through a generous donation from Waste Management of Canada Corporation.

### **The Gardens of Ireland**

**When:** **Tuesday, May 13th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Where:** **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE:**

**St. Paul High School Auditorium**

**265 Draper Avenue, Ottawa**

**Cost:** **Individual members of the OBGS & the BGC**                      **\$7**

**Group members of the OBGS**    **\$12**

**General Public**    **\$15**

To order a ticket: send a cheque and self-addressed stamped envelope to *The Ottawa Botanical Garden Society, P.O. Box 74009, 5 Beechwood Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1M 2H9*. For further inquiries: phone the OBGS at 613-747-0600 or email: [eventcoordinator@ottawagarden.ca](mailto:eventcoordinator@ottawagarden.ca). For more information or to arrange an interview with Des Kennedy, phone: 250-335-0400 or contact him at: [desandsandydi@gmail.com](mailto:desandsandydi@gmail.com)

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