



RIDEAU CANAL GARDEN TOURS

Calling All Gardeners!

The Rideau Canal Festival offers gardening enthusiasts a unique and rare opportunity to tour the beautiful gardens along the Rideau Canal. These Gardens are famous for the beautiful tulip displays in the spring, but there is very little promotion of the extraordinary display of annuals over the summer.

In fact very little is known about the origin and the history of the gardens along the Rideau Canal. Join **Gérald Lajeunesse** and **Dorota Grudniewicz** of the National Capital Commission; and **Jane Panet** of the Ottawa Botanical Garden Society as they weave the story of the origins of the gardening beds along the Rideau Canal, the structure and strategy of the modern day displays, and the dreams for the future.

No registration required. For more details about the Rideau Canal Festival, visit www.rideaucanalfestival.ca.

Date: Friday, August 1 to Monday, August 4, 2008

Time: 10:00 am

Duration: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Location: Dows Lake/Commissioners Park

About the Rideau Canal Festival: This August long weekend outdoor Ottawa comes alive with the first-ever Rideau Canal Festival celebrating Ontario's only UNESCO World Heritage Site. Get out to the Canal, Dows Lake, Confederation Park and the Bytown Museum for four days of history and heritage, colourful flotillas, canoeing, and more—all in the spirit of UNESCO's commitment to the preservation of the environment. An eco-friendly event with activities open to everyone, the Rideau Canal Festival is a midsummer celebration you won't want to miss!

FLOTILLAS, FESTIVITIES & ALL-OUT FUN!