

PUBLIC GARDENS TOUR – *Burritt's Rapids Continued*



**Stop #5: Community Hall Gardens
(23 Grenville Street)**

In 2008 and 2009, gardens were designed and created to enhance the entrance to our Community Hall.

Take note also of the garden boxes, the benches, and the cedar hedge which is an entryway to the Community Hall park.

The millstone was one used in the mills that operated in the area, in a bygone era.



**Stop #6: Volunteer Appreciation and
Tribute (23 Grenville Street)**

Take note of the columnar maple tree that is dedicated to the memory of volunteer extraordinaire Patricia Stroulger. Patricia grew up across the street at the TA Kidd House, where her parents ran the general store.

Columnar maples are known for their narrow, upright and compact growth. They are ideal for smaller spaces like this one.

This planting also represented the ambition of the community to reintroduce more trees to the main street, many of which had been unceremonious cut down years ago.



**Stop #7: The Spirit of Burritt's Rapids
Daylily (23 Grenville Street)**

In 2011, a pale yellow daylily was developed and christened 'The Spirit of Burritt's Rapids' to commemorate the village's gardens.

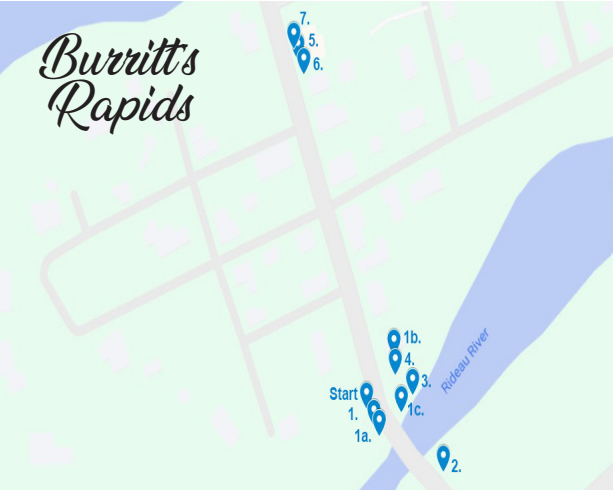
Initially grown by Whitehouse Perennials, the daylily is featured in our public gardens and is found in many private gardens as well.

As the daylily is no longer available for purchase from Whitehouse Perennials, each year divisions are taken from our Hall gardens and provided to residents.

Congratulations!

You've reached the end of the Public Gardens Tour. We hope you've enjoyed taking a moment to smell the flowers. Please feel free to explore more of the village or check out our other tours of the region.

See you next time!

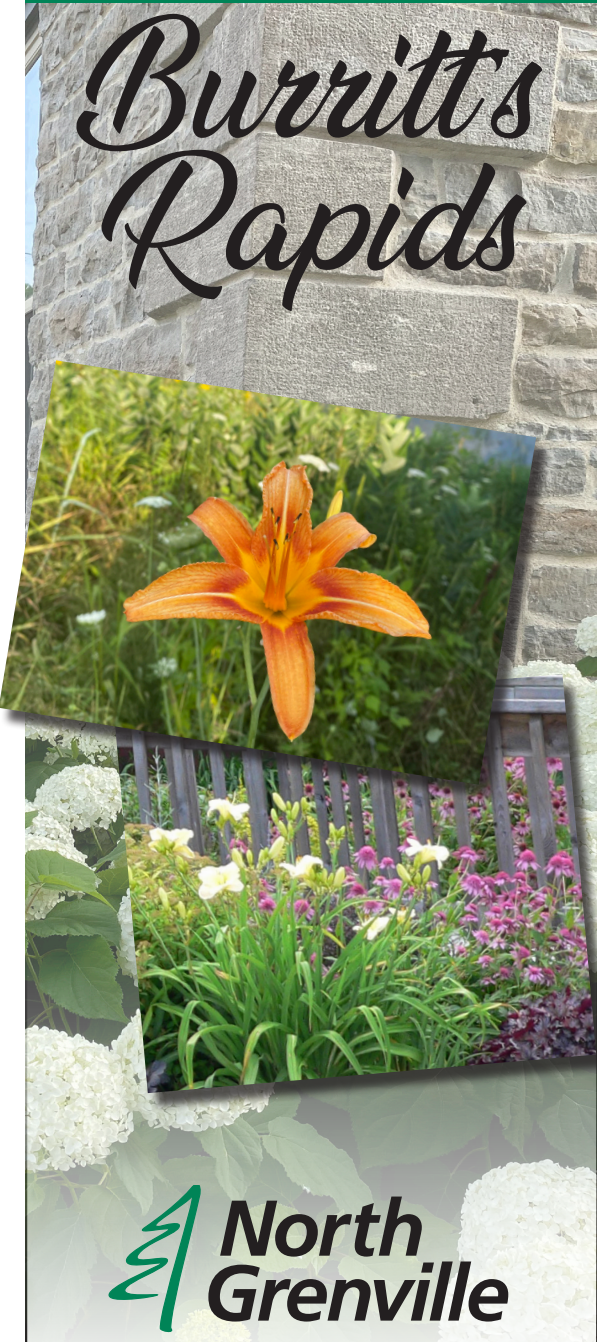


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Welcome to the Public Gardens Tour



A community for over 225 years, Burritt's Rapids has had a long history of gardens—even appearing in the Canadian Gardening magazine in the 1990s. Do you ever wonder what plants were common in the area throughout this time?

According to some texts, lilacs, hydrangea, irises, daffodils, hyacinths, roses, peonies and daylilies were all common in Ontario gardens in the 19th century. While we don't know exactly what varieties were grown in Burritt's Rapids, these classic 19th century plants are still abundant in private gardens around the village today.

In 2005, planning began for the creation of a special public garden, to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Rideau Canal by Burritt's Rapids' "Village Greening" group. If you know gardeners, over time their flower beds tend to slowly grow in number and size. So too have the public gardens here!

This walking tour is a short showcase of some of the stories of the gardens here and will take 15-30 minutes.

Note: All the public gardens are maintained by village volunteers working in teams: providing for learning and community building. The community is grateful to the volunteers and to the Burritt's Rapids Community Association (BRCA) for covering gardening expenses.

Stop #1: 175th Anniversary Gardens

In August 2007, Village Greening for Rideau 175 opened its gardens to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the building of the Rideau Canal. These gardens were planned and created with community consultation, government approval, public and private funding and old-fashioned community digging. It can be experienced in three parts as follows:

Stop #1a: Burritt's Rapids Park

With the cooperation of Parks Canada, a series of three garden beds were created here, with benches to relax on and enjoy the scenery. In this display you will also see a tribute in stone to the supporters of the project and the children of the village at that time.



Stop #1b: Bridge Master's House (1 Grenville Street)

The front and both sides of the Bridge Master's House have been dressed in tribute to this historic building.

Each side's flower beds have been chosen to take advantage of the variety of natural light at this location.

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Also a Parks Canada property, it served as the community library until 2024.

Stop #1c: Swing Bridge Park

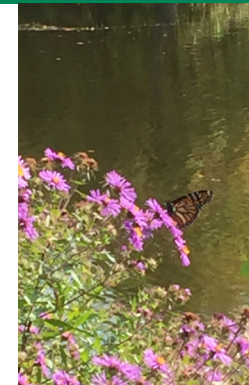
Simple and elegant, the use of orange daylily gives a light look to the swing bridge, especially when in bloom starting in July.



Stop #2: Maple Trees (Parks Canada Boat Launch)

In 2012, four native maple trees were planted southeast of the Swing Bridge in the area of the boat launch.

In the future, these trees will provide much needed shade in that area.



Stop #3: Butterfly Gardens (Northeast side of Swing Bridge)

In 2016, a Butterfly Garden was created beside the Rideau Canal near the Swing Bridge. The garden was created following the Monarch Watch guidelines from the University of Kansas

that include plant species, density parameters, and specific maintenance requirements. The garden has an intentional wild, natural appearance. It is registered with Monarch Watch as an official Monarch Waystation.



Stop #4: Memorial Tree to 200th Anniversary of the founding of Burritt's Rapids (1 Grenville Street)

Okay, this one wasn't planted by Village Greening, but it is an important memorial for the community. This tree was planted in a special ceremony on June 26, 1993, in tribute to the bicentennial of Burritt's Rapids' founding. No doubt events like this one inspired the future Village Greening group in their efforts to enhance and beautify the community.