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## Have A Seat - Norfolk Horticultural Societies Team Up To Donate New Benches! *“Gift inspires new Legacy Program”*

(August 28, 2013 Wilsonville, Ontario Norfolk County) – Whistling Garden’s cozy new botanical gardens Waiting Area located under the 85 year old Cottonwood tree, is now complete, thanks to the generosity of local Norfolk County Horticultural Societies.



*“Norfolk County has heart! Our family has received goodwill and encouragement from so many community groups, churches, businesses and private citizens offering generous in-kind gifts of services, volunteering and donations towards the ongoing development and maintenance of the gardens, this has really caught us by surprise. From day one, our local Horticultural Societies have been cheering us on! Once visitors become aware of our story, kindness and inspiration follow, we can’t thank you enough for your support,”* share Darren and Wanda Heimbecker.

As the building of Norfolk’s first botanical gardens continues for generations to enjoy, the Heimbeckers realize it’s time to establish a **Legacy Program** to recognize generous gifts in the names of families, in memoriam, organizations and businesses. *“Fellow nature lovers are acknowledging the value of the rare botanical collections, public education services and unique garden venue to*

(Photo back left to right) - Anne Faulkner, President, Port Dover & Woodhouse Horticultural Society  
 Bob Williams, President, Simcoe & District Horticultural Society  
 Darren Heimbecker, Owner Whistling Gardens  
 Terri Vanbruggen, Secretary, Waterford & District Horticultural Society  
 Dottie Smith, President, Delhi & District Horticultural Society  
 Donna Hussey, Ontario Horticultural Association Director District Six

host meetings and celebrations <http://www.whistlinggardens.ca/mission.php> As the gardens do not receive provincial or federal funding, we will continue to invest our daily passion creating a place of beauty and respite for our community,” The Heimbeckers.

**Whistling Gardens gratefully acknowledges two bench donations:**  
**Delhi & District Horticultural Society**  
**Port Dover & Woodhouse Horticultural Society**  
**Simcoe & District Horticultural Society**  
**Waterford & District Horticultural Society**

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 Located in Norfolk County "Ontario's Garden"



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