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Petunia 'Bee's Knees'

TRIAL GARDENS



The former TBG Kitchen Garden will become a feature trial garden this year.

Featured plants sure to draw crowds and delight the senses

By Paul Gellatly, Director of Horticulture

*Dahlia Dalaya
Purple/White*



IF YOU HAVE visited the TBG gardens recently, you likely noticed the current Showcase and Kitchen Garden areas have been completely cleaned out. The plant material formerly planted there has been dispersed throughout the property. The Showcase and Kitchen gardens are ready for the exciting changes, bold combinations and cutting-edge plant material sure to be a delight for the senses and a large draw this coming season.

This spring a new partnership between the Toronto Botanical Garden and Ball Horticultural Company/Ball FloraPlant will light up the Showcase Garden. Hundreds of annuals and perennials will be planted and on display. Normally plant trials and cultivar showcases are not planted in a garden setting but rather, set up in rows or pots. This trial will be a unique opportunity to view the plant material in a carefully thought out garden space. The plants have been chosen by Tanya Carvalho, Territory Manager of Canada at Ball FloraPlant/Selecta; Max Epp, Sales Rep and Horticultural Specialist with Ball

Seed and me, as TBG Director of Horticulture. They will be grown at George Sant and Sons Greenhouses in Kleinberg, Ontario. The company occupies eight acres of covered, heated greenhouses on 85 acres of farmland. Founded in 1947 by George Sant, this fourth-generation family farm is now one of the largest suppliers of annual plugs and cuttings in Canada.

The former President's Choice Showcase Garden will be filled with carefully selected plants from the Ball Flora catalogue to create gardens worthy of the photos sure to be taken. Our TBG horticultural team attended a couple of plant trials last year in anticipation of this exciting new feature garden. There was no shortage of incredible plants, many of which will be planted in our gardens this year. Varieties will include Petunia 'Bee's Knees', an award-winning yellow petunia that stands out above all other yellows brought onto the market to date; Coleus 'Dragon Heart', with its chartreuse green/hot pink leaves and spectacular form; and Dahlia Dalaya Purple/White with blooms that can only be described as perfection!



*Petunia Main Stage
Glacier Sky*



**Paul Gellatly and Tanya
Carvalho at George Sant
& Sons Greenhouses in
Kleinberg, Ont.**

The new feature garden will also encompass the current Kitchen Garden. The vegetable gardening will be done in the Teaching Garden in planters and in the Demonstration Courtyard.

'All the Best and Nothing Else' is Ball's company motto. Ball Horticultural Company has been an institution in the industry since its beginning in 1905. Ball has breeders, researchers and development teams in six continents, spanning 20 countries. Aligning with such an award-winning company is an exciting venture for the TBG as we move towards becoming a world class horticultural destination.

From Angelonia to cannas, dahlias to salvias, there will be towers of green, drifts of red and pops of orange. There will be texture and form in foliage and fragrance in flowers. There will be contrasting and complementary colours. It is sure to be a part of the garden you will want to visit many times this coming year.