

## From the Archives – A Trip to the Etobicoke Greenhouses

Members, welcome to Spring, finally! I know we are all out in our gardens now, starting to plant this year's beds. I am, as certainly you are too, excited that our long winter is over.

For this month's edition, let us go back to 1987 to a trip we took to the Etobicoke gardens. From the picture you can see the many beautiful blooms that were enjoyed that day. Our members certainly enjoyed the trip.

Here is a little history of these beautiful greenhouses from the City of Toronto's webpage. The Etobicoke Greenhouses is now known as the Centennial Park Conservatory. It was built in 1969 and officially opened on March 21, 1970 by Mayor Horton. Originally there was a tropical house and two small wing houses used to produce plants. Now plant production is done in a separate greenhouse, and the wing houses have been transformed into an arid house and a seasonal display house. An interesting fact that I learned was that the production greenhouse is used to grow over 300 000 annuals and perennials that are planted all over the city of Toronto.

Unfortunately, the Centennial Park Conservatory is currently closed due to COVID, however it would be a great place to visit in the future. I hope you enjoyed this little look back in time. See you next month with a new edition of "From the Archives."

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