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Canadian Garden Journalist of the Year

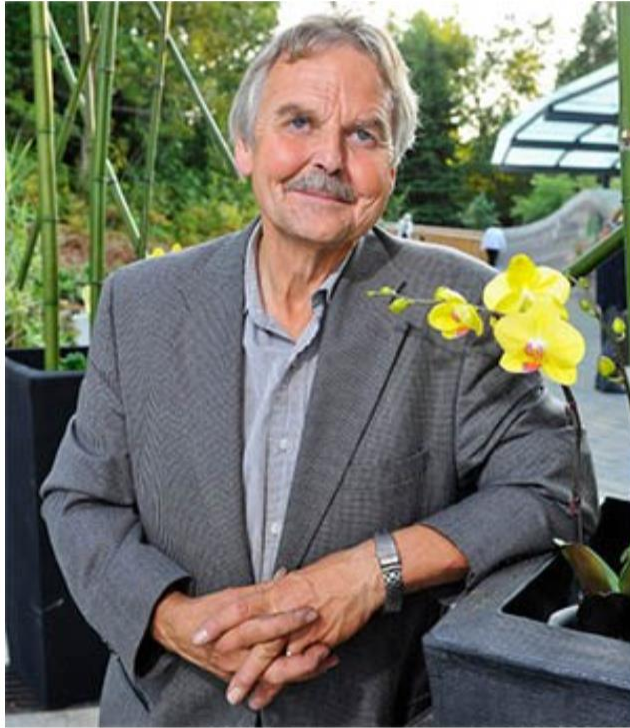
Look who's won an award. Cool.

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Canadian Garden Journalist of the Year

BC has won five of 18 awards handed out today by the Canadian Garden Council at the North American Garden Tourism Conference in Toronto.

I was named Journalist of the Year in the council's 2015 Canadian Garden Tourism Awards.



Brian Minter: Person of the Year

Other BC winners include the Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival (Garden Festival of the Year), Chilliwack horticulturist and nursery owner Brian Minter (Person of the Year), UBC Botanical Garden Greenheart Canopy Walk (New Garden Experience of the Year) and Victoria's Butchart Gardens (Website of the Year).

The awards are presented to organizations and individuals who have “distinguished themselves in the development and promotion of the garden experience as a tourism attraction.”

**Here's a list of all the winners:**

**CANADIAN GARDEN TOURISM AWARDS**

### **1. Garden of the Year**

Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens, NS

Sponsored by: Canadian Nursery Landscape Association

### **2. Botanical Garden of the Year**

Memorial University of Newfoundland Botanical Garden, NFLD

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### **3. New Garden Experience of the Year**

UBC Botanical Garden Greenheart Canopy Walk, BC

Sponsored by: Canadian Nursery Landscape Association

### **4. Garden Destination of the Year**

Niagara Falls, ON

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### **5. Garden Festival of the Year:**

Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival, BC



Linda Poole, president of Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival, which was named the best garden festival in Canada for 2015.

**6. Flower Festival of the Year**

Canadian Tulip Festival, ON

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**7. Garden Event of the Year**

Allan Gardens at Christmas, ON

**8. Flower Event of the Year**

MUN Botanical Garden's Pink Days in Bloom, NFLD

**9. Garden Exhibition of the Year**

Royal Botanical Gardens' Earth Art, ON

**10 Destination Garden Centre of the Year**

Rideau Woodland Ramble, ON

**11. Community of the Year**

Town of Boissevain, MB

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**12. Initiative of the Year**

Misa Tours International, QC

**13. Website of the Year**

The Butchart Gardens, BC

**14. Person of the Year**

Brian Minter, BC

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**15. Journalist of the Year**

Steve Whysall, BC

Sponsored by: Enterprise Canada

**16. Media of the Year**

Canadian Gardening Magazine, ON

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**17. Honourable Mention**

Fleurs Plantes Jardins Magazine – 25th Anniversary, QC

**18. Honourable Mention**

Halifax Public Gardens – Outstanding National Recognition

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