



Gardening award goes to The Sun's Steve Whysall Columnist named journalist of the year from the 2015 Canadian Garden Tourism Awards

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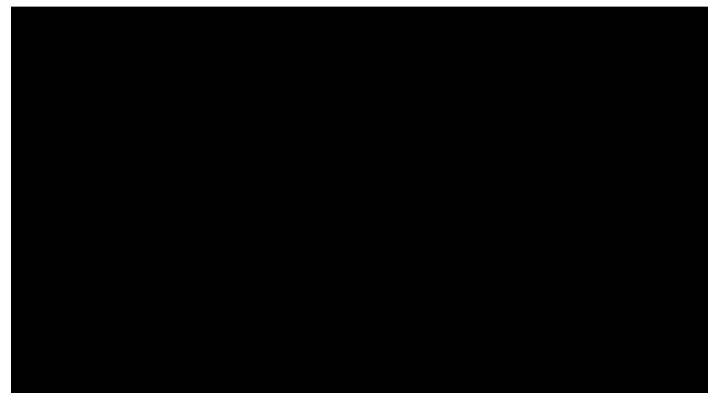
Steve Whysall, The Vancouver Sun's gardening columnist for the past 25 years, has been named journalist of the year by the Canadian Garden Council.

The award was presented in Toronto Tuesday by Peter Kent, MP for Thornhill, Ont., at the North American garden tourism conference.

Five of the 16 recipients (plus two honourable mentions) of the 2015 Canadian Garden Tourism Awards went to British Columbian people or places.

The University of B.C. botanical garden's Greenheart Canopy Walkway was named new garden experience of the year, the Vancouver cherry blossom festival was named garden festival of the year, Butchart Gardens in Victoria received the award for website of the year and gardening expert Brian Minter was named person of the year.

Whysall's full-colour In The Garden page appears every Friday in the Arts and Life section of The Vancouver Sun.



He has authored five books, including The Vancouver Sun's Best Plant Picks, 100 Best Plants for the Coastal Garden (also a revised and updated second edition) and The Blooming Great Gardening Book.

Four of the books became No. 1 bestsellers in B.C.

He was the first recipient of the Communicator of the Year Award given by the B.C. Landscape and Nursery Association in 1999.

Before coming to Canada in 1975, he worked for various newspapers in the U.K., including the London Evening News, Bristol Post and Nottingham Evening Post.

He has also written for various magazines including Canadian Gardening and Gardens Illustrated in the U.K.

Steve and his wife, Loraine, have been married for 39 years and have three children, now all in their 30s.

At their home in Burnaby, they have an English-style garden comprising a mix of trees, shrubs, vines, roses and perennials.

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

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