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The Building of a Great Garden in Burlington

Burlington, Ontario Canada- A public focal point on the waterfront since June 3, 1978 the time had arrived for the center courtyard garden space at the Burlington Art Centre to be revitalized- with plants overgrown and a water feature that did not work. As with all non-profits the Burlington Art Centre was challenged with limited funding to make a dream a reality- to re-vitalize, beautify and create a great garden that would accommodate expanded activities and the growth of the centre's programs and events.



Burlington based, Landscape Architectural Firm, Seferian Design Group- led the project, and principal Landscape Architect Haig Seferian was asked to re-design the garden for the BAC. Haig Seferian says, "It is always an honour to contribute to enhancing the community. The opportunity to update the courtyard garden and bring it into the 21st Century, including updates to ensure accessibility for all people's needs and ages, was rewarding for me and my team. Everyone that worked on creating this great garden demonstrated a commitment to giving back to the community. I've always enjoyed inspiring my peers in the landscape architecture industry to do so. Fortunately our firm is connected with trades and suppliers that share our passion for the development of community enhancement."

Photo to left -Haig Seferian in the Garden Gallery at the Burlington Art Centre

Building the Garden at the Burlington Art Centre, budgeted at \$200,000 00 was only possible through the cultivation of generous gifts of time, talent and tangible goods from people who share a passion and purpose for community space building, including The City of Burlington who also made an investment. This great garden will be enjoyed for years to come with the successful, yet challenging conclusion of this project that was possible through aligning with those who share a philosophy of helping others- an inspiring ideal that eventually everyone pays forward their skills and gifts as they move forward in their lives, for the benefit of the entire community.

We welcome media to attend the grand opening of the new Burlington Art Centre Garden Gallery this Thursday, July 14th, 2011 at 5:00 pm The Mayor, Councillors, MP's and MPP's will be in attendance, as well as all who participated in the development of the garden including Haig Seferian.

