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**1st Annual Garden Party Cultivates \$3,500 for the Norfolk General Hospital Foundation  
“Heritage, Arts, Culture, Nature Attractions and Friends Entertain For the Gift of Health”**

Norfolk County – The 1st Annual Garden Party “*Return to Renaissance*” held on July 27, 2013 brought Norfolk’s finest to Whistling Gardens, raising \$3,500 for the Norfolk General Hospital Foundation.

Local dignitaries, media, Norfolk tourism, culture, heritage, wine, beer, sweet treats, nature and wellness partners all donated their time and talents to support the gift of health. Norfolk County Councilor, Betty Chanyi (Ward 1) welcomed guests during the opening ceremonies. She was joined by Norfolk General Hospital Foundation Director, Karen Oakes and Norfolk County Heritage and Culture Coordinator, Tanya Zajac.

Over 20 community partners donated their talents to provide an afternoon of entertainment and activities celebrating simpler times.

Partners included:

- Norfolk Culture & Heritage Attractions - Port Dover Harbour Museum,
- Teeterville Pioneer Museum,
- Waterford Heritage & Agricultural Museum,
- Delhi Tobacco Museum & Heritage Centre,
- Norfolk Arts Center,
- Simcoe Chamber of Commerce,
- Aldolfo Robert Galuppi,
- Eva Brook Donly Museum & Archives,
- Long Point Region Conservation Authority,
- Canada's First Forestry Station Interpretive Centre,
- Malaga Productions,
- 7 Ponds Digital Marketing,
- WMD Consultants,
- Ontario South Coast Winery & Growers Association,
- Villa Nova Estate Winery,
- Ramblin’ Road Brewery Farm,
- Mcfarland's Olde Tyme Sweet Shoppe,
- Original Kettle Corn,
- Norfolk County Tourism,
- Simcoe Reformer,
- 98.9 My FM,
- SNAP Haldimand-Norfolk,
- Whistling Gardens Programming Team and volunteers.

Proceeds were raised through sales, with proceeds donated by Whistling Gardens, Villa Nova Estate Winery, Ramblin’ Road Brewery Farm, Mcfarland's Olde Tyme Sweet Shoppe, Original Kettle Corn, and voluntary donations. A special presentation from Whistling Gardens to the former property owners, the Bowen family acknowledged their role in establishing Norfolk County’s 1<sup>st</sup> botanical gardens.



Partnership renewals and new contributor discussions are already underway as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Garden Party returns on Saturday, July 26, 2014 with proceeds directed to Norfolk General Hospital Foundation!

The generosity of community partnerships has helped Norfolk General Hospital Foundation treat more patients in a warm and caring environment.

Quotes:

Darren and Wanda Heimbecker: "We've established a good foundation to build a fun annual even for our local hospital, as goodwill and philanthropy are an important part of our long-term vision in operating our botanical garden for our community. "

Julie Powell Norfolk General Hospital Foundation Director: "Community partnerships like these are the heart of the Norfolk Hospital Foundation. We truly value the Whistling Gardens relationship and hope it will thrive and grow in the future."



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Voted: 2013 Canada's Best New Garden Experience  
Located in Norfolk County "Ontario's Garden"