## **Rockland Gardens**

## **Perennial Gardens by Glen Roberts**

## Welcome

<u>Rockland Gardens</u> presents the artistry, gardens and services of Perennial Gardener, Glen Roberts. Glen's in-depth knowledge of flora and blooms comes from personal experience and hard physical work undertaken in the many perennial gardens created and nurtured over the years.

Glen's love of nature and artistic passion for beauty combined with consultation and planning with clients are the building blocks in the creation of a perennial garden that will bloom all season long. A well designed and maintained perennial garden gives pride of ownership and is a focal point for all to share.

Glen's collection of photography is from perennial gardens created and nurtured and can be viewed on <u>Flickr</u>. <u>Digital Oil</u> presents selected photographs filtered in Adobe Photoshop and presented as works of art for digital screens of all sizes. Please view and feel free to select an image for your computer or device.

In season perennial plants can be purchased directly from Glen's nursery and his gardens can be booked by professional photographers for weddings or other special invents. Glen is presently available for full-time, seasonal or contract work and projects.



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## The Perennial Gardener

The Perennial Gardener's passion begins with vision, followed by design, and continues all season long with hard physical work in the building and maintenance of perennial gardens in private and public spaces.

Gardening is living art and The Perennial Gardener is an artist with flower beds acting as canvass and flora and blooms as paint. The flora and bloom palette of annuals, perennials, hostas, grasses, shrubs and trees are nature's gift of goodness, beauty and truth. The Perennial Gardener is One with nature and directs a season long show of colour and shape mixed with contrast and texture, highlighted by fragrant blooms.

The perennial garden is a living picture that flourishes all season long. The Perennial Gardener seeds and plants, waters and fertilizes, weeds and pinches according to day and season. In time the perennial garden becomes a natural sanctuary for reflection and meditation. River rock and stones, benches and pergolas, ponds and fountains are welcomed additions in completing the picture.

The gardening season begins at winter's end as snow crocus sprout, daffodils and tulips bloom signaling the arrival of warmer days and spring time festivals. The Perennial Gardener's vision and hard work of years past takes shape and comes to fruition for all to marvel and celebrate.

The Perennial Gardener recognizes gardening as a spiritual discipline. Eastern and Western history bestows much homage in verse, allegory, and metaphor in the analogy of flora and being. From the Garden of Eden, to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, to the Zen Gardens of the Orient, to the Renaissance Gardens of Europe, civilization has adorned and prided its self in the transcending qualities of the garden. The Impressionists and post-Impressionists painters of the 19th and 20th century like Claude Monet and Vincent van Gogh, validated the universal love and wonder we have for gardens and flowers in the many paintings that adorn the great museums of the world.

The flower is a universal symbol of love and friendship. We present flowers to those we love or for achievements accomplished. Valentine's Day is celebrated worldwide with roses first, then chocolates. Marked occasions such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and funerals are times when flowers are appropriate and appreciated. Our love affair with flowers is eternal and is the binding relationship we have with nature because when we look at a flower we are really looking at our self.

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