



DR. SUN YAT-SEN
CLASSICAL
CHINESE
GARDEN

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Lesley Tannen, BCLNA; Kathy Gibler, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden; Michele McKenzie, president & CEO of the Canadian Tourism Commission

On April 13, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden was a proud winner of the title “Canadian Garden Tourism Garden of the Year”, awarded by Canadian Garden Tourism Council, in consultation with a Canadian and international jury network. The Garden was awarded for providing a world-class garden experience as well as a significant cultural heritage to local and international visitors. The Council also acknowledged the Garden’s title of “World’s Top City Garden”, recently named by National Geographic.

The Garden’s Executive Director Kathy Gibler gratefully accepted the Award. Gibler said “We are so honored to be recognized in our own country as one of the top garden and cultural attractions. We are very touched to see that our efforts are enhancing our visitors’ experience and promoting Vancouver to the world.”

The award was presented at the Annual Canadian and International Garden Tourism Awards Luncheon, sponsored by VIA Rail Canada and hosted by VanDusen Botanical Garden in Vancouver, British Columbia. The 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.

“Gardens are among Canada’s premier tourism destinations, offering unique experiences and attracting visitors from our core and emerging markets,” said Michele McKenzie, President & CEO of the Canadian Tourism Commission as she presented the Awards. Dave Cowen, Chair of the B.C. Garden Tourism Coalition, and General Manager of Butchart Gardens closed the event saying, “Given the enormous number of Canadian and American travellers – almost 14 million annually, as quoted in the latest TAMS report – who include visiting Canadian gardens among the top ten things they want to do while on a holiday.”

For a complete list of winners, please visit <http://www.gardentourismconference.com>

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