

Merlin's Hollow opens Saturday for 37th season



Merlin's Hollow, the famed garden of David and Dierdre Tomlinson will welcome visitors for their 37th season this Saturday. Founded by landscape architect David Tomlinson, and his wife Dierdre, in 1981, Merlin's Hollow is designed as a series of gardens within a garden.

Enclosed by high cedar hedges, each garden has its own distinct character and a series of arches invite the visitor from one garden to the next, say the Tomlinsons. Features within the garden include woodland beds, a fern walk, alpine garden with scree beds, bog beds and a frog pond. Stone walls enclose raised beds of scented flowers, herbs, heritage shrub roses and a thyme lawn. A winter garden and knot garden were added in 1998.

The $\frac{3}{4}$ acre garden contains over 1,500 different plants and will be open on four days this spring and summer, which each day promising a completely different garden as each plant comes into its own.

The first day is this Saturday, May 12, which will showcase spring bulbs, wild flowers and alpine scree.

The next open day will be the second Saturday in June, featuring the fragrant garden, thyme lawn, iris and peonies.

Merlin's Hollow will be open again the first Saturday of July and the Sunday of the following weekend, where visitors will be able to take in the summer flowering perennials, pond and water gardens.

Merlin's Hollow is located on Centre Crescent, which is off Centre Street, just west of Industrial Parkway North.

For more information, call 905-727-8979.