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Passion for Impatiens

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Doug Campbell relaxes among some of the 1500 Impatiens he's planted in his Cooksville garden. The life-long gardener has never seen a better summer for gardening, a \$2 billion-a-year Canadian hobby. **See story page 7.**

Vintage year has gardens in full bloom

Doug Campbell has seen a lot of summers come and go, but he's never seen a better year for gardening than 1996.

Campbell's beautiful garden on Lorelei Rd. in Cooksville has been featured in a number of national magazines and television shows.

And it's never looked finer than it has this summer, when regular rain-falls have meant that Campbell hasn't had to water much.

You could say the 78-year-old Campbell grew up in the garden.

"We lived gardening when I was growing up in Victoria," he recalls. "My mother was an amateur botanist and we had three-quarters of an acre. From the time I was six years old, I was out in the garden."

Campbell has transformed the lot he and his wife bought 32 years ago into a treasure trove of ferns, wildflowers, trees, perennials and annuals.

He has 70 varieties of wildflowers including many different types of trillium, Jack-in-the-Pulpit and Lady Slipper.

He has 75 varieties of daffodil, 100 types of hosta and another 15 that don't have names, 25 types of ferns including a gorgeous painted Japanese fern, 75 varieties of dwarf roses and 20 types of day lilies.

The founder of the Mississauga Garden Council, Campbell made his first deputation to City council 20 years ago supporting establishment of a major public gardens here.

It's one of his greatest disappointments that little progress has been made towards that goal.

But, like all gardeners, Campbell is an optimist by nature. He says he'll just keep planting the seeds of his vision with City bureaucrats and politicians, hoping that one day his dream will bloom.