



**Normand Rosa**  
Retired Head of Horticulture at  
Montréal Nature Museums

Retired since February 2011 from the Biodôme and the Montreal Botanical Gardens after 31 years of service as Manager and Head of Horticulture at the Nature Museums.

From 2004 to 2011, he was responsible for the plant and aquatic collections of different ecosystems of the Biodôme : the Tropical Rainforest, the Laurentian Forest, the Gulf of the Saint-Lawrence and the Sub-Antarctic islands, as well as five production greenhouses and the nursery growing areas.

From 1994 to 2003, as Head of the Montréal Botanical Garden's horticulture division, he was responsible for a team of 105 people and for the good functioning and maintenance of the existing installations: 10 exhibition greenhouses, 42 production and research greenhouses and 32 outdoor gardens, in order to maintain and enrich the collection of 22,000 species and varieties for one of the world's most important botanical gardens.

- Coordinated horticultural events of national and international reach (the International Floralties, Canada Blooms Toronto, Bonzaï exhibitions, etc.) according to norms established within allocated budgets.
- Initiator and project manager since 1998 of the « Great Gardening Weekend », an event involving horticulture professionals from across Quebec (growers, partner organisations, governmental agencies, etc.)
- Implementation of the City Gardens, the Garden of Innovations (a showcase for Quebec horticultural businesses), the First-Nations Garden and the Courtyard of the Senses for the visually handicapped.
- Participated in the creation of the « Butterflies Go Free » event in the exhibition greenhouses in winter, in collaboration with the Montréal Insectarium.
- Guest speaker at various conventions of horticultural associations, representing the City of Montréal.
- Represented the Montréal Botanical Garden at various conventions and exhibitions in Japan, China, Europe and the United States.
- Instructor at the Montréal Botanical Garden School for Horticulture, teaching a course on pruning and propagating ligneous plants and fruit trees.
- Judge in 2005 and 2007 for Communities in Bloom, a Canadian non-profit organisation committed to promoting citizen pride, environmental responsibility and embellishment by community involvement and the challenge of a friendly competition across Canada during the summer, for towns of 100,000 or more inhabitants.

Now retired, he is a consultant in horticulture and arboriculture, and operates a sugar bush to keep fit.