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The Newmarket Horticultural Society  
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Dear Rob and Lorraine,

On behalf of the Newmarket Horticultural Society I want to thank you for the great time we had this summer at Plant Paradise Country Gardens as part of our annual bus tour. On July 12, forty-one gardeners made up of NHS members and their friends assembled at the Newmarket Community Centre at 9:00 a.m. and boarded a bus destined for Plant Paradise Country Gardens and other points of interest. The weather was perfect with only a few clouds in the sky, warm, but not too hot. Our first stop, after a short 45 minute drive along highway 9 and down highway 50, was at Plant Paradise Country Gardens where you greeted us at the door of the bus and took us into your care for the rest of the morning.

Lorraine provided a very informative group guided tour of the extensive gardens, explaining, with the aid of a portable microphone and conveniently located speaker system, the many beautiful perennial plantings, all of which you had grown without the aid of manufactured chemicals. The talk that Lorraine provided our members, during the walk-about in the garden, provided much valuable information about the plants as well as many valuable gardening tips, as evidenced by the large amount of note taking that was observed. Many photo opportunities were presented during the walk-about and we were all free to wonder about the grounds or shop for new specimens in the garden shop area. It was good to see that all of the specimens for sale could also be seen growing in your garden.

Following the tour of the garden, we all gathered together under the special tent you had erected for our visit and you served us with a delightful gourmet boxed lunch meal. How wonderful it was to relax and enjoy the meal and refreshments in full view of your spectacular delphiniums while listening to background instrumental music. We were excited to learn that the music we were listening to was from a CD recording of your own music featuring Rob on the acoustic guitar and Lorraine on the flute.

The adventure we had at Paradise Country Gardens is still talked about at our Society meetings and will be remembered as one of our best bus tours ever. Thanks from all of us at the Newmarket Horticultural Society from being such great hosts and for your flawless organization of this event. We are all talking about returning to Paradise Country Gardens often.

Best Regards,

Gord Langille  
Vice President  
Newmarket Horticultural Society