

July 4, 2006

Newly completed Lois Hole Memorial Garden ready for visitors

Edmonton...Albertans can now pay tribute to the late Lois Hole by visiting a new garden created in her memory on the grounds of the Alberta Legislature.

The Lois Hole Memorial Garden was dedicated during a ceremony July 4 by the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta; Premier Ralph Klein and members of the Hole family.

"Mrs. Hole was a dedicated public servant and a real champion of Alberta and Canada," said Lieutenant Governor Kwong. "I am pleased the government has chosen to recognize her contributions to the province through the creation of this beautiful, permanent garden."

Government announced its intention to create the garden in the 2005 Throne Speech as a tribute to Mrs. Hole, the late Lieutenant Governor who passed away in January 2005 while still in office. In addition to serving as Lieutenant Governor, Mrs. Hole was a successful businesswoman, author, university chancellor and champion of many community projects.

"We wanted to create a place that honours Lois Hole's memory and pays tribute to her passion for horticulture," said Premier Ralph Klein. "This garden adds to the beauty of the Legislature grounds and creates a wonderful haven to reflect on the life and accomplishments of a great Albertan."

The Lois Hole Memorial Garden is located in the northeast corner of the Legislature's south grounds. The terraced garden features a bronze plaque with an inscription and a raised likeness of Mrs. Hole. The plaque is mounted on a boulder and set in a round seating plaza. The garden features a mix of annuals and perennials, five seating areas, wheelchair-accessible paths, and a small sculpture. The Hole family contributed all the flowers, plants, trees and shrubs for the garden, and were consulted during its design. Most of the construction took place in the fall of 2005, with the planting taking place in June 2006.

"Mom would have been thrilled to know that such a beautiful garden was named in her honour," said Jim Hole. "People from all walks of life will have the opportunity to visit the garden and hopefully take a moment to sit or pause and reflect on her legacy. The garden is a wonderful and fitting tribute to my mother, who cared so passionately about this province and this country."

In addition to the memorial garden, the Alberta government has honoured Mrs. Hole's life in other ways, including establishing the Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park and commissioning her official portrait, which now hangs in the Legislature Rotunda.

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Backgrounder: More details on the garden are attached

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Lois Hole Memorial Garden

- Garden announced in Throne Speech March 2, 2005
- Sod turning held September 16, 2005
- Construction (concrete paths, stonework, ironwork etc.) took place fall 2005
- Planting took place in June 2006
- Project cost: \$230,000
- Design by ISL Group
- Construction by PCL Maxam
- Plants supplied by the Hole family
- Sculpture element: small bronzed pot and trowel accompanied by a plaque on a stand

Deciduous Shrubs	Coniferous shrubs	Perennials	Annuals
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abbotswood potentilla• Pink Beauty potentilla• Bailey Compact maple• Purple Pavement rose• Darts Red spirea• Cutleaf Stephanandra• Hansa rose• Magic Carpet spirea• Miss Kim lilac• Rose Glow barberry• Rudy Haag burning bush• Schneezwerg rose• 'Sem' False spirea• Golden Edge dogwood• Coppertina ninebark	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White Bud mugo pine• Gold Lace juniper• Montgomery spruce• Weeping White spruce• Clanbrassiliana spruce• Nest spruce	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bergenia• Blue Oat grass• Daylily• Foerster's Feather Reed grass• Overdam Feather Reed grass• Peony• Silver Mound sage• Sum and Substance hosta	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• African marigold (Marvel series)• Mystic Spires salvia• French marigold (safari series)• Petunia (Royal Madness series)• Petunia (Wave series)• Rudbeckia (Sonora)• Snapdragon (Ribbon series)

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