

**A Tour of Reford Gardens (Les Jardins de Métis)
Talk by David Oldacre to the Halton MG for November 5th 2014**

Topics:

Setting the Scene - The Geography of La Belle Province du Quebec

What are the Reford Gardens, who created them, and where they are

Elsie Reford and her family

The Montreal elite – the Stephens, Meighens, Refords,

A brief history of the Jardins de Metis (Reford Gardens)

The restoration of the Jardins de Metis

The Map of the current layout of the garden

The slide show of the tour

References: A Tour of Reford Gardens (Les Jardins de Métis)

Most of the information about the Geography of Quebec are from Wikipedia and Government of Canada data

The Map of the St Lawrence River beyond Montreal to the Gulf of St Lawrence is at

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ocean_%28train%29#mediaviewer/File:VIA_Rail_Ocean.png

The information on the Climates Zone of Eastern Quebec and new Brunswick are from the Veseys website at

<http://www.veseys.com/ca/en/learn/reference/hardinesszones/newbrunswick>

Sources of information about Jardins de Métis, Elsie Reford and her family

Elsie Reford http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elsie_Reford

History of the gardens <http://www.refordgardens.com/english/gardens/history-elsie-reford.php>

Robert Meighen http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio.php?id_nbr=7600&interval=20

Robert Reford http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Wilson_Reford

Blue Poppy <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meconopsis>

Jardins de Métis <http://epe.lac-bac.gc.ca/100/205/301/ic/cdc/metis/ahome.html>

Restoration of gardens <http://www.refordgardens.com/english/friends-of-the-gardens-presentation.php>

Notes on the individual gardens of Les Jardins de Métis are taken from the official brochure