

## **REGGIE D. MILLETTE**

Since 1995, Reggie D. became a great lover of horticulture. All started when he got a 'burn-out'. To cure his sickness, the doctor told him to go home and watch the birds. He knew nothing in gardening. Then, he took few classes at Montreal botanical Garden and he started designing his garden. He attended many gardening conferences. He read lots of books and lots of magazines. He watched everything he could on television (like HGTV). He visited many public and private gardens. He went to France and visited the Blooming City contest.

Up to 2004 his garden was visited by many garden lovers (more than 400 in 2004) . His garden was the subject of an article in La Presse on June 30th 2000 and there was a six-pages spread in the Fleurs Plantes et Jardins in March 2001. He is a member of the Small garden Association of the Province of Québec, some provincial or national or International Garden Clubs. In May 2002, his garden was shown on HGTV 'Gardener's Diary' from Atlanta, as the first garden shown on that program outside United States. In April 2000 he founded the Quebec Hostas and Hemerocallis Society with more than 400 members as of today. His garden (The garden of the Clown gardener) is still in progress. ... He had more than 600 different hostas in his garden. For two years he was a national judge with the Canadian program 'Communities in Bloom'. He gives lots of conferences on 'The creation of a garden by an amateur gardener' or, 'The world of Hostas' or Daylilies or Irises. He talks in French or in English and gave hundreds of conferences in Canada, United States and even in Europe. His Website (<http://www.millettephotomedia.com>) contains more than 43000 pictures with comments. In 2005 he moved his garden from Roxboro to a bigger lot near Joliette. His hosta collection has now reached 500.

He wrote the first ever written book in French on the world of Hostas, published in March 2003 by Les Éditions de l'Homme. This book covers more than 200 different hostas, with over 500 color pictures on more than 350 pages. It became fast a best-seller. He came second in a book contest in France regarding Gardening books. He has also wrote a book on Daylilies published April 2005. A third book was also published on Irise. Hosta lovers wanted another book about hostas. In 2013 he published his second book on hostas, At the same time the book was also published in English to please the English speaking gardeners.

He takes many pictures (now sold everywhere), and write articles in many Gardening Magazines. He gives many conferences and he was the host of 350 Garden Radio Shows in French every Saturday named 'Le Clown Jardinier' on AM Boomer 1570.

...And his 'burn-out' is completely gone...

Reggie D. Millette

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