

A photograph of a garden path. The path is paved and leads through a lush garden. On the left, there are white and red flowers, and a yellow chair is partially visible. On the right, there are purple and pink flowers. The background is filled with green foliage and trees. The text "ART C. DRYSDALE" is overlaid in the upper part of the image.

ART C. DRYSDALE

GARDENING  
OFF THE  
GROUND

## My book

Over 35 years ago, I wrote a book on gardening in containers.

Hi, I'm Art Drysdale, with news on the latest edition.

My book for balcony gardeners, whether they be apartment or condo dwellers, or even house owners with large decks, covered the whole spectrum of growing plants in containers. The section that attracted the most attention was that of shrub, tree and rose growing in containers, and having the plants live over the Winter, even in areas as cold as Ottawa. Many who like to garden also like to see some plants in the winter, whether covered in snow, or not. I detailed the types of needle evergreens and smaller trees which container gardeners could depend upon for a good display 12 months of the year. The book was quite successful, and though there have been others on similar lines, no other author seemed to go into the detail I did on the variety of plants available for container planting. There are ever-so-many new varieties of annuals, perennials, trees, evergreens and shrubs that have been introduced in the past three decades, and most of these are named in the present edition. I also added an extensive new chapter on water gardening on balconies and decks, even where there is not full sun.

The name of the book is *Gardening Off The Ground*, and it received excellent reviews across the country. It has 168 pages, 70 sketches, six pages of colour photos and cover photo of my balcony.

Now, breaking news, I've just completed converting the book into an e-book which avoids all the costs of printing, shipping and handling. I simply send it to you as easy PDF e-mail attachments.

The price is \$12.99 including HST.

For a copy, simply send me an e-mail to [art@artdrysdale.com](mailto:art@artdrysdale.com) OR call this Toronto number 647-977-7507.

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I'm Art Drysdale !



If you don't have a ground-level garden, but have space for some containers—whether you must garden on an apartment or condo balcony, or would like to landscape a rooftop, or deck—this book is for you! With only a small amount of money (or a larger amount if you wish, of course), a dash of imagination, and very little effort, you can create and maintain the garden you've always wanted for your home off the ground. And, you can enjoy it throughout the year, not just during the Summer. In *GARDENING OFF THE GROUND*, Art Drysdale brings you all the information and advice you need, including suggestions for what to plant, how to plant it, and which type of container to use. You may already be a container gardener—if so, you will be interested in Art's suggestions for alternative and specialized methods of balcony gardening, from hanging baskets to floor gardens. Also detailed are suggestions for growing plants other than the more usual annual and perennials flowers; among them, vines, vegetables, small trees and shrubs, roses, even bulbs and small fruits—for all these can be grown successfully on your balcony. There's even an entire chapter on container water gardens, including for partially shaded balconies.

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