



## **Fredericton Botanic Garden Association Annual General Meeting Report 2006**

*Presented at the Annual Meeting on February 10, 2007*

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## FREDERICTON BOTANIC GARDEN ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## FREDERICTON BOTANIC GARDEN ASSOCIATION, INC.

### Board of Directors Terms

#### Serving to end of 2008

1. Michael Dillon (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
2. George Strunz (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
3. Carmen Stuart (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
4. Carole Peacock (1<sup>st</sup> term)

#### Serving to end of 2007 (New)

1. George Bastin (1st term)
2. Jacques Paynter (1st term)
3. Joel Richardson (1<sup>st</sup> term)\*
4. Vacancy (1st term)\*

#### Serving to end of 2006

1. Lucy Dyer (2<sup>nd</sup> term)\*
2. Joseph Harrison (1st term)\*
3. Brian Parker (1<sup>st</sup> term)\*
4. William Seabrook (1<sup>st</sup> term)\*

An asterisk\* designates members to be elected or reelected at 2007 AGM.



## **Minutes Annual General Meeting February 11, 2006**

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FREDERICTON BOTANIC GARDEN ASSOCIATION  
Annual General Meeting  
February 11, 2006,  
Heritage Centre, Marysville

President Bill Seabrook called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm

Motion: to approve the agenda as printed.  
Moved by George Struntz, seconded by Jacques Paynter  
Motion carried

Approval of the Minutes of 2005 Annual General Meeting  
Motion: to approve the minutes of February 11, 2005  
Moved by Richard Ward, seconded by Lucy Dyer  
Motion carried  
There was no business arising from the Minutes.

### **Financial Report**

Treasurer Mike Dillon reviewed the balance sheet, financial reports and fund raising financial reports for January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005  
Motion: to approve financial reports and balance sheet as presented.  
Moved by Mike Dillon, seconded by Louis Philippe-Albert.

The treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2006.  
Motion: to approve the budget as presented  
Moved by Mike Dillon, seconded by George Strunz

### **President's Report**

Joel Richardson took the chair while President Bill Seabrook presented his report. The President presented the Board Members to the meeting and thanked them for their contributions during the year. He also thanked Graham Allen for his support during the year as the Administrative Assistant.

The success of the ongoing financial campaign was presented. The progress of the application to ACOA's Strategic Community Initiative Fund was discussed. The application for the Foundation 50 grant sponsored by the Fredericton Foundation was mentioned.  
Motion: to accept the President's report as presented  
Moved by Nancy Beltrandi seconded by Nadia Khoury

Four new board members were elected by acclamation, being Michael Dillon, George Strunz, Carmen Stuart, and Carole Peacock



Other Business

There was none.

The Annual General Meeting was adjourned 1:00 pm

The new Board held a meeting and announced the Board executive:

President - Bill Seabrook

Vice President - Joel Richardson

Treasurer - Michael Dillon

Secretary - Joe Harrison.

The meeting adjourned

The Silent Auction followed until 3:00 pm

The Guest Speaker, the Honourable Herménégilde Chiasson spoke on “Zen and the Art of growing morning glories. His Honour was thanked by the Joel Richardson for his presentation.

After which followed refreshments, an opportunity to meet the speaker and Silent Auction results.

Respectfully submitted by Joseph Harrison, Secretary



## Financial Report 2006

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<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Capital Fund Raising		Administration	1002.47
Gift Received	5467.00	Capital Expense	3288.84
Donations		Insurance	2000.00
Gift Recieved	563.00	Total Administration	6291.31
Memorial	50.00	Administration Services	4565.00
Memorial Benches	2000.00	AGM	433.50
Rose Garden	100.00	Building	3931.76
Total Donations	2713.00	Capital Fund Raising	
Talks in the Garden	140.00	Bank Charge	498.41
Gift in Kind	973.80	Campaign Dir	180.00
Grants		Office supplies	34.49
City of Fredericton	25000.00	Training	41.00
Fredericton Foundation	50000.00	Total Capital Fund Raising	753.90
Government of Canada	2009.00	Education	
Province of NB	2844.94	Talks In The Garden	253.06
Total Grants	79853.94	TOTAL Education	253.06
HST Rebate	1297.11	Entry Garden	69454.09
Interest Inc	1826.18	External Communication	454.86
Membership	4560.00	Gifts in Kind	973.80
Boutique	276.00	Membership Services	98.71
Total Membership	4836.00	Postage	320.40
Plant Sale Income	9470.65	Total Membership Services	419.11
Gift in Kind	328.32	Misc	57.02
Silent Auction	648.00	Newsletter	
Total Plant Sale Income	10446.97	Postage	409.52
Raffle Income		Publishing	186.51
market sales	2831.32	Total Newsletter	596.03
member sales	1782.48	Plant Sale	3924.02
Total Raffle Income	4613.80	Gifts in Kind Adjustment	328.32
Rental Income	1245.00	Silent Auction	2.30
Seedy Saturday	118.50	Total Plant Sale	4254.64
Silent Auction Income	2258.81	Raffle	553.22
Gift in Kind	224.55	Seedy Saturday	107.05
Total Silent Auction Income	2483.36	Silent Auction	216.74
Treasured Garden Income	3945.00	Gift in kind adjustment	224.55
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>119959.66</b>	Total Silent Auction	441.29
		Site Development	933.10
		Operating	3130.20
		Garden Tools	210.76
		TOTAL Operating	3340.96
		Salary	11888.00
		CPP Employers Share	456.40
		EI Employers Share	323.73
		Vacation Pay	475.52
		Workmans Compensation	296.08
		TOTAL Salary	13439.73
		TOTAL Site Development	17713.79
		Treasured Garden Tour	1883.58
		Telephone	632.06
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>113769.07</b>
		<b>Net</b>	<b>6190.59</b>



<b>Account Balances</b>	<b>as of December 31, 2006</b>
Bank Accounts	
Chequing	3,071.82
Fundraising RBC	1,471.67
Shares	78,649.30
TOTAL Bank Accounts	83,192.79
Cash Accounts	
Segregated	114.41
Investment Accounts	
Brokerage	9,732.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>93,039.20</b>

## **Budget 2007**

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<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Capital Fund Raising	\$26,000.00	Administration	\$1,800.00
Donations	\$1,000.00	Administration Services	\$4,500.00
Garden Visits	\$200.00	Board Development	\$500.00
GST Rebate	\$2,400.00	Building	\$300.00
Interest	\$1,550.00	Insurance	\$2,000.00
Membership	\$4,000.00	Entrance Garden	\$4,500.00
Boutique	\$400.00	Membership	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$50.00	Boutique	\$200.00
Programs	\$2,500.00	Miscellaneous Expense	\$150.00
Plant Sale	\$15,500.00	Newsletter	\$1,800.00
Raffle	\$5,000.00	External Communications	\$1,000.00
Seedy Saturday	\$130.00	Education	\$200.00
Silent Auction	\$2,000.00	Plant Sale	\$4,000.00
Treasured Garden Tour	\$4,500.00	Raffle	\$1,200.00
Rentals	\$1,200.00	Seedy Saturday	\$100.00
Site Development Grants	\$4,855.00	Silent Auction	\$200.00
		Treasured Garden Tour	\$2,375.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$71,285.00</b>	Recognition	\$250.00
		Site Development	\$27,000.00
		Utilities	\$650.00
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$49,725.00</b>
		<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$21,560.00</b>



**Fredericton Botanic Garden Association  
President's Report 2006  
Presented at the Annual General Meeting on  
February 10, 2007.**

This has been a year of highs and lows for the Botanic Garden. We continued our approach to ACOA and continued our negotiations with the City of Fredericton concerning our business plan. Unfortunately neither of the above was successful. . Our business plan was presented to Council last year and as I mentioned in my last annual report Council sent it to staff for a detailed review. Though we have not yet had official word from the City we understand that there were concerns about the cash flow in the first few years of operation. In a meeting with the City Manager we were informed that the City would like to undertake a feasibility study of its own concerning the Garden. Until Council is satisfied with the financial feasibility of the Garden I doubt that it will be prepared to back our ACOA proposal. Without Council's backing we cannot proceed with this proposal.

In spite of my above report I must say that our relations with the City have been excellent. The City continues to donate generously to the development of the Garden both in capital funds and in goods and services. We continue to have great working relationship with the Department of Parks and Trees. Without the City's support the Garden would not have been able to develop to the extent that it has.

The highlight of the year was the new Entry Garden. This was made possible through a generous donation of \$50,000 from the Fredericton Community Foundation. The Foundation established a special, one time only, competitive grant to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Association entered and won this competition.

**Rapport 2006 du président  
Association du jardin botanique de  
Fredericton  
Présenté à l'assemblée générale annuelle le 10  
février 2007.**

Le Jardin botanique a connu une année remplie de hauts et de bas. Nous avons poursuivi les démarches auprès de l'APÉCA et les négociations avec la ville de Fredericton en rapport à notre plan d'affaire. Malheureusement, aucun progrès n'est à signaler. Comme je l'ai mentionné dans mon dernier rapport annuel, notre plan d'affaire présenté au Conseil municipal l'an dernier a été remis au personnel pour une étude détaillée. Nous n'avons pas reçu de réponse officielle de la ville, bien que nous comprenons que la ville s'inquiète de la liquidité durant les premières années d'exploitation. Lors d'une rencontre avec l'administrateur municipal, nous avons appris que la ville désirait entreprendre sa propre étude de faisabilité sur le Jardin. Jusqu'à ce que le conseil municipal soit satisfait de la faisabilité financière du Jardin, je doute que le conseil soit prêt à appuyer notre demande auprès de l'APÉCA. Et sans l'appui du Conseil, il nous est inutile de procéder avec ce projet.

Malgré cette situation, je dois admettre que nos rapports avec la ville sont excellents. La ville continue de contribuer généreusement au développement du Jardin tant en fonds capitaux qu'en biens et services. Nos relations de travail sont également excellentes avec la Division des parcs et espaces verts. Sans l'appui de la ville, le Jardin n'aurait pas connu le niveau de développement actuel.

La nouvelle entrée du Jardin est le point saillant de l'année. Cette réussite a été rendue possible grâce au don généreux de 50 000 \$ de la Fredericton Community Foundation. Pour célébrer son 50e anniversaire d'existence, la Foundation a offert un octroi spécial, ouvert à la compétition.





I would like to express our most sincere appreciation to the Fredericton Community Foundation. This garden will a joy to all Frederictonians, young and old and will physically represent involvement of the Foundation in our community.

The development of this garden has progressed faster than we had anticipated and is now complete except for the planting of trees and the replanting of the perennial beds. We hope to have an official opening celebration early this summer prior to our annual Treasured Garden Tour.

The proposal to the Fredericton Community Foundation was prepared and presented by Brian Parker who also designed the new entry garden. Our Association owes a tremendous vote of thanks to Brian. Without his efforts this new garden would not have been realized.

We have also initiated a program of memorials within the Garden. The program will have two components, memorial benches and a memorial grove of trees. The fist component, the memorial bench program has already begun with three of the benches having been spoken for. The memorial grove is currently being planned. This grove, possibly of Magnolia trees, will have a polished granite boulder at the entrance with the memorial names inscribed into it.

In closing I would like to thank the members of your Board of Trustees who have worked selflessly for the Garden. I would also like to recognize the efforts of Graham Allen in support of the Association.

Respectfully submitted  
William Seabrook  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

L'Association a présenté sa candidature et a remporté l'octroi.

Je tiens à remercier sincèrement la Fredericton Community Foundation pour ce prix généreux. Le Jardin représente beaucoup pour la population jeune et moins jeune de Fredericton et ce prix constitue une preuve tangible de l'intérêt de la Foundation envers la communauté.

Le développement du Jardin s'est fait plus vite que nous l'avions prévu. Il est complet bien qu'il reste à planter des arbres et replanter les platebandes de vivaces. Nous espérons tenir une cérémonie d'ouverture officielle au début de l'été, avant la Tournée annuelle des Grands Jardins.

La proposition présentée à la Fredericton Community Foundation a été préparée et présentée par Brian Parker, le concepteur de la nouvelle entrée du Jardin. L'Association lui est grandement redevable car, sans les efforts de Brian, ce nouveau Jardin ne serait pas devenu réalité.

Nous avons lancé aussi un programme commémoratif dans le Jardin. Ce programme comporte deux volets: des bancs et un bosquet d'arbres commémoratifs. Le premier, les bancs commémoratifs, est bien parti puisque trois bancs sont déjà réservés. Le bosquet d'arbres commémoratifs, actuellement en élaboration, sera composé vraisemblablement de magnolias et devant lequel un rocher de granit poli portera les noms dont on veut perpétuer le souvenir.

En terminant, je remercie les membres du conseil qui ont travaillé sans relâche pour le Jardin. Je veux aussi souligner le travail assidu de Graham Allen envers l'Association.

Le président,

William Seabrook



## Board Development Committee

*Presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 10, 2007*

An orientation session was held for new Board members on April 19 2006. The purpose was to facilitate and accelerate their familiarisation with the history of the FBG and developments to date, as well as current visions for future development, administration and organization, activities of working sub-committees and opportunities and responsibilities of Board Members. This event was a sequel to a similar orientation session in 2005. Like its predecessor it was deemed successful and informative by all who participated, including the “seasoned” Board members and it is likely that such a session will be organized biennially or possibly annually.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Strunz  
Chair: Board Development Committee  
Nominating Committee

### Board Development Committee Terms of Reference

- i) Review the composition of the Board and committees and the involvement of their respective members annually.
- ii) Recommend changes to the Board and committee structure, terms, etc., that would be most effective and productive for the FBGA.
- iii) Develop a standing list of potential Board and committee members.
- iv) Recruit and nominate qualified candidates to the Board and committees.  
Explain duties and attendance expectations.
- v) Maintain an up-to-date manual for presentation to new Board and committee members.
- vi) Develop and implement an orientation program for new members of the Board and committees.
- vii) Interview each new Board member or committee member at the time of nomination and annually thereafter, to assess their interests, role on the team, and their satisfaction with their current and past involvement.
- viii) Assure ongoing board training for all members.
- ix) Try to assure all members are using their skills effectively and are satisfied with their involvement.
- x) Arrange for recognition of Board and committee members.
- xi) Develop ways to make serving the Botanic Garden organization an enjoyable experience.



### **“Talks in the Garden” Committee**

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The first of the "Talks in the Garden" series for 2006 was an exciting and informative one with Brian Pike of Scott's Nursery. Our talk that evening on January 27, had two themes.

Brian's first theme was on winter plant propagation, starting your garden early with seeds and with cuttings. He then gave us a pre-view of what is new for 2006 in garden annuals, perennials and shrubs.

"Seedy Saturday" was held at St Andrews Presbyterian church hall on February 25

March 30 - Dr. Jim Goltz — a very fine and engaging speaker spoke on how to attract birds and keep them coming back to our winter and summer gardens.

April 27 - Dr. Wayne Albert from UNB's Kinesiology department helped us understand what we can do to prevent repetitive strain injuries while gardening.

Also in April Daryl Hunter gave a Saturday seminar on grafting plants and trees.

End of May — A field trip to Joey Shotanus' and his brother Tim's magnificent fields of tulips. We saw over a half a million tulips in bloom, a delight to behold.

October 19 - Jorge and Eugenia Deitrich local orchid experts gave a talk and showed some of their unique orchids. They are the owners of Orchid Petals Greenhouse involved in orchid production.

November 16 - Wreath Decorating Workshop. This year Karen Cook and Andrew Lawson helped and showed those attending how to create lush hand tied wreaths ready for decorating.

Thank you all for your support

Respectfully submitted  
Janis Boston co-chair of the “Talks in the Garden” committee



## Membership Committee

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Over the past year, the FBGA Membership committee has met regularly. We welcomed the addition of two new volunteers to the Membership Committee - Pierre el-Khoury and Susan Phillips, who joined Nancy Beltrandi, Janis Boston, Wendy Bourque, Karen Cook, Melaine Duchastel, Nadia Khoury, and Lucy Dyer. In the fall, Melaine left Fredericton, and resigned from the Committee. Her work and ideas were much appreciated.

Memberships now number around 300. We have gained new members over the year. One successful effort, which increased our totals, again this year was the incentive of a draw for new members joining between the first of the year and the end of July. The winner, Bonita Boone, received a beautiful and useful backyard screen tent provided by Kent Building Supplies. The draw was held at the end of July so that new members joining as a result of the Treasured Garden Tour Garden Party could be included. We appreciate the support from new members for our organization, and extend them all a hearty welcome to the organization. We hope they will become actively involved. At the end of 2006, our membership consisted of 148 Individual memberships, 88 Senior/student memberships, and 63 Family memberships. Because each Family membership represents at least two individuals, the total number of members is now around 400. The Committee also discussed Corporate Memberships in the Association.

We continued to promote the purchase (and renewal) of memberships at Association events and elsewhere, including:

- Setting up and decorating a booth on the raised restaurant area of the Market at the Annual Plant Sale in May, distributing brochures, and organizing a draw for new members. We also set up the Botanic Boutique in a separate area at the Plant sale, to generate some extra revenue for the Association by selling mainly garden related items such as note cards featuring photographs taken by members (produced and packaged by the Committee), electronic bug swatters, plant ties, attractive utility belts, bags, etc.
- Setting up a membership tent at the Treasured Garden Party, and organizing a draw for the new and for the renewing members who purchased a membership on that occasion, and a draw for a screen tent for all new members joining over the first six months of the year.
- A member of the committee attended each Education Committee event in the spring, and asked attendees to consider buying a membership if they were not already a member.
- A table was set up at an event at Green Village, and brochures distributed.
- Gift memberships were presented to guest speakers at Education Committee Events.
- A list of retailers providing a 10% discount to members now includes Capital Landscape & City Gardeners, Co-Op Country Store (Northside) Corn Hill Nurseries, Curries Greenhouses, Green Village (except Crafters Corner), Kent Garden Centre, Scott's Nursery and Wetmore's Nursery.
- Gift memberships were promoted via the Newsletter. Thank you to all donors of gift memberships during the 2006 Christmas season!
- The Membership Committee continues to work closely together with the Education Committee, chaired by Janis Boston

We would be happy to have interested volunteers join the Committee to help us achieve these goals:

1. Continue recruitment of new members and distribution of brochures.
2. Increase our retention rate of present members by encouraging renewals
3. Review benefits of membership and tweak these where possible.
4. Investigate the feasibility of additional promotional items for the Boutique
5. Close cooperation with the Education Committee.

I would like to thank the volunteers who helped sell memberships at the Plant Sale and Treasured Garden Tour. I would also like to thank all of the hard working members of the Membership Committee for their valued contributions and ideas.

Submitted by  
Lucy Dyer, Chair of Membership Committee.



## Site Development

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### 2006 Accomplishments

The rebuilding of the Entrance Garden was the big event of 2006. Made possible by the Fredericton Community Foundation 50th anniversary grant announced on June 6, the project got underway in mid July as soon as signs announcing the project were in place. The new oval lawn provides a much-needed multi-use open space for outdoor functions. When completed in the spring of 2007, complete with sugar maples around the perimeter of the oval path, the benches and restored perennial beds, the new Entrance Garden will offer a dynamic visual impact to visitors. The Garden was designed by Daniel K. Glenn, Ltd. of Fredericton and the site work was carried out by Eastwind Construction and the City of Fredericton.

Water control has been an on going issue in the Botanic Garden. Recommendations from the 2005 water management study were used in the design of the Entrance Garden and the heavy rains in October and November were handled well by the new drainage swale, check dams and detention ponds. Only minor adjustments are required in the spring of 2007.

Late in the fall of 2005 the lower part of the service road was re-routed in keeping with the Garden Conceptual Plan and to better address drainage issues in the lower part of the Garden. This road was topped with crusher dust in the spring to provide a good surface for walkers and garden vehicles. Here also a little further work is required to handle water in heavy run-off situations.

For the rest of the Garden normal maintenance was carried out by the summer staff.

Lastly, the committee and several guests spent an evening considering potential ideas for the Children's Garden. Daniel K. Glenn Ltd, has the contract to prepare plans and tender documents to be ready when funds are available to build this Garden.

### 2007

For 2007 the Site Development Committee plans to invite members of the FBGA to assist in a number of projects. These include upkeep of the Hal Hinds Memorial Garden and a number of perennial beds. In addition to further improving the appearance of the Garden these projects will provide an opportunity for knowledgeable members to contribute and for others to learn more about our plants and their care. The Committee will be contacting members in the spring.

In the spring further interpretive signs for selected garden features and sites of future developments will be placed in the Garden, and the "White Garden", sponsored by Scott's Nursery Ltd, and the landscaping around the pond will also be completed.

The federal government has announced a reduction in its summer Student Career Placement program and the Site Committee is concerned that there may be a resulting reduction in the federal student grant.



### Acknowledgements

The Committee is very pleased once again to acknowledge the direct and indirect support of the City of Fredericton and specifically of Brian Cochrane, Assistant Manager, Community Services Department, and Harold Boone, Trail and Project Coordinator. Jeff Graham, lead hand for the Garden, City casual employee Chelsey Burns, and FBGA students Meaghan Balzer and Courtney Carrier were the "hands on" people who worked in the Garden rain or shine. The students were supported in part by grants from the New Brunswick SEED program and the federal SCP program. Several members also contributed time to working in the Garden.

Lastly, the committee met seven times during the year and the contributions of the committee members must be recognized: Harold Boone, David Boyle, Brian Cochrane, Charlie Fullarton, Jim Martin, Brian Parker and co-chair Jane Seabrook. Jim Martin, retired from the City and the committee midway through the year, and is recognized for his important contributions in the area of engineering and services in support of the site. David Boyle, who has served on the committee for many years and has regularly assisted with the hiring of students, decided to leave the committee at the end of the year and is recognized for his contributions. Special recognition again goes to Brian Parker for his guidance and leadership in much of the committee's work.

Richard Tarn  
Chair, Site Development Committee

### The Entrance Garden

In the fall of 2005, actually at the last official Board meeting of the year I recall, it was brought up that the Fredericton Foundation was issuing requests for proposals in honour of their fiftieth anniversary. The grant was appropriately worth \$50,000. It was lightly discussed at the meeting as to whether the Botanic Garden should put together a proposal and if so to do what with the funding. Not having applied for such a large amount in the past the discussion of what could be done was interesting to say the least. After several minutes of discussion it was agreed that the Garden would lose nothing by submitting a proposal and gain publicity, interest and much needed funds if successful.

I recall that it was I who mentioned many of the above "facts" and basically talked myself into preparing the proposal. It was agreed that the most logical feature that the Garden could construct with the funds and that would appeal to the Foundation Selection Committee was the conceptual plan we had recently done for the Entry Garden. With the Foundation's proposal outline in hand I soon began an almost four week proposal writing effort that ended with the hand delivery of our Fredericton Fifty Grant proposal on the last day of 2005.

The process for the selection of the ultimate winner of the grant was to be determined and announced in late April or early May. Along the way the selection committee would review all the proposals and reduce them to a short list of five. Those five would then be given an opportunity to further present their proposal to the committee during a question and answer session and hope that their "interview" went well.

Needless to say when the first letter arrived from the Foundation I had already assumed it would be a typical "thank you" letter, which it was.... further review and notification would follow. It was probably nearer to March when we received our second letter from the Foundation...this one I really expected to be the "thanks for your interests but...." but I was quite surprised to find out that we had been accepted as one of the five short listed proposals. Not to make too much of the proposal but while I thought it was well written I had reservations that the Foundation would not see the value of a public garden in the same light that members of the Garden do...I obviously read the intent and interest of the Foundation wrong. After telling the Board about our momentous achievement it was back to work...preparing for our interview with the Selection Committee.





Myself, Bill Seabrook (President, FBGA) and Brian Cochrane, City of Fredericton, Community Services, Parks and Trees) attended the interview as diverse representatives of the Garden, putting forth what we hoped were arguments why the Garden was worthy of the Foundations grant. The interview went very well and all came away feeling confident that we had done our best for the Garden.

A few weeks later I was sitting in my office and received a phone call from Mel McGuigan, Foundation president. I don't recall the actual words but the gist of the conversation was whether or not we (the Garden) could start building the Entrance Garden right away...after a brief pause Mr. McGuigan then told me that the Selection Board had felt that the Garden's proposal was a real community spirited project and thought it a very worthy project to commemorate their fiftieth anniversary. I actually thought he was kidding but after assuring me that it was true I was ecstatic for myself after the many hours of proposal writing as well as for the Garden...our first large grant that would literally change the face of the Garden.

The announcement of the grant winner and official cheque presentation was done a few weeks later at the Killarney Lake Lodge during a ceremony that acknowledge all the other minor grants awarded that year. Bill Seabrook graciously accepted the cheque on behalf of the Garden and we all had our pictures taken with the "giant" cheque. Something I have always wanted to do. After all the congratulations were over the task of beginning the construction project began....

Final construction plans were drawn up based on the original concept drawing. This had to be modified to take into account unforeseens such a site conditions (rock) as well as errors in survey information, as well as the desire to keep any large tree specimens from having to be moved if possible. Trees that required relocation due to the new design were tagged and new pits dug for relocation. Most of the trees were able to be salvaged with poorly shaped, diseased or damage specimens removed. It appears that most of the trees survived the move and with the wet fall will hopefully survive into the spring. All the existing perennial plant material was put into storage for later use in new beds.

Site grading began as the contractor, Eastwind Construction, moved heavy equipment onto the site. The new ditch was constructed first, basically to handle rain water as it came off the parking lot. This ditch was extended to the future Childrens' Garden area with a small detention pond created. Hopefully this will reduce some of the ongoing erosion problems the Garden has been experiencing. Once the ditch, with its culverts and rock lined bed were complete the shaping of the oval lawn area began. Numerous truckload of fill and then topsoil were brought in to bring the lawn area up to the required elevations. Much thanks goes to Harold Boone, Community Services, City of Fredericton who was able to acquire much needed fill and compost at lowest cost to the Garden. Harold also provided student labour who performed much of the perennial plant removal and helped in laying sod.

After the grading was accomplished the oval crusherdust walkway was installed. The layout of the walkway required numerous adjustments to compensate for problems with the drainage or with an existing feature. During this time an electrical line was run to the inside of the walkway and stubbed for use in a flush mounted box. This power source will allow for concerts, loudspeakers and music systems to be easily used during events. When the walkway was completed the finish grading was done prior to laying sod. Again the City was of great help in acquiring a really large sprinkler with which to water the new turf. Nature helped out as well by providing cloudy skies and some rain over the next couple of weeks. The sod was laid in a matter of days and with the conducive weather even had its first mowing prior to the end of September.

Respectfully submitted  
Brian Parker



## Building Committee Report 2006

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The roof of the Resource Center needed to be replaced. The job was put to tender through the City of Fredericton's tendering process, with the lowest bid being accepted from Lyons and Son Roofing.

Charles Fullarton did some of the immediate repairs to secure the building after the break-in in April. The City replaced both entrance doors with steel "out opening" doors and dead-bolts. The office door and jamb were also replaced.

The kitchen now has a small stove with an oven (Thanks to Charles Fullarton).

The resource center has 2 new rental tenants (a Tuesday and a Wednesday quilting groups)

Respectfully submitted  
Charlie Fullarton

## Plant Sale and Raffle Comparisons

Comparisons	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Plant Sale Revenue	10067.21	9982.98	10246.3	12526.74	11611.32	12290.73	14784.39	14436.97	14233.60	11492.00	9470.62
Expense	3172.08	2554.68	2088.05	3748.67	2598.56	4012.08	3400.95	6100.22	3438.35	3854.70	3924.02
Raffle Revenue	2722.5	2908.05	2828.89	4622.25	5243.41	4316.52	6278.95	5886.5	3911.60	3901.08	4613.80
Expense	1066.77	598.87	704.16	877.76	950.28	635.68	809.64	865.59	891.26	404.86	553.22
Silent Auction										902.00	648.00
Net	8550.86	9737.48	10282.98	12522.56	13305.89	11959.49	16852.75	13357.66	13815.69	12035.69	10252.91

## Treasured Garden Tour and Silent Auction Comparisons

Comparisons	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Treasured Garden Tour</b>						
Revenue	3935.00	4800.00	3950.00	4225.00	3845.00	3945.00
Expenses	1799.97	2416.38	2058.22	2218.37	2132.07	1883.58
Net Income	2135.03	2383.62	1891.78	2000.63	1712.93	2061.42
<b>Silent Auction</b>						
Revenue	972.95	2034.50	2909.00	2183.00	1039.00	2258.81
Expenses	113.13	89.76	49.45	100.63		216.74
Net Income	859.82	1944.74	2859.55	2082.37	1039.00	2042.07





## Plant Sale and Raffle Report 2006

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### 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale

After three weeks of very cool wet weather Plant Sale Day turned out to be a gorgeous warm sunny day. Unfortunately this first nice day of May resulted in a reduced attendance. Discussion with nurseries in the Fredericton area indicated that their sales and attendance were also very much below expectations. The general feeling was that everyone was just enjoying the good weather. We however netted \$10,500. The silent auction continued to do well and income from our BBQ was up significantly.

The planning committee would like to thank all of those nurseries and suppliers who donated so generously to the sale and raffle. We would also like to recognize and thank the great number of volunteers without whom this event could not take place. Lastly we thank all the members who donated plants from their gardens. It is these plants that are the backbone of the event and without which we could not survive. **Thanks to you all.**

#### Plant Sale & Raffle

##### INCOME

Sales		9,470.65
Gift in Kind	Scott's Nursery	328.32
Silent Auction		648
<b>TOTAL Plant Sale Income</b>		<b>10,446.97</b>

##### Raffle\_Income

Market sales		2,831.32
Member sales		1,782.48
<b>TOTAL Raffle Income</b>		<b>4,613.80</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>15,060.77</b>

##### EXPENSES

##### Plant Sale

Red Lane Garden	Plants	297.00
Canning Perennials	Plants	1526.05
Corn Hill Nursery	Plants	172.50
Veseys Seeds		373.15
Refreshments		79.41
York County Properties	Market Rental	450.00
BQ Supplies		232.90
Copying		21.83
Daily Gleaner	Ads	351.90
C. Frensch Ltd	Labels	120.52
Covey Basics	Labels	242.69
Supplies	Markers,etc	56.07
<b>Plant Sale Subtotal</b>		<b>3924.02</b>

Gifts in Kind Adjustment 328.32

Silent Auction Table cloths 2.30  
**TOTAL Plant Sale 4,254.64**

##### Raffle

Licence	25.00
Ticket printing	214.14
Letter copying	62.10
Wood for prizes	56.03
Market Rental	20.00
Postage	175.95
<b>TOTAL Raffle</b>	<b>553.22</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES 4,807.86**

**OVERALL TOTAL 10,252.91**



## Treasured Garden Tour 2006

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It so hard to believe summer has already passed. The 8<sup>th</sup> annual treasured garden tour is but a memory now as we already start planning for next year. I would like to thank the garden hosts all those who attended the garden tour and then joined us at Old Government House for the reception. Your continuing support makes this tour the event of the summer.

A clear bright day and a sell out crowd enjoyed visiting the gardens of Karen and Scott Cook, Susan and Brent Taplin, Dan and Nena Gleason, and Rachel Kimm. Each garden presented itself in their best fashion. Some had flowing waterfalls while others boasted meandering garden paths to guide visitors through its colorful summer show. It takes a great deal of work and dedication to get ready for the tour and our hosts and hostesses did not disappoint. Thank you all for opening the garden gate to allow so many visitors in to admire your personal gardens.

Because of the work being planned at the entrance to The Fredericton Botanic Garden, The Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, Herménégilde Chiasson, hosted the reception after the tour. Many thanks to His Honor for treated the quests to an enjoyable afternoon complete with strawberry shortcake and a well deserve serving of ice cold punch- a much needed break from the extreme heat during the tour. The Don Bosse Jazz Quartet dazzled the crowd again this year. Thank you to everyone at Old Government House who helped in making the afternoon so enjoyable.

Thanks to the planning committee and all who participated in the Treasured Garden Tour 2006. It was a great success. Gardeners joined the tour in record numbers once again. I am sure this is the most popular garden tour of the summer. It will be exciting to return to the Botanic Garden next year to enjoy the newly opened entrance garden. See you soon!

Andrew Lawson  
Committee Chair

<b>INCOME</b>		
Tickets		<b>3,945.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Ticket printing		224.25
Refreshments		79.29
Gary Hanson	Music	300
Covey Basics	Envelopes, inkjet, etc.	57.51
Kent Building Supplies	Supplies	51.26
Lieutenant Governor	Lunch	275
Daily Gleaner	Advertizing	549.25
Harvey Lionews	Advertizing	16
Bugle	Advertizing	218.54
Scott's Nursery	Supplies	112.48
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>1883.58</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>		<b>2,061.42</b>