



President Bill Seabrook watches as Cindy Sheppard (CEO of the Fredericton Community Foundation) and our Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Herménégilde Chaisson cut the ribbon to officially open the Entrance Garden

**Events
in the
Garden**

**Treasured
Garden
Tour
Saturday
July 7, 2007**

**Thursday
Night
Workshops**

President's Report

We are in the middle of a busy season, having just completed a successful Plant Sale and raffle, a delightful opening of the new Entrance Garden and we are about to stage this year's edition of our fabulous Treasured Garden Tour.

Those of you who have been to the Resource Centre recently will have seen that the beds surrounding the building have been replanted and mulched. These projects make heavy use of volunteers. To all of you who have donated so generously of your time please accept the heartfelt thanks of your Board of Trustees.

It is volunteerism that makes the garden grow. Without our volunteers there would be no Fredericton Botanic Garden. It is the effort of volunteers that keeps our garden in the political eye. Are you a volunteer? Why don't you join your fellow members and join in on the volunteer projects. If you are approached to assist with the Treasured Garden Tour either by working at one of the sites or by donating food, please say yes. There are Thursday night workshops to rebuild and restore some of our smaller gardens. Please join the volunteer team ...VOLUNTEER.

Last Saturday we held a very successful opening of our new Entrance Garden (designed by Brian Parker, a member of our Board of Trustees). The main speaker at this event was our Lieutenant Governor and Patron of the Garden, the



Honorable Herménégilde Chaisson. He gave a most uplifting talk concerning the value of gardens in today's eco threatened world.

The ribbon, officially opening the Garden, was cut by His Honour and by Cindy Sheppard, the CEO of the Fredericton Community Foundation. The inclement weather held off and a very pleasant reception was enjoyed by all.

Bill Seabrook, president

18th Successful Plant Sale and Raffle

The May 26-27 weekend is now a distant memory - that is when many of us worked long and hard to run another successful Plant Sale. It was a beautiful day, the donated plants were in excellent condition, and the crowd was good. The numbers are not yet final - the bookkeeper doesn't yet have everything entered - but it appears the net profit is in the order of \$10,500. This is a bit better than last year though far below our \$16,852 best in 2002. This year plant sale revenue was up a little while raffle revenue was down (we were at the market for only four Saturdays compared with five in 2006), and the silent auction was also down slightly.

Nevertheless this represents a tremendous effort by many people. A small committee started work in January and by the time we finished about 50 members and friends had helped in one way or another. Many more members donated plants and 27 businesses supported our efforts with donations of plants, prizes and cash (see separate box). The prize for a volunteer member helping with the sale and raffle, a cedar Adirondack chair made by Bill Seabrook, was won by Paddy Gregg. Next year we will do it all over again under the leadership of Ruth Muldrew and Regan Smith.

On behalf of this year's organizing committee I want to thank you all for your support. At times it was hard work but together we were successful and had lots of fun.

Richard Tarn
Chair, 2007 Plant Sale and Raffle

Raffle Prize winners

1. Ash bench and table set - Samuel Hall
2. Cedar chair and table set - Beth Shear
3. Garden tool set - Sheila MacDonald
4. Designer daylily - Trina Heatherington
5. Ceramic pots - T. Median
6. Garden spade - Lydia Dross
7. Saltscapes subscription - Martha Harrison
8. Canadian Gardening subscription - E. Bastin
9. Harrowsmith Country Life subscription - Mike Tonks
10. Luggage finders - I. Ghanam
11. Wire bug ornament - Stephen Horsman

Thank-you contributors

A major contribution to the success of the Plant Sale and Raffle is the support of many businesses, local, regional and national, that contribute plants, prizes and cash donations. The Fredericton Botanic Garden Association is very pleased to recognize the following businesses for their support of the 2007 Sale and Raffle.

Local

City of Fredericton
Currie's Greenhouses
Daniel K. Glenn Ltd.
Erb's Herbs
Fredericton Direct Charge Co-op
Fredericton Farm Co-op
Green Village
Grey's Greenhouses, Scotch Settlement
Martin's Green Thumb Nursery, New Maryland
Orchard's Geary Greenhouse, Geary
Scott's Nursery
Stephen Storey Greenhouse
Wetmore's Landscaping, Sod & Nursery

Regional

Bryant's Garden and Greenhouse, Wakefield, NB
Cornhill Nursery, Corn Hill, NB
Dube Botanical Garden, River John, NS
Halifax Seed Ltd, Halifax, NS
Hayward's Potato House, Jacksonville, NB
Kingsbrae Horticultural Garden, St. Andrews, NB.
Mayfield Greenhouses & Landscaping Services, St. Stephen, NB
Red Lane Garden, Belfast, PE
Smith's Florist, Woodstock, NB

National

Canadian Gardening Magazine, Toronto, ON
Harrowsmith Country Life Magazine, Laval, QC
Lee Valley Tools, Ottawa, ON
Saltscapes Magazine, Dartmouth, NS
Vivaces Iris & Plus Perennials, Sutton, QC



Site Committee Report

Richard Tarn

Summer staff is once again busy in the Botanic Garden keeping the beds clean and tidy and the grass mown. We quickly learned that we had part funding for one student from the NB SEED program, but our federal student grant was received only after these grants had become a political issue.



Our two students are Alison Vallis and Kate Greer. They started work under City employee Fredy Andrade who has now been replaced by Dudley Stymiest. When you see these people in the Garden please say hello to them.

Members have also been helping in the Garden on Thursday evenings, starting at 6:00 pm. Under the leadership of Jane Seabrook and Brian Parker a small group has replanted the beds around the Resource Building and also the daylily beds. Work on the White Garden and the Hal Hinds Memorial Garden is still ahead. Please call Richard Tarn at 450-8885 for details of these further work evenings.

Membership

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to the many new members joining our Association who signed up during the Plant Sale, and to all of the members who chose to renew their memberships at that time. Thank you all for your support - it is much appreciated. Special thanks to members Avis Bruce, Patricia desChamps, Pat Mason, and all the others who volunteered to help with the Membership booth and boutique at the Plant Sale. The raffle prize for a new member, a big basket filled with items of appeal to a gardener, was won by Steve Stehouwer. Congratulations! We hope that the new members will take full advantage of the many benefits of membership in the FBGA (listed below in this Newsletter - and including the 10% discount at many local garden centres and advance notice of the new series of monthly talks in the Garden expected to begin in September). The raffle prize for renewing members, a large geranium plant,

was won by Dale Nicklin. Many membership forms were handed out, and we hope we can welcome more new members as a result over the coming weeks as the forms are mailed in. If you have recently received a renewal reminder in the mail, please do not forget to send it in right away, or visit the membership booth at the Treasured Garden Tour (which will be in the garden of Liz and Paul McDonnell).

The new T-shirts were a big hit at the Plant Sale. Look for them at the upcoming Treasured Garden Tour garden party in the Entrance Garden. They come in all sizes from small to XXXL, are very good quality - and a great buy at only \$15.00. Be sure to get one for yourself or as a gift.

Treasured Garden Tour

The planning committee for the Treasured Garden Tour is very excited to have four stunning gardens on the tour this year. There will be something for everyone! It will be great to set up in the new Entrance Garden at the Botanic Garden. There has been lots going on since we all met two years ago in the garden. If you can help during the day of the tour in any way, please contact Andrew Lawson at andrew@scottsnursery.nb.ca or at 458-9208. All of those who will be helping the day of the tour will be invited to an exclusive pre-tour in late June.

Thank you to
Jane Tarn for her expertise in editing
the newsletters.

Membership Privileges include:

**Newsletters; advance notice by email of all events,
10 % discount at:**

**Capital Landscape and City Designers, Co-op Country Store (Northside),
Corn Hill Nursery, Currie's Greenhouses, Green Village, Kent Garden Center,
Scott's Nursery, Wetmore's Landscaping, Sod and Nursery**

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The objectives of the FBGA are to guide the establishment of the Fredericton Botanic Garden and to foster an awareness and appreciation of plants.

To obtain information on membership and to become involved in FBGA activities please contact us:

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Fredericton Botanic Garden Association
presents
a Treasured Garden Tour
July 7, 2007



**Tour four Fredericton area gardens and then join us for
a garden party and tour at the Fredericton Botanic Garden**

Tour 1:00 – 3:00

Garden Party 3:00 – 4:30

Refreshments

Live Music

Tickets: \$15.00 (Cash or Cheque) Available June 15 at
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Mazzuca's Variety 458-8392, Main Street Floral Gallery 458-9268,
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