



Fredericton Botanic Garden Association Annual General Meeting Report 2019

Presented at the Annual Meeting on February 22, 2020

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Agenda

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2. Moment of silence for deceased members
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Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 22, 2020

L'Association du Jardin botanique de Fredericton Botanic Garden Association

Annual General Meeting, Saturday March 23, 2019

Unitarian Fellowship, 874 York Street, Fredericton NB

MINUTES

Welcome: Chairman Goltz called the meeting to order at 1 pm, welcomed everyone present and briefly outlined the program for the event.

Speaker: Introduction of Dr Andrew Byers by Wendy Bourque. (See attached notes on his entertaining address on "**Honey, Honey bees and Beekeepers**")
Chairman Goltz thanked the speaker and presented a membership certificate. A honey tasting "Talk in the Garden" may be arranged later this year.

Business meeting:

Chairman Goltz introduced Board members and G. Allen.

Review and approval of the Agenda: Moved by S. Heard and Stehouwer ...Carried

Review and approval of February 24, 2018 Minutes: Motion by L.-P. Albert and S. Heard to approve the 2018 AGM MinutesCarried

Business Arising: There was no business arising other than items on the agenda.

President's Report: Chairman Goltz outlined some of the highlights of the 2018 year's activities.

- The public opening of the NB Literature and Daylily Gardens.
- Development of the Peony and Pollinator Gardens is well underway.
- A Fundraising Committee was established and initiated creative approaches to explore new sources of revenue.
- The Garden's social media communication was expanded on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and our website is being updated.
- Connect-Fredericton is contributing to the recruiting of more volunteers.
- Four summer students were recruited through federal, provincial and City support and P. Pacey provided training on interacting with visitors.
- The annual Spring Fair and Plant Sale was one of the most successful in recent years.
- Seedy Saturday was also very successful with record assistance.

Book donation: Evans Estabrooks, a long time and active member of the Garden, is donating the sale of biographical notes of his early days, titled "Haydays" to the Garden. Several copies were sold at the meeting (\$15.00 each). The Funding Committee will prepare a marketing plan. Motion by S.Stehouwer and M. Routledge to express appreciation for Evan's generous donation to the Garden Carried



Auditor's Report: Since we only have an audit every two years, it is not available.

Treasurer's Report: S. Heard outlined the financial situation. The Garden had a \$38,000 surplus in 2018. The 2019 Budget proposal is very similar to the past year.
Motion by S. Heard and S. Stehouwer to approve the Treasurer's reportCarried

Committee Reports:

- **Board Development:** Current members remain eligible and agree to continue to serve. Tess Madigan was welcomed as a new Board member.

- **Membership:** M. Routledge identified members of her committee and indicated that a new brochure is being planned for 2019.

- **Website:** A complete revision is in progress under the direction of Andrea Fleming. It was suggested that the site should indicate that development of the Garden is in progress.

- **Education and outreach:**

- Talks in the Garden: Excellent presentations are offered on the 3rd Thursday of the Fall and Winter months and a full slate is outlined for the coming months.
- A presentation was made to the Municipal Age-friendly Advisory Committee
- The Garden had a table at the 2018 Spring into Wellness Fair in April.
- The annual Rhododendron tour took place in June
- A tour of the Garden with Wednesday Walkers occurred in June
- Meeting on exploring collaboration with the Beaverbrook Gallery in October
- The Garden had a booth at the Maritime Honey Festival in October.
- Presentation to the City's Community Services Committee in January 2019

-**Seedy Saturday:** Over 100 people attended the March 2019 event offering a wide selection of seeds and door prizes.

-**Site Development:** J. Goltz outlined the main activities of the year and plans for the current year. He indicated that while the focus is on small feasible projects, long term development such as the Rose Garden will require significantly greater funding resources which we hope will result from the efforts of the Funding Committee.

Motion by Jane Loughborough and J. Welling to approve all the committee reports as presented in the AGM handout and summarized verballyCarried

Motion by John Welling to adjourn at 3 pm.
A wide variety of refreshments were offered.

Louis-Philippe Albert, secretary.



NOTES on Dr Andrew Byers presentation on Honey, Honey bees and Beekeepers

Dr Byers is a NS native and teaches at UNB. He operates honey-producing farms in NB and NS. His beekeeping hobby became a business after he returned from England where he was studying male fertility. Currently, grandfathers are more fertile than their grandchildren.

- Major changes in the environment affect honey bees in ways similar to humans.
- Honey bees are not indigenous to North America and must compete with local insects.
- Chimpanzees are the only animal to mechanically collect honey other than humans.
- Egyptians would float hives down the Nile in sequence with the flowering plants.
- Bees want to survive and therefore reproduce and collect enough honey for the winter.
- Drones' only function is to fertilize the Queen and successful or not, they die young.
- Worker bees live about 3 weeks but queens live up to 2 years.
- NB Winters are a major challenge for beekeepers and hives are usually closed and insulated by November 11.
- Major predators: Bears, skunks, racoons and even crows.
- Diseases, mites, fungus, small hive beetles, etc. must be managed.
- Thousands of hives are moved across the continent to pollinate crops
- Honey bees cannot live in the forest.
- Honey will last forever (needs no preservatives) and diluted or blended products are often fraudulently promoted as honey.
- Grading and price are usually determined by color...the lighter, the higher the grade.
- The attendance had the opportunity to participate in tasting 3 types of honey.



President's Report

By Jim Goltz

*Presented at the Annual General Meeting
on February 22, 2020*

It's difficult to believe that, only a few years ago, progress at the Fredericton Botanic Garden had stalled and the Garden's continued existence and future were in jeopardy. Fortunately, the state of the garden has considerably improved, and it's exciting that new growth is occurring in many directions.

One of the most remarkable strengths of the Botanic Garden has always been its people, including volunteers, supporters, donors, benefactors and staff, all who make generous donations of their time, energy, hard work, expertise, vision, creativity and/or resources, and are committed to help make a difference. Recent advances have also been realized in good part due to contributions from the City of Fredericton, and support from the Fredericton Community Foundation. Evans Estabrooks has donated several hundred copies of a book that he wrote and entitled "Hay Days", documenting some of his most memorable early life experiences in eastern New Brunswick. New collaborative ventures have been embarked upon and/or are in progress, with artists in residence being onsite in the Garden and interacting with the public this past summer, a series of radio interviews with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation featuring various aspects of the Garden, the use of the Fredericton Library space for upcoming Garden events at a more central venue, joint/mutual activities with the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, and working with indigenous people from St. Mary's First Nation to create a new garden.

Rapport du président

Par Jim Goltz

*Présenté à l'assemblée générale annuelle du 22 février
2020*

C'est difficile à croire que quelques années passées, les progrès au Jardin botanique de Fredericton étaient au point mort et même l'existence et l'avenir du Jardin était menacés. Heureusement, la situation s'est considérablement améliorée et il est emballant de constater qu'une nouvelle croissance soit évidente dans plusieurs domaines.

L'une des forces les plus remarquables du Jardin botanique a toujours été la ressource humaine, y compris les bénévoles, les sympathisants, les donateurs, les bienfaiteurs et le personnel, qui donnent généreusement de leur temps, de leur énergie, de leur dur labeur, de leur expertise, de leur vision, de leur créativité et / ou de leurs ressources et sont confiants que leur contribution fera une différence. Des progrès récents ont également été réalisés en grande partie grâce aux contributions de la ville de Fredericton et au soutien de la Fondation communautaire de Fredericton. Evans Estabrooks a fait don de plusieurs centaines d'exemplaires d'un livre qu'il a écrit et intitulé «Hay Days», documentant certaines de ses expériences de vie les plus mémorables au sud-est du Nouveau-Brunswick. De nouvelles initiatives de collaboration ont été lancées et / ou sont en cours, avec des artistes en résidence dans le Jardin et interagissant avec le public l'été dernier, une série d'entrevues avec la Société Radio-Canada présentant divers aspects du Jardin, l'utilisation des locaux de la Bibliothèque de Fredericton pour les prochains événements du Jardin dans un lieu plus central, des activités conjointes / mutuelles avec la Galerie d'art Beaverbrook et la collaboration du peuple autochtone de la Première Nation de St. Mary pour créer un nouveau jardin.



Five new gardens have been constructed and largely planted within the past two years and more gardens are planned for this year, the highlight being creation of a Wabanaki Healing Garden. Most of the plantings in two of the new gardens, the expanded Daylily Garden and the Peony Garden, were plants donated from gardeners who thought it was time to downsize. A new brochure has been prepared with an updated map, social media are being used to help make communication more effective and reach a broader target audience, new signage has been installed throughout the Garden, and efforts to keep weedy and invasive species under control have been enhanced. The Garden is looking for a new part-time office manager, as Graham Allen has decided to move on to focus on other pursuits. We will greatly miss his leadership, experience and expertise.

What still needs to be done? As new developments continue to occur in the Garden, maintenance efforts will have to be ramped up, additional resources will have to be procured, new relationships will have to be forged and additional staff will likely need to be hired. As more people visit the Garden, expectations for service will increase.

We hope that you are pleased with our renewed vision for the Garden and the progress we are making, and we very much appreciate your continued interest and support.

Cinq nouveaux jardins ont été construits et largement aménagés au cours des deux dernières années et d'autres jardins sont prévus pour cette année, le point culminant étant la création d'un jardin de plantes médicinales Wabanaki. La plupart des plantes dans deux des nouveaux jardins, l'agrandissement du jardin Day Lily et le jardin de pivoines, furent contribuées par des jardiniers voulant réduire la taille de leurs plates-bandes. Un nouveau dépliant a été préparé incluant une carte récente, les médias sociaux sont utilisés pour faciliter la communication avec un plus grand public, une nouvelle signalisation a été installée dans le Jardin, et le contrôle des mauvaises herbes et des espèces envahissantes fut amélioré. Le Jardin embauchera un nouveau directeur administratif à temps partiel, pour succéder à Graham Allen qui envisage d'autres activités. Son initiative, son expérience et son expertise seront manquées.

Que reste-il à faire? Alors que de nouveaux développements continuent de se réaliser dans le Jardin, les efforts d'entretien devront être intensifiés, des ressources supplémentaires devront être obtenues, de nouvelles relations devront être forgées et du personnel supplémentaire devra probablement être embauché. À mesure que de plus en plus de personnes visitent le Jardin, les attentes en matière de services augmenteront.

Nous espérons que vous êtes satisfait de notre vision renouvelée du Jardin et des progrès que nous faisons. Votre intérêt et votre soutien sont grandement appréciés.



Auditors' Report 2019

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Re: 1918 Audit Completed June 6-27/19

Dear FBGA Board Members

An Audit was done on the FBGA financial records for the year 2018. During this audit the following items were checked:

- All donations were matched to their receipts, ledger entries and bank deposits
- All memberships were matched to their receipts, ledger entries and bank deposits
- All salaries for the students and admin were matched to their cheques, ledger entries, bank entries and Revenue Canada submissions
- All Pay Pal activities were matched to their receipts, ledger entries, service charges and bank deposits
- All payments were matched to their invoices, ledger entries and bank entries
- A reconciliation of the computerized ledger was done to the bank account with matching balances
- Only one discrepancy was found in a \$20 membership/donation that was supposed to be done in kind and Graham would research the error and correct it.

The above information is authorized by the two auditors to be true and accurate.

Nancy Beltrandi

Carla Ward



Treasurer's Report, 2019

By Steve Heard, treasurer

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Our 2019 fiscal year concluded with a small (\$1200) surplus, although that's somewhat misleading because it includes two grants which were paid to us in 2019 but will support spending in 2020. Our finances remain stable over the longer term, with surpluses in some years and similar shortfalls in others.

Our total 2019 revenues were just under \$79,000 (including the \$25,000 in-kind budget line from the city), which is a \$10,000 increase over 2018. The increase largely reflects our receiving funding for, and filling, more SEED summer student positions. Other major expenses include wages for our Executive Director and upgrades to the Garden (new beds, new signage, etc.). Full details of the 2019 budget including more details of revenues and expenditures can be found in the following Financial Report.

For 2020, we propose a budget very similar to 2019's actuals. We remain optimistic about corporate sponsorship as a source of significant new revenue, but have budgeted cautiously because constraints in volunteer availability have held us back in pursuing sponsors. At the time of writing, changes to the provincial SEED program are shaking out, and the number of positions we're allocated may change; this would reduce both revenues and expenses but have little impact on our net budget.

Financial and Budget Report 2019					
INCOME	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019	Actual 2019	Budget 2020
Donations					
Gift Received	1500	866.50	1000	1580.00	1200
Memorial Benches	4000	4000.00			
Endowment Income	1000	1773.49	1800	2726.60	2500
Memorials	500	2376.00	500	150.00	500
Pollinator Garden		182.97	500		
TOTAL Donations	7000.00	9198.96	3800.00	4456.60	4200.00
Fund raising					
Plant Sale Income	10000	10745.95	10000	11950.42	12000
50/50		71.50	250	72.00	250
Seedy Saturday	100	290.30	200	264.05	250
Treasured Garden Tour	0				
Capital Fund Raising	1000		2000	970.00	500
Capital Fund Raising in kind				600.00	



Sale Items	100			49.00	100
Total Fund Raising	11200.00	11107.75	12450.00	13905.47	13100.00
Grants					
Government of Canada (CSJ)	4000	6149.00	7000	7192.00	7000
Province of NB (SEED)	9000	10078.60	10000	17934.00	18000
Other Grant income	5000	2000.00	4000	3000.00	4000
Wabanaki Garden				2500.00	
City Maintenance (in kind)	25000	25000.00	25000	25000	25000
TOTAL Grants	43000.00	43227.60	46000.00	55626.00	54000.00
Education Committee					
Talks in the Garden	100	204.75	100	424.90	500
Education Committee (Workshops)					
TOTAL Education Committee	100.00	204.75	100.00	424.90	500.00
Membership	2500	2479.20	2500	2261.00	2500
Building Rental	2890	1840.00	1800	1625.00	1800
HST Rebate	1000	542.84	600	436.20	600
Interest Inc	150	162.76	150	164.97	150
Misc income	25	-54.99	25	-9.24	-10
TOTAL INCOME	67865.00	68708.87	67425.00	78890.90	76840.00
EXPENSES					
Membership Services					
Membership Services	275	297.50	275	225.00	275
Talks In The Garden	100	13.16	100	35.08	100.00
Other Education Workshops	50		50		
Brochure	500		500		200
Newsletter	120		120	90.00	120
Recognition Comm.	60		60		
Seedy Saturday	20	30.25	20	29.75	
TOTAL Membership Services	1125	340.91	1125	379.83	695.00
Infrastructure					
Insurance	360	344.80	339	696.75	385
Building	50		50		
Administration Services	4500	3581.25	4500	3768.75	4500
Other Administration	700	691.55	1500	824.47	800
Bank Charges	10	1.80	2	15.00	15
Misc	10	0.15		-3.90	-5
Annual General Meeting	100	146.00	150	140.00	140



Greenhouse	500				
Tent	1820	1820.00	1820	1820.00	1820
Capital Expense				729.48	0
HST	1000	1200.02	1000	1443.13	
TOTAL Infrastructure				9433.68	7655.00
Fund Raising					
Plant Sale	4000	4783.50	5000	6711.29	5000
Campaign Fund Raising in kind adj	0			600.00	
Campaign Fund Raising	500		500	711.00	
Treasured Garden Tour	0				
Total Fund Raising Expenses				8022.29	5000.00
Public Relations					
Advertising	200				
Web Site	125	324.66	175	20.00	125
Garden Map Brochure	250			125.00	0
Total Public Relations				145.00	125.00
TOTAL Public Relations					
Site Development					
New Bed Construction	6000	3081.86	5000		5000
Plant Collecting Acquisition	1000		1000	942.49	1000
Signage	800		800	1199.60	
Site Development:Other	300	290.00	300	148.49	300
City Maintenance In kind	25000	25000.00	25000	25000	25000
TOTAL Site Development				27290.58	31300.00
Staffing					
Salary	20000	21888.37	20000	30241.13	30000
WHSCC	100	100.00	150	299.27	348
Other staffing				489.97	250
TOTAL Staffing				31030.37	30598.00
Telephone	1250	1285.15	1275	1350.21	1375
TOTAL EXPENSES	70825	64880.02	69686.00	77651.96	7674800
OVERALL TOTAL	-2960	3828.85	-2261.00	1238.94	92.00



Balance Sheet - As of December 31, 2019

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Account	Balance
ASSETS	
Chequing	9997.62
Segregated	345.40
Shares	20162.23
TOTAL Bank Accounts	30159.85
TOTAL ASSETS	30159.85
LIABILITIES	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & ASSETS	30159.85



Board Development Committee

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Serving to the end of 2021

1. Tess Madigan (1st term)
2. Amy Parachnowitch (1st term)
3. Cynthia Stacey (1st term)
4. Marg Routledge (2nd term)

Serving to the end of 2020

1. Holly Abbandonato (1st term)
2. Louis-Philippe Albert (1st term)
3. Rebecca Matchett (1st term)
4. Michael Stastny (1st term)
5. Stephen Heard (2nd term)
6. John Welling (2nd term)
7. Wendy Bourque (3rd term)

Serving to the end of 2019

1. Jim Goltz (2nd term)

Terms of Reference: Board Development Committee

- 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.



Membership Committee

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The Membership Committee continued to work on programs to increase the number of members and to involve the current membership. Committee members worked in collaboration with other Board members to produce the new bilingual Brochure.

Membership was promoted at all the “Talks in the Garden” and garden tours. At the Spring Fair and Plant Sale in May, raffles for hanging baskets were held for new and renewed memberships. The Membership Committee promoted membership and provided refreshments at some of the Weedy Wednesday events.

Respectfully submitted,
Marg Routledge
Nancy Beltrandi
Janet Crawford

Membership in the Association seems to have settled. There were 24 new members gained this year. Support is appreciated from the new members and we extend them all a hearty welcome to the organization. It is hoped they will become actively involved. At the end of 2018, the membership list stood at 183, consisting of 100 Individual memberships, 43 Senior/student memberships, and 40 Family memberships.

The list of retailers providing a 10% discount to members are: Co-Op Country Store (Northside), Corn Hill Nurseries, Currie’s Greenhouses, Kent Garden Centre, Scott’s Nursery and Wetmore’s Nursery.

Respectively submitted
Graham Allen for the Membership Committee

Resource Centre

The Resource Centre had groups use the building. The River Valley Obedience Club, Under One Sky (off-reservation children’s program), the New Brunswick Botany Club and the Local Improvement Association used the space for meetings as well as the various Fredericton Botanic Garden Association committees.

Fundraising

The FBGA is pleased to welcome Incolor Printing and Scott's Nursery as formal corporate sponsors. Corporate sponsors are recognized in various ways and we hope will be a significant part of the Garden's development. If you are connected with a business that would like to explore sponsorship opportunities, please contact any Board member.



Education and Outreach Committee 2019 Report

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The Education and Outreach Committee is responsible for organizing the Talks in the Garden, a series of talks and workshops held most months from September through May, usually on the third Thursday of each of those months. In addition, the committee also organizes guided tours for Fredericton Botanic Garden members and the public (e.g., the annual rhododendron tour) and provides information sessions about the Garden if requested. The scheduled events for 2019 were as follows:

2019 Schedule of Events, including Talks in the Garden		
Date	Speaker	Topic
January 31	Dr. Graham Forbes	Ecology and conservation of Furbish's Lousewort in Canada
February 27	Dr. Joseph J. Nocera	The mystery of the disappearing Chimney Swifts
March 2	Steve Stehouwer	Seedy Saturday
March 21	Mike LaCroix	European Chafer Beetle "The reason your lawn looks like Swiss cheese"
March 23	Andrew Byers	Beekeeping in New Brunswick
April 16	Steve Heard and James Goltz	Ticks, Tick-borne Illness and You
May 15	Evans Estabrooks	Meet the author of "Hay Days"
May 16	Marg Routledge	Enjoying, savouring, and preserving the pleasures of the Herb Garden
June 16	Brian Parker	Annual Rhododendron Tour
June 19	Marg Routledge, Holly Abbandonato	Guided tour of Fredericton Botanic Garden for Wednesday Walkers
August 6	Marg Routledge, Steve Heard and James Goltz	Guided tour of Fredericton Botanic Garden for staff, volunteers and members of the Beaverbrook Art Gallery
October 30	James Goltz	New Brunswick's Carnivorous Plants: Tricking their Prey while Treating Plant Lovers
November 27	Dr. Graham Forbes	The End of Bats in New Brunswick?
December 13	George Scott	Choosing and Caring For Christmas Gifts of Plants

Other educational, outreach and/or promotional events for the Fredericton Botanic Garden included a tour in late August for a youth group of the New Brunswick Conservation Council (Steve Heard), a presentation in January 2019 for the City of Fredericton Community Services Committee (Steve Heard and Jim Goltz), and staffing a booth at FredrecFest on August 24 (Tess Madigan, with support from Cynthia Stacey). Thanks to all of our speakers, tour leaders and volunteers.

Members of the Education/Outreach Committee in 2019 were Steve Heard and James Goltz.



Seedy Saturday March 2, 2019, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Seedy Saturday was a great success this year again. Last year we had around 80 people show up. This year we did even better, having just over 100 people come by to participate. There were mostly adults present; however, there was a good representation of young and youthful folks as well.

There was a tremendous selection of seeds available, as well as door prizes, thanks to our local donors. I would like to thank our donors this year for their support. They are in alphabetical order as follows:

1. Canadian Tire – 2 Nations Crossing
2. Kent Building Supplies 2 Nations Crossing
3. Fredericton Direct Charge Co-op
4. Home Hardware – Main St
5. Scott's Nursery – Lincoln Rd
6. Shur-Gain Feeds & Needs – Exhibition Grounds
7. Steve Stehouwer

Last but not least I would like to thank Brian Parker and Cynthia Stacey for their help with seed distribution, and Jim Goltz and Andrea Flemming for providing homemade baked goods and drinks and welcoming people coming in. Thank You.

If anyone else in our association wants to help with Seedy Saturday next year please contact Steven Stehouwer. Please save seeds for us from your gardens for next year!

Steve Stehouwer



Site Development 2019

By Jim Goltz

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on March 23, 2019

The Site Development Committee is working steadily to build on favourable reviews of visitors to the Fredericton Botanic Garden and to consider and address negative opinions that appear on sites like TripAdvisor. Some of the criticisms are that the 50+ acre site is dominated by grass and trees rather than garden beds, plant diversity is lacking, there is a need for better upkeep, the Fredericton Botanic Garden is “not ready for exhibition”, and there needs to be better signage to identify garden plants.

In 2017, a decision was made to add at least one new garden per year and 5 new gardens have been added since that time. In 2019, the garden beds and walkway for a Pollinator Garden were constructed and planted, drainage issues were addressed and additional plantings were made in the Peony Garden that had been constructed and mostly planted in September 2018, and a Rock and Crevice Garden was constructed and planted with about 1/3 of the plantings that will ultimately be placed there. Work has also commenced on an Urban Orchard, and new plantings were added to the NB Literature Garden, the Hal Hinds Memorial Garden and the garden ponds. A Bur Oak sapling was planted as a tribute to Don Murray, a retired City of Fredericton staff person who has given steadfast support to the Fredericton Botanic Garden since its inception. A grove of White and Yellow Birch was planted along a laneway, and a grove of Red Spruce was planted in an abandoned field.

Garden maintenance in 2019 was likely the best it has ever been, since we had our largest ever complement of summer students (6) and initiated regular weed removal get togethers that we dubbed “Weeding Wednesdays”. Between late June and late September, over 30 volunteers assisted with the removal of weeds from the garden beds and walkways, and invasive plants such as Woodland Angelica and Glossy Buckthorn from trail edges. The holding/propagation beds are nearly full, have become a major attraction for visitors, and have been well organized by John Welling and catalogued by the students.

New signs were placed strategically around the garden by Steve Heard so that visitors would be able to identify featured sites and know where they are in the garden.

The Fredericton Botanic Garden will always be a work in progress that strives for continuous improvement.

A huge thank you to the summer students, volunteers who participated in Weeding Wednesdays, and members of the Site Development Committee and the Board. Site Development Committee members for 2019 included Steve Heard, Jane Seabrook, Brian Parker, Steve Stehouwer, Holly Abbandonato, Tess Madigan, Mike LaCroix, Don Murray and James Goltz.



Spring Fair, Plant Sale 2019

By John Welling

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 22, 2020

Our 2019 Spring Show & Plant Sale was another great event for us!
With over \$12,000.00 in sales and over \$5000.00 in profits for the gardens on going projects. Yeah Team!

I cannot thank all the many volunteers enough who helped out getting ready for the show, also the City of Fredericton for the staff help & materials.

We had a record set-up & tear down times again this year thanks to the volunteers.

I'd also like to thank my fellow board members, once again the TEAM WORK helped make the show a wonderful success. Teamwork is dream work!

The venue looked great! The weather was overcast with a bit of drizzle but that didn't stop anyone too much from enjoying the show.

We had a full venue of exhibitors to enjoy during the show.

NB Community Harvest Gardens Inc.

NB Beekeepers Assoc.

Sunset Heights Meadery - John Way

Line Michaud - Music - Violin

The Bubble Guy - John Williamson

Chicken Coops - Richard Hefling

50/50 Draw - Membership Booth - Marg Routledge

Natural Resources Canada - Trees

Brian Parker

Mitch & Wendy Bourque - BBQ

Security provided by Josh Linton & River the guard dog.

The planning for our 2020 Spring Plant Sale is almost complete.

Our tomatoes & peppers from Heritage Seed and the herbs too have all been ordered as have the perennials from VanNoort Nurseries.

Last year's show (2019) being such a smashing success we increased our inventory for this year's sale and the holding beds are full.

So mark your calendars for Sunday May 31st 12pm-4pm.

We hope to see you there & that the sun is out!

Join us in the gardens this Spring.

All the very best.



INCOME

Plant Sale

Plant Sale Income	10954.00
Gift in Kind	681.42
BBQ	315.00
50/50 Draw	72.00
Total Plant Sale Income	12022.42

EXPENSES

Plant Sale

Van Noort Bulb	3394.48
Supplies	119.33
C. Frensch	111.23
Promix Scotts	188.64
Tables	70.00
Heritage Seeds	54.70
Music	200.00
Postage	45.00
Security	200.00
BBQ Supplies	210.00
Halifax Seed	1074.40
Richters refund	-29.91
50/50	36.00
Pop-ups	356.00
Gift in Kind adjustment	681.42

Total Plant Sale 6711.29

TOTAL INCOME

11995.42

Net Profit

5311.13

Comparison table from previous years of Plant Sales and Raffles

Comparisons	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Plant Sale Revenue	8744.35	10689.52	9946.11	9546.38	10234.45	9711.34	8699.32	8750.33	8113.16	10745.95	12022.42
Expense	4129.65	4551.68	3867.08	4084.96	4639.38	5419.29	4060.82	4184.07	4108.50	4307.65	6711.29
Raffle Revenue	3388.95	3510.30	2096.39	3018.50	2369.30	1901.25	1977.00	2100.00	1998.70		
Expense	872.62	777.99	687.46	777.24	652.55	309.87	404.12	843.08	1095.15		
Silent Auction	185.00	370.50	307.00								
Net	7131.03	9540.65	7795.46	7702.68	7311.88	5883.43	6211.38	6666.26	4908.21	6509.80	5311.13