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May 27 is coming soon. The 24th Annual Botanic Garden Plant Sale is nearly upon us. It is time to check your gardens and prepare to shop for great perennials at the Plant Sale. While you are planning for new additions, make room for them by sharing some of your favourites with us. We are ready to accept your labeled extra plants at the Resource Centre.

A Beautiful Donation

Many members know Jim Nicholson, a long time member and frequent potter of material for many Plant Sales. As one would imagine Jim loves to garden and in his garden was planted a William



Baffin climbing rose. William Baffin is a variety developed from the very hardy Explorer series of Canadian roses. William Baffin has deep fuchsia pink semi-double flowers with a faint fragrance. A very hardy cultivar, but one that can be difficult to work into garden plans because of the intense colour. As luck would have it, one day Jim noticed in his William Baffin a single shoot with a pale pink, semi-double flower. This flower and the shoot it arose from were a natural colour sport (mutation) of William Baffin. The shoot was selected for propagation by Cornhill Nursery where it is now sold under the variety name of "Lucy Irene". Ever the good husband, "Lucy Irene" commemorates Jim's mother-in-law. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of "Lucy Irene" will be donated to the Fredericton Botanic Garden. One couldn't ask for a more beautiful donation. For more information visit Cornhill Nursery or their website, <http://www.cornhillnursery.com/index.html>.

Plant Sale
May 27, 2012
12:00—3:30
Boyce Farmers' Market
Featuring
HARDY ROSES
and Companion Plants

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for the Talks in the Garden
schedule

RHODODENDRON DAY
Guided Tour
of the Rhododendron Collection
Fredericton Botanic Garden
Starting from the Entrance Garden
(next to the Prospect St. Ball Diamond)
Saturday June 9, 1:30 pm
Refreshments

Rain date
Sunday June 10, 1:30 pm
Everybody Welcome



Schedule for the 2012 Talks in the Garden and Other Education Events

Talks in the Garden are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Resource Centre unless noted otherwise. There is no charge but non-perishables for the food bank are welcome. Coffee, tea and goodies will be served.

Topic	Presenter	Date
Container Design and Planting	Heather Connors-Dunphy	May 17
*Rhododendron Tour	Garth Nickerson	June 9
Cooking with Herbs	Marg Routledge	June 21
Building a Garden Bench	Vic Dunphy	July 19
Eating and Preserving Local Produce	Margaret Langille	August 16
Storing Vegetables for Winter Use	Karen Davidge	September 20
Forcing bulbs Indoors for Spring Bloom	Mary Pugh	October 18
History/origin of the Potato	Richard Tarn	November 15
**Christmas Decorating Workshop	Mary Pugh	November 24

*This Talk and Tour is on a Saturday. Meet at the Entrance Garden at 1:30 pm and bring a folding chair.

**Save and dry some plant material from your gardens. There may be a charge for this workshop. It will be several hours in duration. More details in the fall.

We are researching topics for 2013. If you'd like to present or have an idea for a topic please let us know.

Heather Connors-Dunphy actea08@yahoo.com
Richard Tarn rtarn@nbnet.nb.ca

Seedy Saturday

Join us on Facebook

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The Fredericton Botanic Garden Association now has a Facebook page.

If you're one of the one in three Canadians on Facebook, you can join the FBGA group page by entering "**Fredericton Botanic Garden**" in the search bar on Facebook, and then selecting "Join this group."

We'll have announcements about events and pictures of the Garden.

There's also a discussion page for messages.

The annual FBGA Seedy Saturday event was held on March 17, 2012 at the FBGA Resource Centre. The turnout was excellent. FBGA members Steve Stehouwer and Erwin Landauer were both on hand with a large selection of seeds, including some rare and unusual specimens. There was also a wide selection of heritage tomato seeds, ranging from the tiny "Brown Berry" to the large and aptly named "Bloody Butcher".

It was great to see so many people taking the opportunity to renew memberships, and we welcomed some new members as well.

Ruth Muldrew



TOMATOES for the 2012 PLANT SALE

With this fine spring weather upon us the time has arrived to plant up the tomatoes and peppers for this year's Plant Sale. As you can see on the list there are a number of old favourites included and a number of new varieties that we haven't tried before. A major factor in selecting the varieties was flavour. We get our seeds from a grower in Manitoba so they should do well in our more moderate climate. We have increased the number of cherry varieties which seem to be very popular. I still like the tasty tomatoes where one slice makes a sandwich. We have also increased the number of peppers from last year as they all sold out. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Plant Sale. Please volunteer to assist with Sale. Your efforts will be very much appreciated....Bill Seabrook

- Amish Paste** - an Amish Heirloom 6" to 8" elongate red, fresh eating or sauce, indeterminate.
Angelo's Red - huge, bright red fruit, great slicer, wonderful flavour, indeterminate.
Ashleigh - huge (1-2 lbs) meaty red gorgeous fruit, great flavour, indeterminate.
Carbon -10 -14 oz purple/black fruit, tasty, indeterminate.
Cheeseman's - small grape type tomato, great for snacking and salads, very productive.
Coustralee - large red beefsteak, 1 to 3 lbs. Excellent well balanced flavour, indeterminate.
Druzba - Bulgarian heirloom, deep red globes 8-12 oz delicious, indeterminate.
Earl of Edgcombe - 3" beautiful orange fruit, borne in clusters. Very tasty. Indeterminate.
Early Orange Stripe - early, fruit the size of a golf ball, great in salads, indeterminate.
Estler's Mortgage Lifter - the best of the mortgage lifters, fruit are 1lb + and are very flavourful, indeterminate.
Fargo Yellow Pear - heavy bearing yellow salad size tomato excellent flavour, determinate
Farthest North - a very early and prolific cherry tomato, good for cool climates, determinate
Ferris Wheel - a large flattened pink beefsteak great taste, one slice per sandwich, indeterminate.
42 Days - very early red salad size tomato, sweet flavour, determinate.
Ganti - Hungarian heirloom 10-12 oz deep red fruit, full bodied flavour, indeterminate.
Morden Yellow - abundant medium sized yellow fruit, good flavour, determinate.
Neves Azorean Red - Dark red 1-2 lb fruit. Rich outstanding flavour, indeterminate.
Pink Thai Egg - pink salad sized firm fruit, great for snacking and salads, indeterminate.
Persimmon - an old Russian variety, 3-4" golden orange fruit, excellent taste, determinate.
Purple Russian - old Ukrainian tomato plum shaped 3" fruit outstanding sweet taste, indeterminate.
Rideau Sweet Cherry - one of the best tasting cherry tomatoes, very productive, indeterminate.



Pink Thai Egg

PEPPERS

- Alma Paprika** - old Hungarian pepper ripens red, hint of heat.
Black Hungarian - a dependable hot pepper, fruit black, ripens to red, great flavour.
Doe Hill - great for short seasons, gold at maturity, very sweet and productive.
Hinklehatz - from the Pennsylvania Dutch small, prolific and **very hot**.
King of the North - large blocky red sweet pepper, good for short seasons, mild and sweet.
Matchbox Chili - very productive and early, does well in pots, hot.
Jalapeno Jalapa - an early variety of this popular medium hot pepper.
Kung Pao - an Asian variety of this large chili like pepper, hot.
Sweet Chinese Giant - a large sweet and very flavourful bull's horn shaped pepper.
Spanish Sweet - as the name suggests a large sweet pepper of Spanish origin.



Report on the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

The FBGA held its annual general meeting on February 4, 2012. President Norah Davidson-Wright reported the highlights of 2011. These included a successful Plant Sale and Raffle which raised \$13,605.

Thanks were offered to Michael Dillon, Valerie Hillier and George Strunz who left the Board. Re-elected to new terms on the Board were Heather Connors-Dunphy and Ian Veach, and elected for the first time was Doug Dewar.

Guest speaker was Bob Osborne, of Cornhill Nursery, who presented a talk on "Roses" and answered questions. The meeting ended with the Silent Auction.

Thank you to FBGA members who contributed items to the Silent Auction. Thank you as well to everyone who purchased goods and helped us raise over \$1,000 to support development of the Garden.

Although we limited the number of articles each member donated, this helped ensure only quality items were contributed which in turn resulted in higher bids.

Donations from Special K Fisheries Ltd, Bates Custom Framing, Aitkens Pewter, Fredericton Inn, NB Real Estate Association, Westminster Books and Norah Davidson-Wright Law Office helped make the Auction more interesting and valuable.

Garden Plans for 2012

The Pond Enhancement Project will be completed soon. Rainsford Contracting Ltd, is ready to complete construction of the two ponds as soon as the site is dry. The beds have to be prepared and then planting will take place. This is a big task and we'll need assistance – we shall be calling those who indicated on their membership forms that they are willing to help in the Garden. If you wish to help and are not sure if this is marked on your form, please call or e-mail the FBGA office so that we can let you know when work starts.

This year the Association is fortunate to have received summer student grants from both the federal (Summer Career Placement) and provincial (Student Employment Experience Development) government

programs. Jenna Scott has been hired for 17 weeks and Samantha Frenette for eight weeks. They will be assisting with Plant Sale tasks, helping with the Pond project planting and researching funding sources in addition to assisting City casual Jenna Bullied in maintaining beds and trails.

Richard Tarn

Help Make the Plant Sale and Raffle a Success

Your Plant Sale committee has met in the fall and spring preparing for the Annual Sale which is on Sunday, May 27 at the Boyce Farmers' Market. Our theme is Hardy Roses and Companion Plants. The roses are from Cornhill and a selection of 17 companion perennials is growing well in the greenhouse (to see what was purchased go to the plant sale page at www.frederictonbotanicgarden.com). The roses were outside the greenhouse on Cameron Court and unfortunately some of them were stolen.

We are featuring culinary herbs in response to many requests over the last couple of years, and Bill Seabrook is producing a bumper crop of Heritage tomatoes and peppers for the Sale. Marg Routledge is providing recipes for herb, tomato and pepper enthusiasts. As in past years, we have a selection of rhododendron introductions.

This year we have asked our local greenhouse contributors for some annuals, we have had feedback that the sale is "too green", so we are trying to add some colour.

If the weather co-operates, we will be digging perennials from our propagation beds. There is a good selection of hostas, daylilies, sedums, various daisy-flowered perennials, astilbes, catmints etc. Many,



Plants propagated for the Plant Sale



many thanks to Doug and Gail Dewar who did an intense weeding of the propagation beds.

Members have begun dropping off their plants at the Resource Centre. Thank you all for identifying what you are contributing. Please remember that only house plants can be taken directly to the Market on setup day, May 26. The only sizes of pots we are using are 3 1/2, 5 and 6 1/2 inch. Please do not drop off empty pots that are not these sizes. We also need volunteers to pot up plants at the greenhouse. Most afternoons there will be a plant sale committee member there.

Our raffle prizes this year include a lovely garden bench set crafted by Charlie Fullarton, a gas BBQ and an electric lawnmower (you can see these online too). Thank you all for selling tickets and for participating in ticket sales at the Market. We still need a volunteer for the 7 - 9 am shift on Saturday, May 26. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to build a bridge in the new pond garden.

This year, the barbecue will be operated by the Barkers Point Northside Lions Club, freeing up our volunteers to look after the plant material and our purchasers.

We really need your help on setup and Sale days. There are several prizes for volunteers plus the opportunity to buy two plants "early" before the customers arrive. Susan Cassidy and Carla Ward are looking after setup and sale logistics.

Please join us in making this a very successful Plant Sale year!

Heather Connors-Dunphy
Norah Davidson-Wright
Co-Chairs

(Convener) Talks in the Garden Series

An ad hoc committee of the Board, the Education and Outreach Committee, made up of Richard Tarn and Heather Connors-Dunphy is working on the goal of getting the public to be more knowledgeable about the garden and gardening. In order to forward the Board's strategic plan we must reach out to the public and interest them in the Fredericton Botanic Garden. At the same time all botanic gardens have an interest

in educating the public about matters surrounding plants and their environment.

To date there have been three Talks. The audience is growing. The committee now wants to add a third and possibly a fourth member to the committee. Richard and Heather will continue to search out speakers and schedule the talks. They would like one or two volunteers to come forward to do the following:

- notify the publicity committee of the need to "get the word out" via Web, Facebook, newspaper, radio and newsletter
- arrange "thank you" membership for speakers with the Executive Director
- communicate with speakers to remind them and ensure that their needs for projectors etc. are met, communicate requirements to Executive Director
- solicit refreshment items from members
- be present at the Talks, acting as hosts, introducing the speaker, welcoming the attendees, thanking the speaker, cleaning up after the presentation, taking food donations to the Fredericton Food bank and taking every opportunity to promote the garden and upcoming FBGA events.

Please indicate your interest by emailing Richard Tarn at rtarn@nbnet.nb.ca or Heather Connors-Dunphy at actea08@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

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To obtain information on membership and to become involved in FBGA activities please contact us: **506-452-9269 PO Box 57, Stn. A, Fredericton, NB E3B 4Y2 or fbga@nb.aibn.com**
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Fredericton Botanic Garden Plant Sale

**Featuring Hardy Roses and
flowering plants that are
companions to roses**

**Also heritage tomatoes,
peppers and culinary herbs**

**When: May 27, 2012
Noon to 3:30 pm**

**Where: Boyce Farmer's
Market, George St.
Fredericton**

**Other: Raffle underway
Canteen available**

**Pick up perennials for your garden
Funds to build a bridge in the pond garden**

