



President's Message

Hope everyone is managing to keep the mildew at bay. I noticed my poor phlox are already spotted and as yet, are only half their mature height. And I'd like to know where it is written that weeds should grow faster than plants during a rainy spring.. Oh well, we'll have to keep our fingers crossed that we get some warmer weather soon.

The Plant Sale was another rousing success, and although not quite as much profit was realized this year relative to 2002, many organizational innovations helped to move things along more smoothly than ever before. Many comments suggested that spreading the plants out made the crush of people less intense and shopping for those special additions to the garden was a much more enjoyable experience. We are always learning. A big thanks to all the dedicated volunteers that make this such a special event. Bill Seabrook, Bill Hall and the Plant Sale Committee deserve our special thanks for the many hours that they contributed. And I would be remiss if I didn't extend sincere thanks to Jim and Betty Nicholson and their crew at the Resource Center, who each year spend untold hours, nay days, planting up hundreds and hundreds of donated divisions and bare root donations. Without their consistent and quiet help this event would be a much more difficult undertaking for the rest of us. Hope everyone was able to get all their new garden acquisitions tucked into new homes, albeit between the rain-



drops.

Well it's June and I am feeling a significant craving for cucumber sandwiches. You know the kind, the ones with the very, very thin cucumber slices on the crustless bread. What goes better with crustless sandwiches than rhubarb punch. It won't be long now until I can indulge these strange yearnings. It's almost time for the 5th Annual Treasured Garden Tour. I have my straw hat at the ready and am hoping for wonderful weather. Although we have had rain in the past and it didn't dampen our spirits in the least. The tickets go on sale June 12th, so be sure and pick them up early so you will be able to join me in partaking of the cucumber and asparagus sandwiches. And in case you think I am only thinking of my stomach, I do love the opportunity to get a peek at some of the special gardens in our area. Andrew Lawson and his committee have been working hard to make sure that everything exceeds our expectations. If you would like to help out with the event, there will be lots to do on the July 12th. Give Andrew a call and see if there is something you would enjoy doing.

In the more immediate future Dr Richard Tarn will be conducting a walk through the garden with a particular eye to viewing the plantings of rhododendrons and azaleas we have on site. This walk/talk will commence at 7:00 PM on June 19th and participants will meet in the Fredericton Botanic Garden parking lot off Prospect Street. Bring your walking shoes and be prepared to be dazzled.

I would also like to encourage anyone who likes to get their hands in the dirt to come help us build the Hal Hines Memorial Garden. Hal was a long time member of the FBGA and one of the first people to envision a Botanic Garden for Fredericton. To recognize Hal's contribution to our shared dream, we will be meeting on Saturday, June 28st to put some sweat equity into the site for his memorial garden. We also thought it would be fun to have a work day in the garden com-



plete with a potluck lunch. Many hands, light work and all that, so please join us. It's a great way to meet gardening friends. More information on this activity will be found further on in the Newsletter.

Don't forget to keep looking at the website to stay abreast of the ongoing adventures in the Fredericton Botanic Garden frederictonbotanicgarden.com

Hope to see everyone soon at one event or another.

Happy gardening Everyone!!

Recognition Day

The Fredericton Botanic Garden Association is planning a Recognition Day to be held September 7th 2003. This is an attempt to formally acknowledge and thank a few of the special people who have given greatly of themselves over the years in an effort to keep the Garden growing and evolving. Please join us at the Top of the Garden, off Prospect Street, between the hours of 3 and 5 PM. Light refreshments will be provided. If you have someone in mind that you feel merits such recognition, please send along the name and a short summary of why you think this individual deserves your nomination. Please send nominations to fbga@nb.aibn.com no later than July 15th.



Five Year Development Plan

The new Five Year Development Plan identifies priorities and provides cost estimates for the next developments for the FBG. The planning document is to guide the work in the Garden



over the next few years and to be used to prepare information material used in fundraising. The Plan was prepared for the FBGA by the Fredericton landscape design company Daniel K. Glenn Ltd.

The Plan was accepted at a special meeting of the FBGA Board in July. It was then presented to the Local Improvement Association Board that has both FBGA and City of Fredericton members. On September 16 President Louis-Philippe Albert, accompanied by Richard Tarn and Howard Fritz, presented the Plan to the City of Fredericton at a meeting of the Council in Committee. The presentation was well received and Council was asked to formally endorse the Plan and did so at a later date. Following the Council presentation President Albert was interviewed on CBC's Information Morning by Barbara Roberts, and *The Daily Gleaner* gave good coverage to the Plan.

Six major issues are addressed in the Plan. First is the service road that in places exceeds the maximum recommended slope for pedestrians and restricts access because of its grade. Sweeping S-shaped curves below the entrance garden lengthen the road and create an acceptable grade, while avoiding major impact on the mature woods behind the ball field. The second issue is the Prospect Street parking lot shared with the ball fields and a persistent cause of erosion at the Garden entrance. The recommended paved and organized parking area will control erosion and help provide a better sense of entry into the Garden. The third issue also involves the Prospect Street entrance - the need for visitor facilities including washrooms, a reception area and program space. These are proposed to be met in a new building on the east side of the parking lot on the edge of the Odell woods and would provide the main entry into the Garden.

Recent experience in the Garden has shown that the Entrance Garden does not provide sufficient open space for crowds and tents at events such as the Treasured Garden Tour. To create a multi-purpose space the Plan recommends a large oval lawn immediately below the entrance. The road and false stream are moved to the Odell boundary. Below the new Open Space and between the wide curves of the re-aligned road is the Children's Garden. Responding to the priority to establish program activities this Garden contains a series of mini-modules with the potential to be wholly or partially planted and maintained as part of the Garden's children's programming.



The sixth issue is the maintenance compound. Cameron Court is confirmed as the recommended location for reasons of access. However, the screening of the area between the compound and the neighbouring residences is to continue and the service road is moved to the east of the compound adjacent to the Odell boundary before swinging back to its present alignment.

Richard Tarn
Site Development Committee Chair

Volunteers Needed for Garden Project

Would you like to help prepare the next garden? Are you available to help on June 28 or July 5. On these two Saturdays members are invited to come and help create the memorial garden for Hal Hinds, the founding president of the FBGA.



The garden overlooks the large pond and includes a spring which runs into the pond. It is to feature primulas and other moisture and shade loving plants. Member and landscape designer Brian Parker has volunteered his time to design the garden and lead the construction.

If anyone had an uncommon or very nice example of a hosta, fern, primrose or other shade tolerant plant they would like to contribute to the design would they please call me at 450-3898 or email at rootb@nbnet.nb.ca. I want to control what comes in before construction begins and make sure that everything has a place to go. Please do not bring plants the day of the work or we may have to just put it into the holding bed at the garden.

Members who wish to help are welcome to join the work group on Saturday June 28 or Saturday July 5. Work will start at 9:00 am and continue for the day. The Garden Resource Centre will be our base. Lunch will be a pot luck picnic. Please bring your own tools - shovels, spades, rakes. There will be a variety of jobs to grub out and prepare the site for planting. We look forward to seeing some of you there. For further information please call Richard Tarn (450-8885), chair of the Site Development Committee

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Adopt-a-Bed

Some members have said they would like to volunteer time to help in the Garden. One way to do this is to adopt one of the flower or shrub beds and help keep it clean and looking its best. If you are interested in helping in this way, please call Richard Tarn (450-8885), chair of the Site Development Committee.

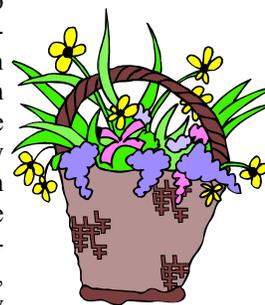


Membership

by Lucy Dyer, chair of the Membership Committee.

The Membership Booth at the annual Plant Sale was successful in signing up 18 new members, thanks to the outstanding efforts of the volunteers manning the membership area at the Sale. A very hearty welcome to the Association to all!! We nearly matched last year's record of 19 new members. In addition, 10 members took advantage of the opportunity to renew, bringing the total membership to 320 (many of which are family memberships, representing at least two individuals).

A beautiful basket containing many items was prepared by Nancy Beltrandi to use as a prize for new members joining the Association at the Plant Sale. It was won in a raffle at the end of the sale by John King. A lovely book on roses for Canadian gardens (by Robert Osbourne and Beth Powning) was raffled to a renewing member, and this was won by Molly MacKenzie. Congratulations to both!



The committee (Nancy Beltrandi, Wendy Bourque, Carla Ward and Lucy Dyer) is very appreciative of the help of many volunteers in setting up and decorating the membership area - including hanging tissue-paper butterflies made from a pattern obtained by Carla Ward. Special thanks go to Mitch and Wendy Bourque for lending us their magnificent fountain, and for creating 2 chalkboards.



15th Annual Plant sale

May 25 was the day of our 15th annual plant sale. As luck would have it it turned out weatherwise to be a cold, wet, altogether dirty day. In spite of the weather a long line of regulars appeared prior to the noon opening. The general feelings were that there were fewer people at the sale this year than in the past.

However those that did come spent handsomely and our net proceeds from both the raffle and the sale were \$13,511.00.

The two Bills would like to express their thanks to the members of the Plant Sale committee who worked tirelessly on this project since November 2002. We would also like to thank those many members who donated plants, for without your donations there would have been sale.

A special thanks is extended to those members who worked so hard setting up the Market on May 24 and to those that turned up to help on sale day. It really was a tremendous effort by all concerned **THANKS.**

Just for your information and so that you can begin planning, the 2004 plant sale will be held on Sunday May 30 starting at 12 noon. The committee to organise the sale will begin meeting in November we really hope to see you there.

Bill Hall and Bill Seabrook

This summer the FBGA is supporting two students in the Garden—Stephanie Hogue and Catherine Trudel. The students are supported in part by a New Brunswick S.E.E.D grant and a federal Summer Career Placement grant.

Our students are working under City employee and student Robin Byres. Jeff Graham continues to oversee the work in the garden as well as activities in Odell Park. Please welcome the students when you see them during your visits to the Garden



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**Fredericton Botanic Garden Association
A Summer Garden Tour
“A Treasured Garden Tour”
Saturday, July 12, 2003
1:00p.m.**



Dear Member:

As summer approaches, everyone's gardens are bursting with color! Maximize your enjoyment this summer and join us on the 5th annual "Treasured Garden Tour". We will tour 4 Fredericton area gardens and then finish the day with a garden party at the Botanic Garden complete with live entertainment by the Don Bosse Jazz Quartet, refreshments and fancy sandwiches, desserts, and guided tours of the Fredericton Botanic Garden. Tour the private gardens from 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm and then join us at the Botanic Garden between 3:00pm and 4:30 pm for an old fashioned Garden Party.

If you are interested in attending the Garden Tour, the tickets are \$15.00 each and will be on sale June 12, 2003 at Westminster Books, Trites Flower Shop, Main Street Floral Gallery, Botanicals, and Green Village Garden Center. Please pay with cash or check only. All proceeds go towards future development of the Fredericton Botanic Gardens.

The organizing committee has been hard at work making the initial arrangements. We would like to invite the membership to participate in this upcoming event.

A meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, Tuesday July 3, at the Resource Center to co-ordinate volunteer activity and to finalize the day's activities. If you can volunteer to help out in any of the following areas please attend the meeting or contact us:

- Information Officers at the host gardens (at least 8 individuals)
- Set-up activities at the Botanic Garden (raising large tents, set up tables etc.)
- Servers for the afternoon garden party (at least 10)
- Clean up at the Botanic Garden
- Food donations- sweets, sandwiches, and fresh fruit and vegetables
- Individuals to help in the preparation of the food platters and punch
- Donations of fresh cut flowers for arrangements

For all of those helping out on the day of the tour, a pre-tour of the four gardens will take place during the week of July 7, 2003. All those working on the day of the tour will be able to enjoy the "Treasured Gardens" in advance as a special treat at no charge.

Please attend the next meeting or call Andrew at 450-3388 to register as a "Garden Party Volunteer". Everyone on the registered list will be invited to the pre-tour as a special thank-you.

You may contact Andrew Lawson at 450-3388 if you require additional information or wish to help out.

Thank you for your continued support.

Andrew Lawson
Committee Chair

