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President's Message

It occurred to me that as another year end draws closer and the "Holiday Season" starts to wind up that this time of year is often associated with giving thanks...more so than the traditional day of the Thanksgiving.

I would like take this opportunity to personally thank the following;

- All the members and their friends and family who helped out at the Annual Plant Sale. It seems to get harder every year but every year they pull it off.
- All the members who helped at the Garden during cleanup days.
- The member volunteers who organize events, bug friends for donations, prepare food, phone other members and generally do all they can without a lot of thanks sometimes. Thank you.
- The Board...a group of people who work harder than they should to try and make the preceding events successful. Some have had to leave the Board for family reasons, some for work commitments but at the same time others have stepped up to fill the voids. Ruth Muldrew, Ian Veach, Richard Tarn, William Seabrook, Doug Dewar, Wendy Bourque Norah Davidson-Wright, Tom Sifton and Heather Connors-Dunphy. Thank you for all your time and for your patience with me...your reluctant president, who still finds Board meetings a daunting task.
- And a special nod to Doug Dewar and Heather Connors-Dunphy who this year alone have spent hundreds of hours at the garden doing planting, potting, weeding, greeting, organiz-

**Annual General Meeting
Marysville Heritage Centre
February 23 2013 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

We are researching topics for 2013. If you'd like to present or have an idea for a topic please let us know. Contact Heather Connors-Dunphy
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or Richard Tarn rtarn@nbnet.nb.ca

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ing and then doing it all again...without enough thank you's. Thank you. I appreciated all the time you have spent doing all the things you have done. Heather also serves as our Treasurer and organizes the guest lecturer series...not an easy task arranging all that that entails, another thank you.

Two members who I deal with a lot also have my thanks. Graham Allen, secretary, Man Friday, doing all that is asked of him, generally with a good dose of humour and Richard Tarn who chairs the Site Development Committee and who lends his ear too often to listen to my "issues". Thank you both.

To the general membership...if you want to get involved in your Garden please give the Centre a call and offer up some of your time. There are a lot of ideas on the horizon for the Garden and the more voices there are the more things will grow. I wish everyone the best in this Holiday Season and in the New Year ahead. Take care.

- Brian Parker



Christmas Workshop

On Saturday, November 24 the FBGA held a Christmas Wreath and Centrepiece-Making workshop led by designer and long-standing FBGA member, Mary Pugh. By all accounts the workshop was a great success with 17 participants filling the main room in the resource centre. The workshop, which was advertised on CBC, in the Daily Gleaner, Facebook and Kijiji, and listed in the ArtsNews and the FBGA newsletter, was well-received and enjoyed by all. The main comment we heard was that the workshop was great value – for only \$30 participants received: excellent instruction including bow making; a pre-made fir wreath; a bowl with oasis; and a large selection of natural materials to decorate them which included juniper, cedar, pine and nearly a dozen different types of pine cones; as well as some artificial pieces such as holly berries. Real carnations and daisies were brought out for the centrepieces. At break-time everyone enjoyed some mulled cider and short-bread for some added holiday spirit! If you have any other workshop ideas please send them along. We would love to hear from you.

- Valerie Hillier



Christmas Workshop Wreath



Centerpiece made at the workshop

Volunteer Group Puts the Garden to Bed

As most of you know, the City stops maintaining the garden when their casual staff are finished for the year. Their last weeding in the Garden was about the middle of September. On November 3 a group of volunteers including Brian Parker and his son, Ruth Muldrew, Ian Veach, Richard Tarn, Steve Stehouwer, Evans Estabrooks and Gail and Doug Dewar undertook this task. They weeded the prop beds, the day lily bed (which needed alot of work), Hal's Garden and the White Garden. Doug returned on Sunday and completed the berm planting (between the parking lot and the Entrance Garden). Many thanks to all. This will make the spring job so much easier. It is important for visitors to see the garden looking its best.

- Heather Connors-Dunphy

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



Fredericton Botanic Garden Association Talks in the Garden 2013 Schedule

Talks will begin at 7pm at 10 Cameron Ct unless otherwise indicated

The 2013 Schedule offers Talks, Walks and Workshop experiences

January 17, 2013 - On the Trail of Dr. William Francis Ganong.. NB Botanist, Historian and Cartographer *Nick Guitard*

February 21, 2013 - Starting plants from Seeds *Steve Stehouwer*

March 21, 2013 - Mangrove to Protea- a look at the flora of Kwa Zulu Natal *Allison Juta*

September 19, 2013 - Cleaning and Saving Seed *Steve Stehouwer*

The rest of the Year's talks are still being developed. Topics planned are: Invasive species, endangered plant species, and origin of wheat.

Based on input from our audiences the Talks in April, May, June, July and August will likely occur outdoors in the garden. Some of these will occur on weekends. Topics being explored as workshops are:

- Building you own container from hypertufa
- Building an obelisk from wood

Topics to be explored through Walks in the Garden include:

- Attracting and identifying birds
- Rhododendron Tour
- Docent lead tours of the garden in July and August

December 2013 Christmas Decorating Workshop

The workshops will likely have an attendance fee.

Privileges of Membership

- * Quarterly Newsletter
- ** 10% Discount at the following local garden centers:
 - Capital Landscape & City Gardeners
 - Co-Op Country Store (Northside)
 - Corn Hill Nurseries
 - Curries Greenhouses
 - Kent Garden Center
 - Scott's Nursery
 - Wetmore's Nursery
- *** Free Admission to FBGA functions, tours & events unless otherwise stated

Join us on Facebook



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 Fredericton Botanic Garden Association Newsletter is published four times a year by the Fredericton Botanic Garden Association, Inc. The FBGA is a registered charitable organization for tax purposes. 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: **506-452-9269 PO Box 57, Stn. A, Fredericton, NB E3B 4Y2 or fbga@nb.aibn.com**
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Notice of FBGA Annual General Meeting

When: Saturday, February 23, 2013

**Where: Marysville Heritage Centre,
11 McGloin St., Fredericton, NB**

Agenda:

Annual General Meeting

Breakout sessions for member input
Reporting from Breakout sessions

Speaker: Carol Goodwin, Associate Professor,
faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University
(formerly Nova Scotia Agricultural College)

Topic: Urban Trees

Biography

Carol is an Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences. She teaches subjects related to arboriculture, landscape man-

agement, garden history and garden design, as well as plant ID. Her research is in the area of cultivation practices that affect tree health and longevity, as well as propagation and production of native plant species.

Carol coordinates international student exchanges for students in landscape programs at the College. Carol is the faculty coordinator for the Master Gardener program, available by distance delivery. She is a visiting lecturer for the Horticulture Department at Writtle College in Chelmsford, Essex, England, and the Landscape Design Department at HÄME Polytechnic in Lepaa, Finland.

She really loves all aspects of landscape and environmental horticulture.

Other Items: Light refreshments will be served at the Break.

Note: A silent auction will not be part of this year's AGM.

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