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Message from the President – Stephen Heard

Winter, in a Garden, can feel like a time of waiting – of suspended animation as life waits beneath the snow for the new hope of coming Spring. Perhaps that's not even a bad metaphor for this winter in our pandemic year: some of the things we love to do are suspended, while we wait for the very real hope brought by vaccination.

The good news is that Spring will come, and with it, renewed growth in our Garden. We can't wait to see our beds in bloom: old favourites like the rhododendrons and the day lilies, but also some of our new additions. In 2021, the Rock and Crevice Garden will see its first full summer; and our newly constructed Wabanaki Healing Garden will offer beauty, reflection, and learning.

Of course, just because the plants are waiting for Spring doesn't mean we've stopped working. We have new and expanded beds in the works (more about those soon). Planning is also in full swing for our Spring Plant Sale– as usual, come May, we'll have wonderful perennials, herbs, heirloom tomatoes and peppers, and more. This is an important fundraiser for us, but it's also a way we share our love of plants with your own gardens. So make plans to fill your gardens with plants from our sale – and please spread the word so all your friends can do the same.

Finally: our plants may be waiting for Spring, but you don't have to. Our Garden remains open for walking, snowshoeing, skiing, and more. Get outside; and keep your eyes peeled and your ears perked, because when you're outside in nature there's always something to see or to hear.

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, March 20
7 p.m.

Due to the pandemic, this year's AGM will be held online via Zoom.

If you are a member and have not received the link, please email

fredbotanicgarden@gmail.com.

There Will be Daffodils, Soon

Online Talk

March 24, 7 p.m.

Jane Loughborough

For sure there will be photos of daffodils and many other plants on Wednesday March 24th in a talk given by FBGA member and volunteer, Jane Loughborough. Jane will present a photo journey of a recent growing season on an island property in Georgian Bay, Ontario. The sparse soil, granite rock, varying winds and rainfall amounts on Georgian Bay create challenging conditions to gardening. However, perennials rule, flowers bloom and Monarch Butterflies have made a comeback.

Jane moved to Fredericton 4 years ago from Toronto. She spends the summer months at her family cottage in Ontario then drives through Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick to arrive here in the later fall with a car full of house plants so there can be indoor gardening during the winter months. The reverse trip happens in the spring.

Zoom link will be sent to members via email.

The Garden Through the Seasons

Unless otherwise noted, photos by Jim Goltz.

Early May

From forsythia at both entrances to the spring ephemerals on the Woodland Fern Trail, in the Hal Hinds Memorial Garden, the Garden begins to bloom in early May.

Forsythia

Erythronium americanum / Trout Lily

Late May—Early June

Buds are opening throughout the garden by May 20. Some highlights are the azaleas behind the Resource Centre, magnolias in the Memorial Grove, columbines in the Crevice Garden and primula in the Hal Hinds Memorial Garden.

Quince, Urban Orchard

Azalea, Resource Centre

Flowering Crab, Resource Centre

Magnolia, Memorial Garden

Sempervivum, Rock and Crevice Garden

Primula, Hal Hinds Memorial Garden

Peonies and Rhododendrons

Mid-June is peak Rhododendron time. We are hopeful that we will be able to resume the traditional Rhododendron Tour in 2021.

Rhododendron Garden. Photo credit: Karl Dore

The variety of peonies creates blooms in the Peony Garden from early June—early July.

Peony Garden

Rhododendron Garden

Rhododendron Garden. Photo credit: Karl Dore

Peony Garden

July

The N.B. Literature Garden and Pollinator Gardens are bursting with colour in July. The Day Lily Bed begins to burst with colour. The Rock and Crevice Garden and the Perennial Garden continue their show.

Day lily. Photo credit: Andrea Flemming

Day Lily Bed.

Rose. NB Literature Garden.

Renew Your Membership

A Garden membership provides ongoing support to the maintenance of the Fredericton Botanic Garden. In addition to free admission to most FBGA events, members receive a 10% discount at local garden centers.

Co-Op Country Store (Northside)
Corn Hill Nurseries
Curries Greenhouses
Kent Garden Center
Scott's Nursery
Wetmore's Nursery

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Paper forms are also available from the link above.

Thank you for your support!

Achillea / Yarrow. Pollinator Garden.

August

From quiet blooms, like the foamflower in the White Garden, to the blazing colours of the coneflowers in the Pollinator Garden, the Garden is blooming from top to bottom in August.

Iris, NB Literature Garden. A Flemming

Veronica, Pollinator Garden. Photo credit: Leslie French

Eryngium and Salvia, Pollinator Garden. Photo credit: Leslie French

Tiarella cordifolia / Foamflower, White Garden

Eupatorium , Perennial Garden.

Echinacea / Coneflower Pollinator Garden.

Autumn

While many flowers are finished for the year, the asters and rudbeckia in the Perennial Garden and Pollinator Garden shine in fall. The blaze of colour as the trees and shrubs change colour adds to the joy of autumn visits to the Garden. Keep an eye out for the second bloom on many varieties in the Rock and Crevice as well as the surprisingly hardy poppies.

Poppies, Pollinator Garden
Photo credit: Andrea Flemming

Rudbeckia, Pollinator Garden

Asters, Perennial Garden. Photo credit: Andrea Flemming

Seedy Saturday Postponed

Seedy Saturday 2021 will be held September 25.

Seed saving and winter sowing workshops will accompany the traditional seed exchange.

Snow Family, Hal Hinds Memorial Garden.
Photo credit: Carol Wakeham

Volunteer Opportunities

Plant Sale

Help is needed with transplanting, watering, publicity and a myriad of other tasks. Please contact us if you are able to help.

Weeding Wednesdays

May 5 — September 29

6-8 p.m.

A weekly opportunity to garden with a group of fellow gardening enthusiasts. Weeding, planting and invasive species removal are among the many projects that happen Wednesday evenings. Wear long sleeves and bring your own gloves.

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Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
Please call ahead. Hours may change due to weather or Covid phase.