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Association Newsletter**

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**Rhododendron
Postage Stamps**

Canada Post is welcoming the spring this year with two 54¢ stamps featuring white and pink rhododendron blooms. The photographs were taken at the rhododendron and azalea display at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Centre in Kentville. The stamps will be issued on March 13.

A large collection of species and varieties is maintained at the Kentville Research Centre in a natural bowl-shaped setting framed with mature hardwood trees. The annual Kentville Rhododendron Sunday, usually the second Sunday in June, is an opportunity to see this collection at its best.

Atlantic Canada was well beyond the range of adaptation of desirable rhododendrons when Dr. Donald Craig began collecting and breeding them in 1959. The plantings at the Kentville Research Centre date from this time.

Over some 4 decades Dr. Craig made many crosses, and grew and evaluated many thousands of selections. Starting in 1973 about 10 rhododendron varieties were released from this program. The names of the first variety releases honoured the strong Acadian heritage of the Annapolis Valley with the names "Acadia" (later renamed "Cornwallis" because the original name was found to be a duplicate), "Grand Pre", "Evangeline" (this too was later renamed "Fundy"), "Gabriel" and "Bellefontaine". The names of most of the later releases started with "Minas". Most of these varie-

ties had pink or white blooms, but the last release was a yellow flowered rhododendron named "G.S. Swain" in honour of the Kentville horticulturalist who was a significant contributor to this program. The breeding of Azaleas was a later addition to this program and produced three varieties in the "Minas" series.

Dr. Craig was honoured for his pioneering work with rhododendrons and azaleas. Most of these varieties are difficult to find today, except in the Kentville Research Centre. However, the selections and varieties contributed significantly to the development of hardier varieties and have been used as parents by other breeders such as Capt. Dick Steele, Bayport Plant Farm, NS, some of whose selections are in the Fredericton Botanic Garden collection.



Minas Grand Pre

Events in the Garden

Get a break from the cold with a dose of warm and green when you join us for **"Talks from the Garden"** at Scott's Nursery January 29 at 7:00 pm. Jenny Scott will share her knowledge of **Hydroponics**

**Annual General Meeting
and Silent Auction**

on February 7, 2009
at 12:30 pm
at the

Marysville Heritage Center

Seedy Saturday

March 21, 2009

1:00—4:00 pm

St. Andrews

Presbyterian Church
512 Charlotte Street
Fredericton

FBGA Members \$2.00
non-members \$4.00

May Plant Sale and Raffle

May 24, 2009

12:00 noon to 4:00 pm
Boyce Farmers Market,
George St.

Treasured Garden Tour

July 5, 2009



Following are sections of the FBGA by-laws with proposals for amendments, to be presented to the AGM in February 2009. Those words proposed to be removed are ~~crossed out~~ and additions are in italics and underlined. An apparent error in numbering from Article 8 onward has also been corrected. Other numbering has been adjusted as required.

The proposed changes have been prepared by Mike Dillon, George Strunz and Graham Allen, in November/December 2008.

THE FREDERICTON BOTANIC GARDEN ASSOCIATION INC.

BY-LAWS

Article 4 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

4.01 The property, business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by a body to be called the "Board of Trustees".

4.02 The Board of Trustees shall consist of ~~twelve~~ nine elected members, except in 2009 not more than eleven elected members and in 2010 and 2011 not more than ten elected members of the Association elected as follows:

- a) ~~at the inaugural meeting of the Association there shall be an election of a Board of Trustees, consisting of~~
 - a) ~~four members of the Association who shall hold office for a term of three years;~~
 - b) ~~four members of the Association who shall hold office for a term of two years, and~~
 - c) ~~four members of the Association who shall hold office for a term of one year.~~

b) at each annual general meeting of the Association ~~following the inaugural meeting,~~ the members of the Association shall elect, for a term of three, two or one years each, ~~four~~ enough members of the Association to the Board of Trustees to replace those members whose term has expired or have resigned, to make a Board of nine elected members. The lengths of the terms of the elected members shall be such that three members end their terms each year.

b) The immediate Past President shall be a voting member of the Board of Trustees.

4.03 At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees after the Annual General Meeting the Board of Trustees shall elect from among its members an executive composed of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of Article 5. ~~The election of President and Secretary on odd years and the election of Vice-President and Treasurer on even years.~~

4.05 A quorum shall consist of 50% plus one of elected and voting members of the Board for a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

4.07 There shall be a Site Development Committee, the Chairman of which shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees by virtue of the office. The powers of the Site Development Committee shall be assigned by the Board of Trustees within the limits of subsection 4.06.

Article 5 OFFICERS

5.07 An Executive Director of the Association shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees by virtue of the office.

**The complete bylaws with proposed changes may be found on our website:
http://frederictonbotanicgarden.com/FBGA_Bylaws_v5.pdf**

Note

"Talks in the Garden" will be held at **Scott's Nursery** on the Lincoln Road at 7:00 pm on Thursday January 29, 2009.

Jenny Scott will share her knowledge of **Hydroponics**



The Fredericton Botanic Garden 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**

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**Fredericton Botanic Garden Association
 Board of Directors**

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Secretary - Carole Peacock Treasurer - Michael Dillon
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 Brian Parker Bill Seabrook George Strunz



On Saturday, February 7

The Fredericton Botanic Garden Association is holding its
11th Annual Silent Auction.
at the Marysville Heritage Centre on McGloin Street.

This is a request to the membership for donations to this event.

We look forward to receiving the wonderful goods, services and refreshments that you plan to donate to the auction as you have in other years. We encourage you to bring friends, so there will be more competition in the bidding. This is one of our major fund raisers.

I think they will enjoy themselves. As always, we will be serving our delicious and plentiful refreshments. There will be live entertainment, and an interesting special speaker.
(Details of both to be revealed to you at a later date)

**Auction items may be dropped off until Tuesday, February 3
at Carole Peacock's, 36 Alexandra Street
at any time, but please call first 452-1016**

**If you are unable to drop your donations off,
and would like to have them picked up, please contact
Nancy at beltrand@rogers.ca or 459-8004 by Tuesday, February 3**

**If you can provide a plate of small sandwiches or sweets (finger food), please notify
Wayne Beckett at 459-1494 or beckett@nbnet.nb.ca .
He has kindly agreed to coordinate the refreshments.**

Seedy Saturday, March 21, 2009

Fredericton's Seedy Saturday is sponsored by Seeds of Diversity Canada
and the Fredericton Botanic Garden Association

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Charlotte Street, Fredericton
Saturday, March 21, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please bring your seeds to swap. If you do not have seeds saved, come anyway,
there will be plenty of seeds to share.

Refreshments will be served.

Contact: Jane Seabrook
Tel: 506 459-7862, e-mail: seabrook@nb.sympatico.ca





**11th Annual Silent Auction of the Fredericton Botanic Garden
Marysville Heritage Centre, Saturday, February 7, 2009**

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| 12:30-1:15 | Business Meeting |
| 1:15 | Refreshments |
| 1:15-2:30 | Silent Auction |
| 1:45-2:15 | Music |
| 2:30 | Bidding Closes |
| 2:30-3:15 | Guest Speaker: Greg Gillis*
“History of the Petitcodiac River, and
the Removal of the Causeway.” |
| 3:15 | Greet, and Meet Mr. Greg Gillis |
| | Desserts will be served |
| 3:30 | Silent Auction Results |

*Mr. Gillis is the Senior Vice President of AMEC Earth and
Environmental

(Cash or Cheque Only)

