



Fredericton Botanic Garden Association Annual General Meeting Report 2018

Presented at the Annual Meeting on March 23, 2019

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FREDERICTON BOTANIC GARDEN ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Agenda

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Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

To be presented at the Annual General Meeting on March 23, 2019

L'Association du Jardin botanique de Fredericton Botanic Garden Association Annual General Meeting, Saturday February 24, 2018 Unitarian Fellowship, 874 York Street

MINUTES

Welcome: Chairman Goltz called the meeting to order at 1 pm, welcomed everyone present and briefly outlined the program for the event.

Review and approval of the Agenda: Moved by S. Heard and O. Washburn ... Carried

Review and approval of February 18, 2017 Minutes: Motion by Marg Dykeman and Marg Routledge to approve the 2017 AGM MinutesCarried

Business Arising: There was no business arising other than items on the agenda.

President's Report: Chairman Goltz outlined the highlights of the 2017 year's activities.

-The annual garden seed exchange, organized by S. Stehouwer and B. Parker was the most successful ever with more than 70 participants.

-The Annual Spring Fair and Plant Sale was also very successful under the leadership of J. Welling, assisted by numerous volunteers and donations from members and other supporters. A Second-Chance-Plant-Sale was held a week later to sell plants that had not been purchased.

NOTE: Several members indicated that they had not received notice of the follow-up plant sale. It was recommended that members without access to email or social media indicate their interest in being advised by phone in the event of a Second-Chance sale or other events that are organized with short notice.

-A weeding party was organized to complement the work of employees.

-A New Brunswick Literature Garden was created and the Daylily bed was expanded.

-The public profile of the Garden continues to grow through efforts by S. Heard, J. Welling and G. Allen at events, social and traditional media and our website.

-President Goltz concluded by thanking Board members, volunteers and generous donors and invited ideas and help in addressing ongoing challenges on:

- Acquiring funds to build and maintain the Rose garden, the Children's garden and the Pond garden;
- Increasing membership and encouraging more young people to participate;
- Expanding our team of active volunteers;
- Increasing attendance at Talks in the Garden and other events;
- Assessing the number of visitors to the Garden and its value to the community; and
- Making the Garden more enticing to members and visitors



Auditor's Report

Motion by S. Heard and M. Wilcox that the auditor's report be acceptedCarried

Treasurer's Report: By Stephen Heard

Motion by P. Pacey and O. Washburn to approve the report.....Carried

Questions relating to the \$5,000 grant from the City were addressed satisfactorily.

Budget for 2018. Presented for information by S. Heard, Treasurer.

Committee Reports: The Chair invited comments and questions from those in attendance on reports contained in the hand out, namely:

Site development: Progress on realizing or initiating small projects was recognized and appreciated. In addition to the NB Literature and the Daylily Gardens, a Peony Garden will be created and plans for a Pollinator Garden and a Rock and Crevice Garden are to be initiated this Summer. The Fern and Woodland Trail will also get increased attention.

Spring Fair and Plant Sale: On May 27th at the Prospect Street entrance of the Garden. Members and others will be invited to donate plants and volunteer to this annual fund-raising event. Motion by R. Tarn and G Strunz to accept the committee reports..Carried

Chairman Goltz invited suggestions and nominations to establish a Fund-Raising Committee. No comments received from the assembly.

The Vision and Strategy document was outlined by S. Heard who indicated that it had recently been approved by the Board.

Questions and comments: P. Pacey offered to provide interpretive training to students and other workers at the Garden to increase their ability to inform visitors about the Garden. He also discussed the potential for bus tours at strategic times (Rhododendrons blooms, etc.), and indicated the possibility of collaborating with the Calithumpians for mutual benefits.

Election of Board members

The chair introduced the current members and indicated that all were willing to serve for the coming year but that there were 2 vacancies. After 3 calls for further nominations, motion by J. Nicholson and G Strunz that the current Board members be appointed for another year.....Carried

Adjournment: Moved by S. Heard to adjourn the business meeting at 2 pm.....Carried



Refreshments: A variety of sandwiches and sweets were donated by members and arranged by M. Routledge, with assistance from other volunteers.

Guest Speaker: M. Routledge introduced Mr. Tom Smart, curator of the Beaverbrook Art Gallery who presented a series of slides on paintings by recognized artists on the topic: “Art and Gardens: From earthly delights, water lilies and bronze monoliths to radiant, heavenly imaginings”

The talk was a reflection of Mr. Smart’s extensive knowledge of art and experience in the design, care and maintenance of gardens and landscaping at museums and galleries throughout North America.

From Renoir and Monet to the Medieval, the Rococo, the Surrealist and Modern periods, he linked the artists’ masterpieces to their landscape surroundings such as flowers, trees, water and even wars. The socio-cultural environment was also linked, such as debaucheries, eroticism, morality, the Garden of Eden, native spirituality, West Coast totems, etc. He also presented local artists, including Molly Bobak, Freeman Patterson and Tom Forrestal’s painted BMW.

Chairman Goltz thanked Mr. Smart for his delightful interpretive presentation and offered a one-year membership to the Fredericton Botanic Garden Association. He also indicated the potential for a more collaborative relationship with the Gallery.

L.-P. Albert, secretary



President's Report

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on March 23, 2019

2018 was another highly productive and successful year for the Fredericton Botanic Garden. Highlights of some of our accomplishments are as follows:

- Public openings of New Brunswick Literature Garden and our expanded Daylily Garden were well attended. These gardens generated considerable appreciative feedback, and have helped to increase visitors and elevate the Garden's public profile.
- Work is well underway on two new gardens, a Peony Garden and a Pollinator Garden.
- A Fundraising Committee has been established and has initiated creative approaches for acquiring new sources of revenue, particularly by exploring corporate sponsorships and grants.
- The Garden's social media presence has been expanded through the creation and activation of a Twitter account and enhanced promotion of our Facebook page. Our website is being updated.
- New volunteers continue to be recruited through Connect Fredericton, adding to our pool of expertise and reliable hard-working volunteers.
- Four summer students were hired in 2018, thanks to funding from federal and provincial student employment programs, and the City of Fredericton. Thanks also to Peter Pacey for providing the students with training on interacting with visitors to the garden.
- Our annual Spring Fair and Plant Sale was one of the most successful in recent years.
- Talks in the Garden, the annual Rhododendron tour and Seedy Saturday events continue to attract interest and new participants.

More details on most of these will be provided in our Committee reports.

Rapport du président

Présenté à l'assemblée générale annuelle du 23 mars 2019

L'année 2018 a été une autre année très productive et fructueuse pour le Jardin botanique de Fredericton. Les grandes lignes de nos réalisations suivent.

- L'inauguration du Jardin de la littérature du Nouveau-Brunswick et de l'agrandissement du Jardin de Daylily furent très populaires. Ces jardins se sont mérités de nombreux commentaires favorables et ont contribué à l'augmentation du nombre de visiteurs et à rehausser la notoriété du jardin.
- Le développement d'un jardin de pivoines et d'un jardin de pollinisateurs progresse.
- Un nouveau comité de prélèvement de fonds a initié des approches novatrices pour acquérir de nouvelles sources de revenus, notamment en explorant les parrainages et les subventions d'entreprises.
- Les médias sociaux jouent une part grandissante grâce à la création et à l'activation d'un compte Twitter et à la promotion accrue de notre page Facebook. Une mise-à-jour de notre site web est en cours.
- De nouveaux bénévoles continuent d'être recrutés par l'intermédiaire de Connect Fredericton, ce qui ajoute à notre bassin de compétences et participation bénévole.
- Quatre étudiants d'été ont été embauchés en 2018 grâce à l'appui des programmes fédéral et provincial d'emploi pour étudiants et de la ville de Fredericton. Merci également à Peter Pacey d'avoir donné une formation aux étudiants à l'interaction avec les visiteurs.
- La foire printanière et la vente de plantes ont été parmi les mieux réussies de ces dernières années.
- Les rencontres au jardin, la tournée annuelle de Rhododendron et le samedi Seedy continuent de susciter l'intérêt et de nouveaux participants.

Plus de détails sur la plupart de ces sujets sont inclus aux rapports des comités.



Progress would not be possible without the hard work of Graham Allen, our office manager who staffs the Resource Centre office most Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, the annual allotment for garden maintenance from the City of Fredericton, endowment funds through the Fredericton Community Foundation and the generous donations of time, plants, hard work and funds from our many dedicated volunteers and supporters. Thank you very much for all of your contributions. A special thanks to Steve Stehouwer for helping with the New Brunswick Literature Garden and Peony Garden, Erwin Landauer for contributing his collection of peonies to our new Peony Garden, Mike LaCroix for helping design and overseeing the construction of our new gardens, and Andrea Flemming for making the updates to our website. One of our long-time members, Evans Estabrooks, has written a book called Haydays about his early life in the Sackville area, and revenues from his book will support the Fredericton Botanic Garden.

I am sad to report on the passing of two of our former Board members, Owen Washburn and John Robison. Their enthusiasm, encouragement, commitment and energy are deeply missed.

The Annual General Meeting provides us with an excellent opportunity to obtain the feedback, ideas and suggestions of our members. Please feel free to provide these to us today, either during or after the meeting, or at any time between now and our next annual meeting.

Les progrès seraient impossibles sans le travail acharné de Graham Allen, notre directeur de bureau, qui s'occupe du centre de ressources presque tous les mardis et jeudis après-midi, de la dotation annuelle de la Ville de Fredericton pour l'entretien des jardins, des fonds de dotation de la Fredericton Community Foundation et des généreux des dons de temps, de plantes, de travail acharné et de fonds de la part de nombreux bénévoles et sympathisants dévoués. Merci beaucoup pour toutes vos contributions. Un remerciement spécial à Steve Stehouwer pour son aide au Jardin de la littérature et au jardin de pivoines du Nouveau-Brunswick, à Erwin Landauer pour sa collection de pivoines dans notre nouveau jardin de pivoines, à Mike LaCroix pour sa contribution à la conception et à la supervision de la construction de nos nouveaux jardins, et à Andrea Flemming pour faire les mises à jour de notre site Web. Evans Estabrooks, un de nos membres de longue date, a écrit un livre intitulé Haydays au sujet de ses débuts dans la région de Sackville. Les revenus tirés de son livre serviront à soutenir le Fredericton Botanic Garden.

Je suis triste de faire état du décès de deux de nos anciens membres du conseil, Owen Washburn et John Robison. Leur enthousiasme, leurs encouragements, leur engagement et leur énergie nous manquent profondément.

L'assemblée générale annuelle nous offre une excellente occasion d'obtenir les commentaires, idées et suggestions de nos membres. N'hésitez pas à nous les fournir aujourd'hui, soit pendant ou après la réunion, soit à tout moment d'ici notre prochaine réunion annuelle.



Auditors Report 2018

There is no audit report for 2018. A decision by the Board of Trustees was that an audit will be done every 2 years.

Treasurer's Report, 2018

By Steve Heard, treasurer

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on March 23, 2019

Our 2018 fiscal year concluded with a modest (\$3800) surplus for the year. The FBGA's total 2018 revenues were just under \$69,000 including the \$25,000 in-kind contribution from the City's Parks and Trees budget. Beyond memberships, our major sources of revenue are the Spring Fair and Plant Sale, grants from various levels of government (notably, in support of our hiring summer students), and gift and memorials. Expenses were just under \$65,000, again including the \$25,000 in-kind from the City. Our major expenses are wages for our summer students and our Executive Director, the construction of new beds, and administrative costs. We are pleased to have made notable progress as a Garden in 2018 despite our modest budget. Full details of 2018 budget, revenues, and expenditures can be found in the following Financial Report.

For 2019, we propose a budget very similar to 2018. We hope that increased fundraising activity will boost revenues, but we are being cautious in not budgeting for such increases before we see evidence of fundraising success.

INCOME	Budget 2017	Actual 2017	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Budget 2019
Donations					
Gift Received	2000	1025.00	1500	866.50	1000
Memorial Benches	4000		4000	4000.00	
Endowment Income	650	674.93	1000	1773.49	1800
Memorials	100	1675.00	500	2376.00	500
Pollinator Garden				182.97	500
TOTAL Donations	6600	3374.93	7000.00	9198.96	3800.00
Fund raising					
Plant Sale Income	10250	8113.16	10000	10745.95	10000
50/50				71.50	250
Raffle Income	1900	1598.70	0		
Seedy Saturday	50	165.70	100	290.30	200
AGM Silent Auction	1500	531.00	0		
Treasured Garden Tour	4000		0		
Campaign Fund Raising	10000		1000		2000
Sale Items	100		100		
Total Fund Raising	27800.00	10408.56	11200.00	11107.75	12450.00



Grants					
Government of Canada (CSJ)	3500	3925.00	4000	6149.00	7000
Province of NB (SEED)	3500	1740.44	9000	10078.60	10000
Other Grant income		5000.00	5000	2000.00	4000
City Maintenance (in kind)			25000	25000.00	25000
TOTAL Grants	7000.00	10665.44	43000.00	43227.60	46000.00
Education Committee					
Talks in the Garden	50	153.00	100	204.75	100
Education Committee (Workshops)	0				
TOTAL Education Committee	50	153.00	100.00	204.75	100.00
Membership	2500	2365.00	2500	2479.20	2500
Building Rental	2500	2890.00	2890	1840.00	1800
HST Rebate	1000	670.91	1000	542.84	600
Interest Inc	40	159.57	150	162.76	150
Misc income		26.81	25	-54.99	-25
TOTAL INCOME	47490.00	30714.22	67865.00	68708.87	67375.00

EXPENSES					
Membership Services					
Membership Services	225	274.88	275	297.50	275
Talks In The Garden	100		100	13.16	100
Other Education Workshops			50		50
Brochure	1000		500		500
Newsletter	200	117.50	120		120
Recognition Comm.	0	67.92	60		60
Seedy Saturday	75	11.20	20	30.25	20
TOTAL Membership Services	1600	471.5	1125	340.91	1125
Infrastructure					
Insurance	900		360	344.80	339
Building		29.97	50		50
Administration Services	4500	4675.00	4500	3581.25	4500
Other Administration	550	1033.46	700	691.55	1500
Bank Charges	20	10.00	10	1.80	2
Misc		9.08	10	0.15	
Annual General Meeting	200	100.00	100	146.00	150
Greenhouse	1500	268.91	500		
Tent	1700	1820.00	1820	1820.00	1820
HST		1042.07	1000	1200.02	1000
TOTAL Infrastructure	9370	8988.49	9050	7785.57	9361



Fund Raising					
Plant Sale	6500	4108.50	4000	4783.50	5000
Raffle	700	695.16	0		
Campaign Fund Raising	1000		500		500
Treasured Garden Tour	600		0		
Total Fund Raising Expenses	8800	4803.66	4500	4783.5	5500
Public Relations					
Advertising	200		200		
Web Site	150	26.60	125	324.66	175
Garden Map Brochure	250		250		250
TOTAL Public Relations	600	26.60	575	324.66	425
Site Development					
New Bed Construction	750		6000	3081.86	5000
Plant Collecting Acquisition	1000	163.77	1000		1000
Signage	800		800		800
Site Development:Other	300	95.00	300	290.00	300
City Maintenance In kind			25000	25000.00	25000
TOTAL Site Development	2850	258.77	33100	28371.86	32100
Staffing					
Salary	9000	10506.53	20000	21888.37	20000
WHSCC		100.00	100	100.00	150
TOTAL Staffing	9000	10606.53	20100	21988.37	20150
Telephone	1600	1225.96	1250	1285.15	1275
TOTAL EXPENSES	33820.00	26381.51	69700.00	64880.02	69936.00
OVERALL TOTAL	28370	4332.71	-1835	3828.85	-2561.00



Balance Sheet - As of December 31, 2018

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Account	Balance
ASSETS	
Chequing	13923.65
Segregated	345.40
Shares	14997.26
TOTAL Bank Accounts	29266.31
TOTAL ASSETS	29266.31
LIABILITIES	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & ASSETS	29266.31



Board Development Committee

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Serving to the end of 2021

1. Marg Routledge (2nd term)
2. Cynthia Stacey (1st term)

Serving to the end of 2020

1. Holly Abbandonato (1st term)
2. Louis-Philippe Albert (1st term)
3. Rebecca Matchett (1ST term)
4. Michael Stastny (1st term)
5. Stephen Heard (2nd term)
6. John Welling (2nd term)
7. Wendy Bourque (3nd term)

Serving to the end of 2019

1. Jim Goltz (2nd term)

Terms of Reference: Board Development Committee

- i) Review the composition of the Board and committees and the involvement of their respective members annually.
- ii) Recommend changes to the Board and committee structure, terms, etc., that would be most effective and productive for the FBGA.
- iii) Develop a standing list of potential Board and committee members.
- iv) Recruit and nominate qualified candidates to the Board and committees. Explain duties and attendance expectations.
- v) Maintain an up-to-date manual for presentation to new Board and committee members.
- vi) Develop and implement an orientation program for new members of the Board and committees.
- vii) Interview each new Board member or committee member at the time of nomination and annually thereafter, to assess their interests, role on the team, and their satisfaction with their current and past involvement.
- viii) Assure ongoing board training for all members.
- ix) Try to assure all members are using their skills effectively and are satisfied with their involvement.
- x) Arrange for recognition of Board and committee members.
- xi) Develop ways to make serving the Botanic Garden organization an enjoyable experience.



Membership Committee

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The Membership Committee continued to work on programs to increase the number of members and to involve the current membership.

Membership was promoted at all the “Talks in the Garden” and garden tours. At the Spring Fair and Plant Sale in May, raffles for hanging baskets were held for new and renewed memberships. The Membership Committee promoted membership and provided refreshments at the launches of both the Daylily Garden and the NB Literature Garden. Prior to the launch of the Daylily garden, members were invited to an evening of weeding.

The committee is looking for volunteers to help develop a much needed updated promotional brochure.

Respectfully submitted,

Marg Routledge
Nancy Beltrandi
Janet Crawford

Membership in the Association seems to have settled. Although there were 24 new members gained this year, about the same number did not renew. Support is appreciated from the new members and we extend them all a hearty welcome to the organization. It is hoped they will become actively involved. At the end of 2018, the membership list stood at 172, consisting of 94 Individual memberships, 44 Senior/student memberships, and 34 Family memberships.

The list of retailers providing a 10% discount to members are: Co-Op Country Store (Northside), Corn Hill Nurseries, Currie’s Greenhouses, Kent Garden Centre, Scott’s Nursery and Wetmore’s Nursery.

Respectively submitted

Graham Allen for the Membership Committee

Resource Centre

The Resource Centre had groups use the building. The River Valley Obedience Club, Under One Sky (off-reservation children’s program), the New Brunswick Botany Club and the Local Improvement Association used the space for meetings as well as the various Fredericton Botanic Garden Association committees.



Website

We are pleased to have recruited an enthusiastic and experienced volunteer (Andrea Flemming) to undertake an update of the Garden's website. An ad hoc subcommittee of the Board, led by Stephen Heard, is providing oversight of this work. In late 2018, the existing website underwent a refresh, with a simpler and more modern design and theme and with updating of information. Two updates are of special interest: (1) updating of the Garden map and bed descriptions to include several beds that are newly planted or under construction; and (2) addition of a website for the New Brunswick Literature Garden. In 2019, we plan a more thorough revamp as the site is migrated from the existing Wix platform to a more user-friendly Wordpress hosting. This represents an excellent opportunity to renew content, and we invite members with an interest in contributing web content to contact Stephen Heard (sheard@unb.ca).

The website can be found, as always, at <http://www.frederictonbotanicgarden.com>.

Please take a moment to look at the site - and then let us know what you think.

Education and Outreach Committee 2018 Report

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The Education and Outreach Committee is responsible for organizing the Talks in the Garden, a series of talks and workshops held most months from September through May, usually on the third Thursday of each of those months. In addition, the committee also organizes guided tours for the members and the public (e.g., the annual rhododendron tour) and provides information sessions about the Garden if requested. The Talks in the Garden for 2018 were as follows:

2018 Talks in the Garden		
Date	Speaker	Topic
January 18	Michael Stastny	Looking ahead: Green thumbs in New Brunswick under a changing climate
February 15	Holly Abbandonato	Making things right: Restoring ecosystems through native seed production
March 15	Rob Johns	Harnessing the public to track spruce budworm outbreaks: What citizen science can teach us about insects and each other
April 19	Jim Wilson	The Monarch: An Amazing Butterfly Story
May 17	Joe Ruggeri	Gardening for Taste, Health and Beauty
September 20	David Smith	Gardening with Native Plants
October 25	Steve Stehouwer	A Practical Workshop on Crevice Garden Construction and Planting
November 15	Amy Parachnowitsch	Stopping to smell the flowers: the invisible world of floral scent
December 13	Jim Goltz	Creating and Maintaining a Bird-friendly Garden



Other educational, outreach and/or promotional events for the Fredericton Botanic Garden were as follows:

City of Fredericton Age-friendly Committee (presentation; Steve Heard) – April 9

Spring into Wellness Fair, Leo Hays High School (booth; Holly Abbandonato and Louis-Philippe Albert) – April 29

Annual Rhododendron tour (leader Brian Parker) – June 10

Wednesday Walkers (leader Louis-Philippe Albert; Emily Boudreau) – June 27

Beaverbrook Art Gallery (meeting with Tom Smart; Steve Heard, Marg Routledge, Jim Goltz) – October 1
Maritime Honey Festival (booth; Graham Allen, Holly Abbandonato, Rachele Voisine) – October 12 and 13

City of Fredericton Community Services Committee (presentation; Steve Heard and Jim Goltz) – January 10, 2019

Members of the Education/Outreach Committee in 2018 were Steve Heard, Owen Washburn and James Goltz.

Seedy Saturday March 24, 2018, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Seedy Saturday was a great success this year again. Last year we had around 80 people show up. This year we did even better, having just over 100 people come by to participate. There were mostly adults present; however, there was a good representation of young and youthful folks as well.

There was a tremendous selection of seeds available, as well as door prizes, thanks to our local donors. I would like to thank our donors this year for their support. They are in alphabetical order as follows:

1. Atlantic Superstore – Northside
2. Atlantic Superstore – Southside
3. Canadian Tire – 2 Nations Crossing
4. Canadian Tire – Smythe St.
5. Co-op Home & Farm Supply – St. Mary's Street
6. Costco Fredericton
7. Fredericton Direct Charge Co-op
8. Hope Seeds, Annapolis Royal, NS
9. Home Hardware – Main St.
10. Kent – 2 Nations Crossing
11. Kent – Bishop Drive
12. Scott's Nursery – Lincoln Rd.
13. Sobey's – Brookside Mall
14. Shur-Gain Feeds & Needs – Exhibition Grounds

Last but not least I would like to thank Brian Parker and Holly Abbandonato for their help with seed distribution, and Jim Goltz for providing homemade baked goods and drinks and welcoming people coming in. Thank You.

If anyone else in our association wants to help with Seedy Saturday next year please contact Steven Stehouwer. Please save seeds for us from your gardens for next year!

Steve Stehouwer



Site Development 2018

By Jim Goltz

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on March 23, 2019

In 2017, the Fredericton Botanic Garden implemented a new strategy to create at least one new garden bed every year. The gardens that have been created during the past two years have been very cost effective (mostly less than \$5000 each) and within our budget, thanks to the generous contributions of plants from Garden members and supporters, and grants from the City of Fredericton and the Fredericton Community Foundation. We have not abandoned the founding members' vision for a few more grandiose gardens, such as the Rose Garden, Children's Garden and Pond Garden, but these will require substantially more resources.

Last year, we informed you that we had expanded the Daylily Garden and constructed a New Brunswick Literature Garden. The public inauguration of the expanded Daylily Garden was on July 7 and attracted approximately 20 participants. We knew this date would be a bit early for the peak of daylily blooms but the garden presented a good diversity of form and colour on that day, and gave a spectacular showing in the weeks that followed. The public opening of the New Brunswick Literature Garden was on August 18 and attracted at least 50 participants, including our Honorary Patron, Jocelyne Roy Vienneau, New Brunswick's Lieutenant-Governor, and several of the authors whose writings are featured in the garden. Thanks to Marg Routledge for preparing and organizing most of the refreshments for these events, to other members for their contributions of food and beverages, and to our volunteers and students for helping with last minute weeding and maintenance to prepare these new gardens for these events.

In the fall of 2018, we initiated work on two new Gardens, a Peony Garden and a Pollinator Garden. The Peony Garden was designed to emulate the shape and form of a peony flower. Most of the plantings for the Peony Garden came from Erwin Landauer's garden in Plaster Rock, and were retrieved and planted by a work team of volunteers in late September. Additional plants from Steve Stehouwer will be added in the spring. Portions of the Pollinator Garden have been constructed and additional work will be done this spring and summer. The Pollinator Garden is designed to attract a diverse array of pollinators including hummingbirds, butterflies, moths, bees and other insects, to provide educational opportunities for the public to learn more about the importance of pollinators, and to encourage others to create pollinator-friendly gardens. We plan to have public openings of both of these new gardens this summer and hope you will be able to join us.

We have many more plans for new garden beds and plan to initiate a Rock and Crevice Garden in 2019 and to begin work on an urban orchard. We would also welcome your ideas and suggestions. Thank you to the Site Development Committee members, our generous donors and supporters, our summer students, the City of Fredericton and our stalwart volunteers for helping to maintain and develop the Garden.

Members of the Site Development Committee in 2018 included Holly Abbandonato, Jim Goltz, Steve Heard, Mike LaCroix, Brian Parker, Jane Seabrook, Michael Stastny, Steve Stehouwer and Owen Washburn.



Spring Fair, Plant Sale 2018

By John Welling

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on March 23, 2019

Our 2018 Spring Show & Plant Sale was the second best showing in 10 years!
Yeah Team!

I can not thank the countless volunteers enough who helped out getting ready for the show! Amazing. We had a record set-up & tear down times thanks to the volunteers. I'd also like to thank my fellow board members, the TEAM WORK helped make the show a success. The City of Fredericton for Staff & materials.

The venue looked great! The weather was perfect.

We had a full venue of exhibitors to enjoy during the show.

NB Community Harvest Gardens Inc.

NB Beekeepers Assoc.

Sunset Heights Meadery- John Way

Line Michaud - Music - Violin

The Bubble Guy - John Williamson

Chicken Coops - Richard Hefling

50/50 Draw - Membership Booth - Marg Routledge

NB Forestry - Trees

Brian Parker

Mitch & Wendy Bourque - BBQ

The planning for our 2019 Spring Plant Sale are well underway.

Our tomatoes & peppers from Heritage Seed, herbs from Richters have all been ordered as have the perennials from VanNoort. Last year's' show (2018) being such a smashing success we increased our inventory for this year's' sale.

So mark your calendars for Sunday May 26th 12pm-4pm.

We hope to see you there & that the sun is out!

Join us in the gardens this Spring.

All the very best.

John Welling



Spring Fair Plant Sale 2018

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Plant Sale		Plant Sale	
Plant Sale Income	9377.84	Van Noort Bulb	1742.69
Gift in Kind	933.81	Supplies	44.03
BBQ	434.30	C. Frensch	156.04
Total Plant Sale Income	10745.95	Promix Scotts	181.84
		Tables	50.00
		Heritage Seeds	50.75
		Music	200.00
		Postage	42.50
		Herbs Richters	478.69
		Security	200.00
		BBQ Supplies	167.30
		Gift in Kind adjustment	993.81
50/50 Draw	71.50		
TOTAL INCOME	10817.45	Total Plant Sale	4307.65
		Net Profit	6509.80

Comparison table from previous years of Plant Sales and Raffles

Comparisons	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Plant Sale Revenue	10085.16	8744.35	10689.52	9946.11	9546.38	10234.45	9711.34	8699.32	8750.33	8113.16	10745.95
Expense	3528.77	4129.65	4551.68	3867.08	4084.96	4639.38	5419.29	4060.82	4184.07	4108.50	4307.65
Raffle Revenue	4778.45	3388.95	3510.30	2096.39	3018.50	2369.30	1901.25	1977.00	2100.00	1998.70	
Expense	1139.69	872.62	777.99	687.46	777.24	652.55	309.87	404.12	843.08	1095.15	
Silent Auction	366.00	185.00	370.50	307.00							
Net	10561.15	7131.03	9540.65	7795.46	7702.68	7311.88	5883.43	6211.38	6666.26	4908.21	6509.80