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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by **Louis-Philippe Albert**

It is customary at the beginning of a new year, to reflect on past accomplishments and to develop plans for the future. While progress in the development of "our garden" is more easily assessed in a longer-term perspective, each year brings its stepping stone achievements and 2002 was no exception. The February 8 Annual general meeting will provide comprehensive reports and plans from each committee but here are some highlights:

Our membership continues to expand and soon will exceed 300;

The Plant Sale / Raffle and Treasured Garden Tour events were very successful, both in terms of public and volunteer participation and financially;

Our major rhododendron transplant of 2001 was obviously successful, as illustrated by the fantastic display of colours in 2002. Progress in plant identification labelling also was significant;

We up-dated our site development plan and gained City Council support for continued collaboration in its implementation;

The service road was redesigned to allow greater access by all and should become reality in the current year;

Plans for a major fund-raising project can now be finalised and initiated over the next few months;

A Program committee was established and made great progress in generating ideas on activities to be implemented in and about the Garden. Most standing committees have also up-dated their terms of reference and action plans and,

Much more has been done than we can mention here, as a result of the dedication and excellent work of your board of directors, committees and individual members.

We have other great plans for the coming year and would like to hear your views on these plans, including how we should recognise the generosity of people for significant contributions to the attainment of association objectives. The upcoming Annual General Meeting on February 8 is an ideal opportunity for you to become better informed about the past year's activities and to express

your views as to what our priorities should be for 2003 and beyond. It would also provide all the information that non-members would need to join our rapidly expanding membership. Please mark that date on your calendar and bring a friend.

I reiterate the need for more of us to become involved in the activities of our association. There are vacancies to be filled at the board level, on standing committees and to realise special projects like the Plant Sale and the Garden Tour. The association provides excellent opportunities to exercise leadership, share information and expertise, assist in making this project a reality for the enjoyment of Frederictonians and visitors to our capital city. Please communicate your interest in serving, to any board member, even if only for a few hours. The more people there are to share the workload, the easier and more pleasurable it is for all.

Happy New Year to all members and other supporters of our developing garden.

Newsletter Publishing Option

by **Susan Cassidy**

In our constant effort to direct our funds to the development of the Garden we are asking you our members if you would like to receive the Newsletter electronically. Currently we produce the Newsletter as a paper copy for all members. This month those of you who have provided us with your e-mail addresses will also receive the Newsletter by e-mail. We would ask that you let us know if you are willing to receive future editions of the Newsletter electronically. The savings that could be realized through the reduction in production costs would easily pay for a week's salary for a summer student in the Garden. If you did not receive the Newsletter electronically and you would like to, please forward your e-mail address to the FBGA e-mail address fbga@nb.aibn.com. Please note that it our intention to continue to publish a papercopy of the Newsletter for those of our members who do not have access to e-mail. Thank you for your consideration of this proposed change.

Five Year Development Plan

Richard Tarn

Site Development Committee Chair

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. Detailed information will be available to members at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

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.

Thankyou!!!

Thanks to David Colborne one of our new members for generously keeping our web-site up-to-date. David has volunteered his time to ensure our web-site reflects the current activities in our organization. Again thank you David.



Reminder
Fredericton Botanic Garden
Annual General Meeting,
Saturday February 8, 2003

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 at 452-9269, at PO Box 57, Stn. A, Fredericton, NB E3B 4Y2 or fbga@nb.aibn.com

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Spring Plant Sale 2003



by **Bill Seabrook**

Co-chair Plant Sale Committee

Having just cleared my lane of some 35cms of snow makes spring feel a long way off. With seed catalogues arriving, it can't be far away. When I think of spring I think of the Plant Sale. This year's sale will be held on Sunday, May 25th at the Boyce Farmer's Market. Your committee has been hard at work making plans and ordering plants. We will have an outstanding selection of Rhododendrons this year, most of them will be rock hardy but there will be two varieties that are a bit tender and require sheltered conditions. These will have a special appeal to our rhododendron specialists. We have been fortunate in obtaining 50 specimens of Heliki a Finish hybrid, bud hardy to -40C. The other feature plants this year will be Butterfly plants and Woodland plants, as well as Daisy type plants.

Please start thinking of how you are going to thin out your perennial garden. The plant sale can use any and all of your thinnings. Last year we sold virtually all of our plants. We believe that this was because they were in such excellent condition. We had instituted a new practice of asking for your plants in early May. This gave the plants at least 3 weeks to recover from the transplant shock. As a result all of plants were in excellent condition come sale day. We hope to do the same again this year. We have

recovered the greenhouse at the resource centre and so we should be in even better shape for this year's sale. Please remember we need all of your thinnings. If you need help digging them out we will be happy to assist you.

Last year's raffle was also a great success and earned a record profit. This we attribute to our excellent and unique prizes. Hand made garden furniture of quality has a great appeal for our customers. Charlie Fullerton's garden sets have been eagerly sought after. Last year at our market booth there were times when we literally could not keep up with the demand for tickets. These tickets are not looked upon as a donation but as an opportunity to win. First prize this year will again be a beautiful bench, chair and table and the second prize will be a pair of Adirondack chairs with a matching coffee table. For those of you who do not wish to sell tickets we will do our best not to send them to you. Please call and leave a message at the garden resource building (452-9269).

As always the success of the sale depends on you, the volunteers. When you are approached please say yes, or even better give me a call at 459-7862 or send me an email seabrook@nb.sympatico.ca and I'll add you to the list. Your support will be much appreciated. If you would be willing to join the organising committee your ideas and help will be appreciated. We meet once a month at the resource building.

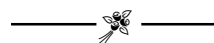
Do you know how our organization is run?

It is by our Board of Directors, a group of 12 volunteers who together work to ensure the ongoing development of the Botanic Garden. The role of a Board member involves not only an opportunity to provide input and direction to the development of our Garden but an opportunity to be involved in our community while developing new friendships. Whether through the specific leadership of the Executive Committee who have made a commitment to manage the ongoing operations of our organization or through the specific committees that are the backbone of the organization there are many opportunities to challenge yourself and have fun.

Each year as stipulated in our By-Laws there are a number of terms of office that are completed by Board members and must be offered for election from among the general membership. If you would be interested in being part of this team we would love to hear from you. As a member of this team there would be a commitment of time through the regular monthly Board meetings and preparatory work for committees.

The Botanic Garden's continued growth and development is dependant on our membership who can inject new ideas and energy into the organization, bringing the beauty of the Garden to our community.

So, if you have an interest and can invest a nominal amount of time we would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact Jane Seabrook at 459-7862 or through e-mail at seabrook@nb.sympatico.ca for further information. Thank you.



Silent Auction

by **Nadia and Nancy**

On Saturday February 8th, the Fredericton Botanic Garden association is holding its annual general meeting and silent auction. This message is a request for donations. In the past years we have had a wonderful time bidding against each other, along with all the fun we have. On top of that, we end up raising money that is 100% profit.

This year we are hoping for a bigger and more profitable auction. So far we have few pieces of art including oil paintings, watercolours, some reproductions, lots of house hold items and some hand made cushions. A detailed list of items being auctioned should follow as time approaches. No item will be too small or too big. Anything of value will be welcomed. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served. Hope to see you at the auction.

Items can be dropped off at :
542 Pederson Crescent, Between 3-5 Mon-Fri.



Membership, Update

by Lucy Dwyer,
Membership Committee

This year, for the first time, the membership committee offered an incentive for the purchase of Christmas gift memberships in the Botanic Garden Association. The

Membership Committee decided to offer a Christmas wreath to anyone buying a gift membership for a new member before December 6. Six of our members took advantage of this offer, and wreaths were duly beautifully decorated and delivered by the committee members (with help from volunteer Debbie Shorten).

The recipients of the gift memberships are welcomed to the Association, and reminded to take full advantage of the many benefits of membership including advance notice of events such as the Treasured Garden Tour and Education Committee Events, and a 10% discount on request at Capital Landscape, Cornhill Nurseries, Fredericton Northside Co-op Country Store, Old Orchard Crafts, Green Village, Scott's, and Wetmore's.)

At the end of December, we have 143 individual memberships, 83 senior/student memberships, and 71 family memberships for a total of 292. Renewals are welcomed at any time!

Welcome New Members of 2002

Martha Bell	Catherine McCartney
Dorothy Turner & Family	Diane McLeod &
Alison J. Charnley	Garth Nickerson
Allan & Marjory Donaldson	John Poulos
Joe Harrison	Mary Schotanus
Denycia Hartigon	Eloise Tracy
Nadine Ives	Sharon Tracy
Kim MacKeigan	Owen & Marilyn Davey
Cynthia Murray	Nina DiGiacinto-Bober
Betty & Charles Ponder	Donna Duffy-Searle
Dorothy Wasson	Dawn Marie Gordon
Carol Chow	Elizabeth MacGillivray
Raymond & Paulette Geoffrion	Christine Noel
James Goltz	James Urbanowsky
Donna Hicks	Shirley Carroll
Austin & Eileen Malone	Roger Harley
Marieka Arnold	Paul & Liz McDonnell
Nancy Sue Bird	Glenys McLaughlin
Janis Boston	Hector Roach
Connie Burt	Jenipher Schousboe
Dale Calder	Owen Washburn
Rebecca & David Colborne	Loris & Barry Miller
Anji & Kevsi Davar	Diana Hall
Darlene Dewar	Claudine Nowlan
Mireille Gaudet	John Saunders
Lee Howlett	Gwen Herbin
Laurel Lewey	Daisy Kuun
Anthony & Anne Lewis	Livain & Yvonne McLaughlin
J. Roy MacKay	Noreen Richard
John Mazerolle	Louise Beaulieu

CANADA BLOOMS TOUR

March 11 – 16, 2003

Total Price: \$985.00

travelmyles has organized a tour especially designed for those who love gardening. This tour is designed to take in the Toronto Flower & Garden Show being held from March 12 to 16 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. We will be leaving Fredericton on Tuesday morning at 8:00 am from the SMT station on Regent Street and drive by motorcoach to Montreal where we will be staying overnight. After breakfast the next morning, we will continue on to Toronto where we will be staying for three nights at the Crowne Plaza Hotel which is attached to the Metro Convention Centre. Wednesday evening is a night out to the theatre. You may choose a either The Lion King or Mamma Mia. Thursday morning is an early morning guided tour of the Garden Show (before it is open to the public). Thursday and Friday passes will allow you to visit the displays and attend the lectures at your leisure. Saturday we will drive as far as Quebec City to overnight and have breakfast in the Old City. Our return will be around 7:30 pm on Sunday.

The price includes:

- Return SMT motorcoach travel Toronto-Fredericton
- 1 night accommodation Montreal (double occupancy)
- 3 nights accommodation at the Crowne Plaza Toronto (double occupancy)
- 1 night accommodation Quebec City (double occupancy)

- 1 ticket to either The Lion King or Mamma Mia
- 1 ticket to the Early Morning Tour of Canada Blooms
- 1 two-day pass to Canada Blooms

This price is based on a minimum of 40 people in the group. If you want to share rooms in groups of three or four, then the price will be reduced accordingly. Early registration is recommended because of the limited availability of tickets and passes. A \$250 deposit per person is required at registration and the balance of \$735 is due by February 7, 2003.

Cheques should be made payable to travelmyles.

Jim Myles, Tour Director, travelmyles

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