Fundraising; Family Campaign

The Family section of the Garden’s fundraising campaign has been a great success so far. To date approximately 60% of the membership has been canvassed and we have raised in excess of $71,000 out of our goal of $100,000.

The campaign was put to rest over the summer but has been restarted as of early October. A number of members have received the case statement outlining the goals of the campaign but have yet to be canvassed. You will be contacted in the next few weeks. All of our new members (since last November) have yet to receive information on the campaign and to receive the case statement. This material is in the mail to you now and you will be contacted by a canvasser this autumn.

The Campaign Team is very grateful for the generous donations which so many members have made. We would also like to express our thanks to the members who have volunteered as canvassers. You have done a terrific job and the FBGA is indebted to you. Without your support there would have been no campaign.

We intend to complete the Family Campaign by Christmas. If there are any members who would be
willing to assist with this last portion of the family campaign please contact Bill Seabrook 459-7862 or seabrook@nb.sympatico.ca

Thanks, Bill.

Photo Contest Reminder

The Fredericton Botanic Garden is holding a photo contest. We are looking for the best photos of the Fredericton Botanic Garden taken in all four seasons.

The winner of the grand prize (hand-made outdoor coffee table) and two runner up prizes (to be announced) will be announced at the 2005 Annual General meeting of the FBGA held in February.

The competition is open to all amateur photographers, including all Fredericton Botanic Garden members, employees, families, and employees of the City of Fredericton, and City Council members and their families.

Images will be in coloured electronic format. Thirty-five mm slide film can be scanned and burned on a CD. All submitted photos will become the property of the Fredericton Botanic Garden Association, and will likely be used in publicity publications and on the Fredericton Botanic Garden website. We are particularly interested in images of people and plants in the Garden.

Let your imagination run wild and see if you can capture images of some of our animal friends in the Garden. There have been recent sightings of black bear, owl, pileated woodpeckers, deer and racoons.

Load your favourite photos of the Fredericton Botanic Garden onto a CD and send them to:

Fredericton Botanic Garden Association
P.O. Box 57
Fredericton, Station "A"
New Brunswick
E3B 2Y4
Tel: 452-9269

Dates to mark in your Calendar

Annual General Meeting and Silent Auction
February 12, 2005

Seedy Saturday February 26, 2005

Talks in the Garden

We hope you will plan to attend the Talks in the Garden. The Talks take place in the Botanic Garden centre off Cameron Court.

Following the presentation there is an opportunity for questions and discussion. Light refreshments are provided.

Would you like to have a better lawn next year?
On October 28th, Vivian Wilcox, an avid gardener, whose garden was on the 2004 Botanic Garden tour, will emphasize organic lawn care. Vivian will extol the benefits of compost tea and other organic methods to have a healthy lawn without herbicides or pesticides.

After the leaves fall, do you have difficulty identifying trees?
Rudy Stocek, a retired Forrester, Wildlife Biologist and Fishery Scientist, on November 25th will give a presentation on how to identify trees using identifiers other than leaves. He has written a book on the subject which he will have available at the presentation.

By January 27th, 2005, we will especially welcome the bright summer colors of the daylily blossoms on the slides Ruth Muldrew will be showing.

Ruth, a daylily grower, will also have some slides of daylilies she has hybridized. She will explain how this is done, as well as share other information about growing daylilies.

We look forward to seeing you at the Talks in the Garden.

Nadia Khoury, Chair, Talks in the Garden - 454-5864
Joyce Astle - 455-9357
Membership Committee

We welcomed many people to our "Membership and Information" booth during the Treasured Garden Tour party. We were kept busy answering questions, and showing the items in the new Botanic Boutique, and handing out many membership brochures. We hope we can welcome more new members as a result over the coming weeks as the forms are mailed in. If you have recently received a renewal reminder in the mail, please send it in.

We would like to extend a hearty welcome to all the new and renewing members who joined the Association during the garden party. Thank you all for your support. Your help in building the Garden is much appreciated.

The draw prizes, a basket filled with items of appeal to a gardener, and the golf shirt and cap kindly donated by Global News were won by Heather Smith and Roberta McKenzie. Congratulations to both!

We hope that all members will take full advantage of the many benefits of membership in FBGA (listed elsewhere in this Newsletter - and including a new outlet offering 10% discount - Kent’s Building Supplies’ garden centre).

We plan to offer a Christmas wreath again this year as an incentive to members to give gift memberships to someone who is not presently a member. So keep the people on your Christmas list in mind. The deadline for receipt of these gift memberships is November 25, so that the wreath can be delivered in the first week of December.

We will also be offering an "allegedly fabulous" prize to the member who brings in the most new members from January 1, 2005 to June 30, 2005. More information will follow in a future Newsletter.

Welcome new members
Margaret Cameron  Joan Carmody  Karen Cook
Don Drury  Linda Glasford  Brad Green
Robert & Alvina Jones  Zorka Karbusicky
Caroline Lubbe-D'Arcey  Roberta MacKenzie
Anne O'Brien  Jackie Stewart
Vivian Wilcox  Eileen Blair

Please give my gift Membership to ____________________________ from ____________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________
City ___________________ Prov. ______ Postal Code ______________________
telephone ___________________ email ____________________

Individual $20     Family $35     Student $15     Senior $15

Enclosed is my cheque for $__________

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PHLOX

Phlox with its bright jewel colours is a star of the late summer and fall garden. All garden phlox originate in the New World (60 species) and were some of the first plants sent to Europe by colonists and explorers. It is often difficult to import phlox from Europe because they can be susceptible to nematodes.

The tall garden phlox (Phlox paniculata) has a lovely scent, blooms in late summer and fall, and has flowers in white, crimson, purple, scarlet, pink and mauve. The plants respond to abundant moisture and rich, clay soil amended with compost or manure. If the flowers are dead-headed, secondary blooms can develop. Tall garden phlox are susceptible to mildew on the leaves and this can be prevented by planting garden phlox in full sun in an area that has good air circulation, and watering at the roots rather from overhead. Look for mildew-resistant varieties like ‘David’ in garden centres. If your garden phlox has problems with mildew try a quarter of an ounce of baking soda (Sodium bicarbonate) in a gallon of water and spray it on the plants.

Spring blooming phlox species, Phlox subulata, moss phlox and Phlox douglasii, creeping phlox are wonderful in rock gardens or at the front of the border, and again come in lovely bright colours.

The woodland phlox (Phlox divarica) is a lovely plant with icy blue flowers (sometimes white flowers) that grows best in a shady moist area. The Mason Hougue perennial nursery often have the woodland phlox their spring catalogue.