President’s Message

This is a brief report which will be delivered with more detail at the AGM on February 5, 2011 at the Marysville Heritage Centre. The AGM is open to the public and I hope you will bring a friend or two to share the afternoon with our guest speaker, George Scott, a musical interlude and the Silent Auction.

We are moving quickly to complete the terms of our Environmental Trust Fund grant of $30,000.

On Thursday, January 13, 2011 the Local Improvement Association met and had a very animated and productive discussion, particularly with respect to the funding by the City of Fredericton for the maintenance of the Garden. This is a matter of great concern to the board and is being addressed. I encourage every member to contact his or her Councillor to encourage them to support the Garden through the City’s obligation outlined in the Local Improvement Association agreement.

The Atlantic Canada Organic Regional Network (ACORN) is hosting a conference at the Crown Plaza in March 2011. The FBGA has been invited to share our Seedy Saturday event with the ACORN Conference. This will be held on March 12, 2011

The Plant Sale committee is very active at this time. In addition to the propagation beds at the garden, additional plant material has been ordered for the sale. Look for some terrific new varieties, lots of Heritage tomatoes and Peppers and a few surprises this May 29, 2011.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the planting, ticket sales, set-up on the day of sale activities. Signup sheets will be available at eh AGM or you can contact me directly at 472-4895 or norahd@nb.sympatico.ca. The next meeting will be February 8 at 7pm at the Resource Centre.

Ian Veach has been developing a whole new look and functionality for the Garden website.

Norah Davidson-Wright, president

Mark your calendars:

Annual General Meeting
on February 5, 2011
12:15—4:00
Guest Speaker, George Scott
of Scott’s Nursery
Topic “Gardening Trends”
followed by a question
and answer session
Come and enjoy
the Silent Auction and Music

Seedy Saturday
March 12, 2011
at the ACORN Conference
Crown Plaza Hotel
Fredericton NB

Plant Sale Update

The Plant Sale Committee had several meetings before Christmas. The goal of these meeting was to decide on the theme for the sale, which is “The Summer Garden” and the settle on a list of perennials to be purchased as some of the featured items. Our supplier tells us that the chance of getting the plants selected is really good as our order was in early and all are available (barring crop failure etc).
FBGA Plant Sale Update

Hosta ‘Blue Mouse Ears’  Echinops ‘Taplow Blue’  Salvia ‘Schwellenberg’

Geranium “Rozanne”  Helensium “Double Trouble”  Hosta “Sun Power”

Heuchera ‘Miracle’  Phlox paniculata “Delilah”  Rudbeckia ‘Goldquelle’

This article outlines the purchases and attempts to whet members’ appetites for these plants. It also introduces some needed colour into a wintery day.

These all should be hardy in our zone and should provide vibrant colour for both sun and shade gardens.

As in other years we are counting on members to share their identified treasures!

Happy Gardening!  Heather Connors-Dunphy

Join us on Facebook

The Fredericton Botanic Garden Association now has a Facebook page. If you’re one of the one in three Canadians on Facebook, you can join the FBGA group page by entering “Fredericton Botanic Garden” in the search bar on Facebook, and then selecting “Join this group.” We’ll have announcements about events and pictures of the Garden. There’s also a discussion page for messages.
The Fredericton Botanic Garden Association 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  PO Box 57, Stn. A, Fredericton, NB E3B 4Y2 or fbga@nb.aibn.com Web: www.frederictonbotanicgarden.com

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Would you be interested in volunteering for:

| □ Helping in the garden |
| □ Cooking for special events |
| □ Selling tickets for special events |
| □ Joining a committee |
| □ Building maintenance |
| □ Education |
| □ Public Relations |
| □ Helping with the Plant Sale |
| □ Helping with the Treasured Garden Tour |
| □ Membership |
| □ Newsletter |
| □ Other |

Please make suggestions for topics for “Talks in the Garden”, Newsletter or improvements to the Garden

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Official income tax receipts will be issued for donations
Donations Wanted

The Fredericton Botanic Garden’s Association’s Annual General Meeting and 13th Annual Silent Auction is on Saturday, February 5.

We are again making a request to members for donations to the Silent Auction. It is always exciting to receive the wonderful items you supply. They help to make this one of our major fund raisers. Please bring a friend to add a bit of competition to the bidding; they will enjoy the auction, refreshments, and live entertainment, as well as our interesting special guest speaker.

Carole Peacock has kindly offered her home again this year as a drop off point for donations.

Carole Peacock
36 Alexandra Street

Donations may be dropped off any time until Tuesday, February 9, but please call first -- 452-1016.

If you are unable to drop your donations off, please contact Nancy Beltrandi at 459-8004 to have them picked up by Tuesday, February 9. It is easier for us to prepare our lists of donations and to number each item if we have them before the day of the auction. Your help in this regard would be appreciated.

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

Seedy Saturday, March 12, 2011

At the ACORN (Atlantic Canada Organic Regional Network) Conference Crown Plaza Hotel, Fredericton

A great opportunity to share seeds and notes with old and new friends. More details to follow

Contact: Ruth Muldrew  455-1828, e-mail: rmuldrew@rogers.com or Norah Davidson-Wright  450-2848 email norahd@nb.sympatico.ca