



Fredericton Botanic Garden Association Annual General Meeting Report 2014

Presented at the Annual Meeting on February 28, 2015

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FREDERICTON BOTANIC GARDEN ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 28, 2015

Fredericton Botanic Garden Association Annual General Meeting February 22, 2014 1:10 pm, Royal Canadian Legion

President Wendy Bourque opened the meeting welcoming the Association members and Eric Megarity, City Councilor City representative on the Local Improvement Association.

She noted material for the meeting was contained in the Agenda, Annual Report and Biographical booklet.

She thanked Graham Allen, the executive officer and Ian Veach, the FBGA site webmaster for their services.

Moved by Bill Seabrook, seconded by Jim Nicholson, that the Agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

Moved by Bill Heather Connor-Dunphy, seconded by Liz Whamond, that the minutes of the February 23, 2013 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented.
Carried with 2 abstentions (James Whitehead and Jim Goltz)

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Presidents Report

Wendy Bourque highlighted some of the points in her printed report. She noted that the Pond project may have a partner and that it is planned to have that project finished this coming year. She recognized and thanked Jim Nicholson for his offer to donate to the FBGA his share of the royalty proceeds on the sale of the Lucy Irene rose developed by Jim and Bob Osborne.

She noted the Hypertufa, Christmas wreath, and Garden Furniture workshops that were offered this year as part of the "Talks on the Garden" program, and that Valerie Hillier is leaving that committee. Also mentioned were the SPCA day camps and Yoga in the Garden. A presentation was made to the City of Fredericton which resulted in the Garden receiving a \$25,000 line item in the City Budget. The Association and the City continue to work through the Local Improvement Association relationship. There will be an effort towards fundraising this year as well as the Plant Sale and Treasured Garden Tour. She asked the membership to consider further financial support.

Moved by Wendy Bourque, seconded by Jane Seabrook that the President's Report be accepted as presented

Carried



Treasurer's Report

Heather Connors-Dunphy explained some of the variances to the 2013 budget and actual. She also highlighted some of the items in the 2014 budget as fund raising of 25,000, application for student grants and Plant Sale as sources of revenue. Expenditures included: people counters, a tent, the updating of the Rose Garden construction costs and maintenance, signage, resource center heating costs and finishing the Pond Project. It was noted that another garden bench had been memorialized with the donation to be received the coming year. Further memorials can be made in the Memorial Garden and there are three benches are still available.

Moved by Heather Connors-Dunphy, seconded by James Whitehead that the financial statements as presented in the AGM report.

Carried

Moved by Heather Connors-Dunphy, seconded by Richard Tarn that the budget for 2014, with an income of \$ 63681 and expense of \$ 66965 be accepted as presented in the AGM report.

Carried

Moved by Heather Connors-Dunphy, seconded by Richard Tarn that Bringloe and Feeny be retained to conduct the audit for the year ending Dec, 31, 2013.

Carried

Committee Reports

Membership

There being no committee chair this report was compiled by Graham Allen. The number of members was about the same as 2012. There were 13 new members gained 2013. At the end of 2013, the membership list stood at 182, consisting of 96 Individual memberships, 44 Senior/student memberships, and 41 Family memberships. Because each Family membership represents at least two individuals, the total number of members is higher than the total number of memberships

Publicity and Web

Heather Connors-Dunphy noted that a Garden map has been produced for visitors with availability at both the top and bottom of the Garden.

Activities such as Seedy Saturday slated for March 15, 2014, a Rhododendron tour in June, the Treasured Garden Tour in July and Talks in the Garden are announced through the website and media and networking platforms.

Since postage is an increasing expense, electronic membership renewal capability will added to the website.

Ian Veach noted changes to the appearance and ease of use and invited people to visit and tour the site.



Resource Center

The resource center is used for meetings, talks and rented to various groups as well as being the base for the Garden operation. Energy costs are a concern. A board member is looking at the overall situation.

Education and Outreach

Heather Connors-Dunphy reported that the workshops were well attended

Site Development

President Wendy Bourque recognized Richard Tarn as the chair of the committee and the work that he has put into the development of the Garden for many years.

Richard Tarn reported on-going and finished projects, including plant identification labeling, and a possible web site plant location finder, the colorful berm additions and the invitation to members to establish an allotment garden. Garden maintenance is largely carried out by a City casual staffer and our summer student. He recognized the considerable volunteer time contributed by Heather Connors-Dunphy and Doug Dewar.

Plant Sale and Raffle

Richard Tarn presented two graphs illustrating that over past years that expenses have remained about the same, but revenues have decreased. Reasons for the decrease are largely due to completion and more selective consumers.

The committee has taken a serious look at the wrap-up notes from previous sales, with many ideas to try in 2014. One change will be to move from the Market to the Entrance Garden. He invited new people to join the Sale and Raffle team with their ideas which would provide new focus on this the main fundraising event of the year.

Treasured Garden Tour

James Whitehead noted he was disappointed that the Tour had been discontinued and led the committee to a very successful 2013 Tour. Tickets sales of 177 through five gardens were visited. He thanked Nancy Beltrandi and Wendy Bourque for their organizing skills. The 2014 tour will be 2 weeks later with 5 gardens already selected.

Moved by Margaret Dykeman, seconded by Bill Seabrook, that the committee reports be accepted as presented.

Carried



Wendy Bourque spoke on the proposed by-law change. There is a need to have an active board with more members, therefore the following changes are proposed to Bylaw 4.0 where the number of board members increases to 12 and the quorum to 6 as follows:

At the Annual General Meeting the following changes were brought before the meeting.

Change #1 (Number of board members 4.02)

from: 4.02 The Board of Trustees shall consist of a maximum of **ten** members, one of whom shall be the immediate Past President of the Association.

to: 4.02 The Board of Trustees shall consist of a maximum of **thirteen** members, one of whom shall be the immediate Past President of the Association.

(1) The Immediate Past President shall be a full voting member of the Board of trustees and shall serve for one year.

(2) (a) All other members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by a majority vote cast at the Annual General meeting.

(b) each of these Board of Trustee members shall be elected for a term of three years.

(c) in the event of a resignation or removal from the Board of Trustees, the remaining members of the Board of Trustees may appoint a person to the Board until the next AGM is held

(c)(i) at the next AGM, a replacement member shall be elected by majority vote of the association members present to complete the initial term of the Board Member being replaced.

2(d) For the sake of continuity of the Board, it is desirable that the terms of elected Board members be staggered whenever possible.

4.02(3) It is intended that the current members of the Board and their term of office shall survive this amendment February 2013.

Change #2 (quorum 4.05)

from: 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.

to: 4.05 A quorum shall consist of **five(5)** elected and voting members of the Board for a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

bylaw

Moved by James Whitehead, seconded by Jane Tarn that the bylaw change be accepted as presented .

Carried



Board Elections

Wendy Bourque recognized and thanked board members Tom Sifton and Norah Davidson-Wright for their service to the board.

Wendy Bourque announced the nominations to the 2014 board as: Kim Hill, Stephen Heard, Nicola Cassidy, Richard Tarn, Heather Connors-Dunphy, Ian Veach, Wendy Bourque, James Whitehead, Jim Goltz, Matthew Methven and Liz Whamond.

Further nominations were called from the floor three times. There being none, by acclamation, Heather Connors-Dunphy was relected and Kim Hill, Stephen Heard, Nicola Cassidy and Richard Tarn were elected to the 2014 Board of Directors.

Adjournment

Moved by Ian Veach the meeting be adjourned 4:00 pm

Following the meeting, James Whitehead presented an interesting talk on Backyard Beekeeping, bringing in several items and samples from the honey making industry.

Refreshments provided by the membership were enjoyed by those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted

Graham Allen



Treasurer's Report 2014

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President and Fellow Members:

General

Revenue for the 2014 year is dependent on successful fund raising efforts including the Plant Sale, Raffle, and Treasured Garden Tour revenue and receipt of grants to help pay student salaries.

Expense is driven by:

- strategic investments : purchase of a tent for garden functions;
- garden growth: (Pond Project) and advancing the Rose Garden Project;
- public relations: expenditures in signage and brochure
- student employment
- reduction in City support for the Garden

Expenditures for 2015 will be funded through revenue items and existing bank balance.

Observed Variances

2014 Budget to 2014 Actuals

Revenue lagged budget by about \$35,000. This was primarily related to not realizing the Capital Fund Raising goal (\$25,000), with the advent of hurricane Arthur, the Treasured Garden Tour had to be cancelled, thus the added \$3500 of this budgeted revenue was missed and not realizing income from the sale of a second memorial bench (\$4000). Two grants were budgeted, one grant from the Government of Canada was received for a revenue impact of \$3500. Income from plant sale and raffle was \$11,500 and lagged budget by \$1000. Dollars donated and memberships remained at budgeted levels.

Expenses were under budget by \$24,700. A tent was purchased for use with events as the Plant Sale and Fair (+\$11,400). \$10,000 had been allocated for pond project, but there was a plan to have this project covered by a proposal from Ducks Unlimited. Reduced student salaries (a second student was not employed due to grant monies not being received (-\$3500). Other budgeted expenditures that were not spent include: A Rose Garden review (+\$4200), people counters (+\$5000), greenhouse repairs (+\$1500) electricity costs (+\$1600) and general reductions in entry garden, memorial garden and plant acquisition (-\$1500) expenses.

2015 Budget to 2014 Actuals

Revenue in the budget exceeds revenue in 2014 by \$12,850. This variance is mainly related to the Board's signalling that it and you (by approval of this budget) are committing to a phase of capital fund raising in the amount of \$10,000. Building Rental is set at \$2,800 in the assumption there will be SPCA summer camps and that the "Under One Sky" program will be run again in 2015. Only one Memorial Bench donation is budgeted for 2015.

Expense will exceed 2014 expense by \$3,000. Items include the installation of the donated greenhouse (+\$6,600) plus existing greenhouse repair (+\$1500), tent purchased in 2014 (-\$11,500), but the storage and maintenance of the tent (+\$1,800), completion and development of the Ponds and Swale project with the outside assistance (-\$7,000).

Respectfully submitted
Graham Allen



Balance Sheet - As of December 31, 2014

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Account	Balance
ASSETS	
Chequing	4411.05
Segregated	10,559.99
Shares	303.32
TOTAL Bank Accounts	15,274.36
TOTAL ASSETS	15,274.36
LIABILITIES	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & ASSETS	15,274.36

**Financial and Budget Report 2014***Presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 28, 2015*

INCOME	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
Donations				
Gift Received	1695.58	1500.00	2007.60	1500.00
Memorial Benches	0.00	8000.00	4000.00	4000.00
Memorial Grove	0.00	500.00		500.00
Memorials	87.27		105.00	0
Tours	41.85	150.00		0
TOTAL Donations	1824.70	10150.00	6112.60	10000.00
Building Rental	1800.00	2000.00	2980.00	2800.00
AGM Silent Auction	0.00	0.00		200.00
Capital Fund Raising		25000.00		10000.00
Education Committee				
Talks in the Garden Education Committee (Workshops)	267.20	200.00	65.50	50.00
	1220.00	0.00		0
TOTAL Education Committee	1487.20	200.00	65.50	50.00
Garden Plots	0.00	200.00		0
Grants				
Government of Canada	4463.00	3500.00	3554.00	3500.00
Province of NB	0.00	3500.00		0
TOTAL Grants	4463.00	7000.00	3554.00	3500.00
HST Rebate	385.25	650.00	1839.58	650.00
Interest Income	6.90	6.90		
Membership	2180.00	2500.00	2555.00	3000.00
Plant Sale Income	10234.45	10000.00	9711.34	10000.00
Raffle Income	2369.30	2500.00	1901.25	2000.00
Plant Sale & Raffle Income	12603.75	12500.00	11507.90	12000.00
Sale Items	30.00	100.00	10.00	20.00
Seedy Saturday	59.00	50.00	14.00	50.00
Dividend Investment income	28.80	25.00	14.24	0
Treasured Garden Tour	3436.68	3500.00	180.00	3500.00
Misc. Income			-4.59	0
TOTAL INCOME	28305.28	63681.90	28678.23	41785.00



EXPENSES	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
Administration				
Capital Expense	1157.11	8000.00	11424.00	0
Audit	1695.00	1695.00	1695.00	1000.00
Insurance	866.00	900.00	866.00	400.00
Membership Fees	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Other Administration	750.07	550.00	637.72	550.00
TOTAL Administration	4518.18	3195.00	14672.72	2000.00
Administration Services	4070.00	4500.00	3705.00	4000.00
Annual General Meeting	553.30	200.00	416.31	350.00
Bank Charge	2.00	20.00	170.85	20.00
Building			66.92	0
Board Development	0.00	100.00		100.00
Capital Fund Raising		1000.00	72.81	1000.00
Membership Services	155.86	200.00	223.69	225.00
Talks In The Garden	120.00	100.00	243.73	250.00
Other Education Workshops	1109.43	0.00		0
Brochure	0.00	1000.00		0
Vegetable plots	0.00	1200.00		0
Newsletter	150.01	300.00	219.50	250.00
TOTAL Membership Services	1535.30	2800.00	759.73	1825.00
Plant Sale	4639.38	4500.00	5374.60	6500.00
Raffle	652.55	775.00	249.87	700.00
Plant Sale and Raffle	5291.93	5275.00	5624.47	7200.00
Tent		8000.00	11424.00	1800.00
Advertising	0.00	200.00		100.00
Web Site	0.00	150.00	34.64	50.00
Garden Map Brochure	307.69	0.00	169.50	0
TOTAL Public Relations	307.69	350.00	204.14	150.00
Recognition Comm.	221.13	50.00		0
Seedy Saturday	0.00	75.00	13.56	50.00
Site Development				
Entry Garden	0.00	250.00	619.62	250.00
Memorial Garden	0.00	650.00		250.00
Rose garden review		7500.00	4237.50	4200.00
Plant ID projects	315.39			0
Greenhouse	450.67	1500.00		6600.00
Plant Collecting Acquisition	53.25	500.00	402.82	500.00
Ponds & Swale	0.00	10000.00		3000.00
People Counters		5000.00		0
Signage	0.00	1000.00	847.50	800.00



	Actual 2013	Budget 2014	Actual 2014	Budget 2015
Site Development:Operating	71.17	500.00	286.65	300.00
TOTAL Operating	849.35	26900.00	6394.09	15900.00
Salary	7316.78	12000.00	8893.10	9000.00
TOTAL Site Development	8166.13	38900.00	15287.19	24900.00
Telephone	1261.23	1300.00	1271.86	1300.00
Electricity	0.00	1600.00		0
Treasured Garden Tour	608.88	600.00		600.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	26535.77	66965.00	42192.75	44290.00
OVERALL TOTAL	1769.51	4716.90	-13514.52	-2510.00
Bank balance Dec 31, 2014				14971.04
If the budget is realized the balance				12461.04



President's Report

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 28, 2015

President's Report Annual General Meeting February 28, 2015

It is time again to give a brief synopsis of what has been happening with the Fredericton Botanic Garden Association since our last annual meeting. There were some high points and some less than encouraging events over the past year and I will outline those that I feel are most notable.

Hurricane Arthur put the damper on our plans for the 2014 Treasured Garden Tour, which was a big disappointment and a significant blow to our budget position. Although the best laid plans, in this case, were for naught, we are optimistic that we can pull off a Treasured Garden Tour this year in 2015. Let's all keep our fingers crossed.

Last year marked a new direction for our annual Plant Sale. We moved the event from the long standing venue of the Boyce Farmer's Market to the top of the Garden, off Prospect Street. The event was extremely well attended and the comments were positive. The move was part of a general effort to rejuvenate the yearly event and to reinvented it to include a fair atmosphere with displays and interactive activities, with a particular eye to including children in the event. The name was changed to the Spring Fair and Plant Sale. We will continue to include more diversity in efforts to make the event even more successful.

In advance of the Spring Fair and Plant Sale the Association purchased a tent which we will use in future events in the Garden. This expenditure will allow us to host events in the Garden that won't have to be cancelled when inclement weather threatens....it is not quite up to hurricanes however.

The Botanic Garden won a grant from the Sheila Hugh MacKay Foundation which will provide funding to a New Brunswick artist to design and create a permanent work of art for the Garden. The Foundation will provide the Botanic Garden with \$10,000.00 and the City will provide an addition \$5,000.00 toward the sculpture. The City will also contribute another \$5,000.00 to be used for expenses incurred by the jury selection process and costs associated with

Translation unavailable
at this time



installation. The committee received 14 applications from artists around the province and a short list of 2 was created. The selection process is now complete and an announcement will be made shortly to reveal the successful artist. It is anticipated that the sculpture will be installed in late August.

The Talks in the Garden program continues to be a popular event with members and non-members. I would like to congratulate the committee of Jim Goltz, Richard Tarn and Heather Connors Dunphy for their diligent efforts to keep this long standing program vibrant with new speakers and topics.

Coming up shortly is an annual event, Seedy Saturday, and Steve Stehouwer has kindly offered to organize this on March 14th 1:00-3:00 at the Resource Centre off Cameron Court. Thank you Steve.

We will once again be hosting the SPCA children's day camp this summer and are pleased to be on the radar of these young Frederictonians.

We were also fortunate this year to be able to provide a home base for a new program taking place in the wooded area adjacent to the Garden. The program is a head start program focused of getting children outside and comfortable being there. The Take It Outside program was a pilot study and we hope that it will grow into something bigger.

As I usually do I would like to finish up by sending out a call for more volunteers to help with all aspects of the Association. The Board members have worked very hard to keep things going, but are much overburdened when events like the Treasured Garden Tour and the Spring Fair and Plant Sale add to their already heavy volunteer load. If the Garden is to continue and grow we must raise funds to support the vision of a Botanic Garden. Without lots of willing workers at these events we cannot continue to expect a few people to carry the load, especially if they feel unsupported by the membership. We also need our members to reach out to others so that we can grow our membership base and ultimately our volunteer pool. I am hoping that you will come forward and support your Board and Garden as we move into another year.

Respectfully submitted
Wendy Bourque
President Fredericton Botanic Garden Association



Board Development Committee

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Serving to the end of 2017

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| 1. Nicola Cassidy (1 st term) | resigned |
| 2. Richard Tarn (1 st term) | |
| 3. Kim Hill (1 st term) | to be elected |
| 4. Stephen Heard (1 st term) | |
| 5. Peter Gorham (1 st term) | to be elected |

Serving to end of 2016

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| 1. Heather Connors-Dunphy (2 nd term) | resigned |
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Serving to end of 2015

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| 1. Liz Whamond (1 st term) | resigned |
| 2. James Whitehead (1 st term) | |
| 3. Matthew Methven (1 st term) | resigned |
| 4. Jim Goltz (1 st term) | |

Serving to end of 2014

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| 1. Ian Veach (2 nd term) | resigned |
| 2. Wendy Bourque (1 st term) | to be re-elected |

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.

There was an orientation session for new Board members in the Spring.



Membership Committee

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Again, over the past year the membership committee struggled without an active Chairperson.

There were 13 new members gained this year. Support is appreciated from the new members and extend them all a hearty welcome to the organization. It is hoped they will become actively involved. At the end of 2014, the membership list stood at 180, consisting of 93 Individual memberships, 52 Senior/student memberships, and 32 Family memberships. Because each Family membership represents at least two individuals, the total number of members is higher than the total number of memberships. We continued to promote the purchase (and renewal) of memberships at Association events and elsewhere, including:

- Setting up and decorating a membership booth at the Annual Plant Sale in May and distributing brochures. We also set up a small Botanic Boutique at the Plant sale, to generate some extra revenue for the Association by selling the Association's attractive, high quality green t-shirts, FBGA pins, and aprons.
- Attending Seedy Saturday to promote membership.
- Gift memberships were promoted via the Newsletter.
- Committee was to look into revamping the Brochure

A list of retailers providing a 10% discount to members now includes Capital Landscape & City Gardeners, Co-Op Country Store (Northside) Corn Hill Nurseries, Curries Greenhouses, Kent Garden Centre, Scott's Nursery and Wetmore's Nursery.

We would be happy to have interested volunteers join the Committee to help us achieve these goals:

1. Continue recruitment of new members and distribution of brochures.
2. Increase our retention rate of present members by encouraging renewals
3. Review benefits of membership and improve these where possible
4. Encourage the purchase of promotional items (T-shirts, pins) etc.

Thanks go to all volunteers who helped sell memberships at the Plant Sale.

Resource Centre

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The Resource Centre had groups use the building. The River Valley Obedience Club, Under one Sky (off reservation children's program), the Beekeepers Association, SPCA summer camps and Local Improvement Association used the space for meetings as well as the various Fredericton Botanic Garden Association committees.

A new top cover was put onto the greenhouse last year and there were plans to fill in the ends and install ventilation louvers.

Respectfully submitted and Graham Allen



Publicity Committee

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President and Fellow Members:

Purpose: To manage the image of the FBG across all media and social networking platforms.

Major Responsibilities (these are draft):

1. Speak on behalf of the organization, to the media
2. Maintain a media list
3. Represent FBGA at tourism related events
4. Maintain an on-going relationship with the Daily Gleaner and CBC
5. Use every occasion to promote the Garden
6. Responsible for maintenance and growth of the website and the Facebook pages
7. Ensure common look and feel across the Web, Facebook, signage, brochures etc.
8. Provide a periodic update in the newsletter

The committee is striving to increase the public's recognition of garden and the value it brings to the community.

We continue to revise and grow the FBGA website. You can find it at <http://frederictonbotanicgarden.com>. A huge vote of thanks to James Whitehead for his great work.

We continued active promotion of the garden through Facebook. All events in the FBG are included.

In 2014 we revised and again produced a map and guide to the Garden: these are in brochure cases where the kiosks are in the Entrance Garden and beside the Resource Centre. We also promoted Seedy Saturday, the Spring Fair and Plant Sale, The Rhodo Tour, the Treasured Garden Tour, Talks in the Garden series and spoke with the media after Hurricane Arthur.

In late 2014 upgraded the signage in the entrance to the Garden. Guided a Gleaner photographer through the Garden, this resulted in a full page photo spread of the Garden in the Gleaner. Arranged for shooting for scenes for a movie short in the Garden.

We welcome suggestions and input from members on any of these items.

Respectfully submitted and edited by

Graham Allen



Education and Outreach Committee 2014 Report

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Summary Report of “Talks in the Garden” Activities for 2014

Throughout the year, on the third Thursday of every month, the FBGA continues to host monthly events, including talks, workshops and guided walks and tours. Numbers of persons participating in individual events in 2014 ranged from 0 to 20. A summary list of events held in 2014 is as follows:

Topic	Presenter	Date
Mosaiculture – Landscape as Culture	Matt Methven	16 January
Shrubs and Bushes, New Introductions and General Care	Diane Earl, Scott's Nursery	20 February
New Ornamental Plant Introductions	Brian Spragg, VanNoort and Mori Nurseries	20 March
Endangered Plants of New Brunswick	David Mazerolle, Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre	24 April
Daylilies	Ruth Muldrew	15 May
Historic Heritage Garden Tour of King's Landing	“Francis Peabody Sharp”	19 June
Walk in the Garden (guided tour)	Heather Connors-Dunphy	17 July
Walk in the Garden (guided tour)	Heather Connors-Dunphy	21 August
History of Food Crops – Corn	Ian Veach	cancelled
Orchids on the Rocks	Eugenia and Jorge Dietrich	16 October
Establishing a Vineyard in New Brunswick: Successes, Joys and Challenges	Sonia Carpenter and David	20 November
Fresh Greens and Creative Ideas	Scott's Nursery	4 December

The Talks in the Garden Committee, comprised of Heather Connors-Dunphy, Richard Tarn and James Goltz, thanks our speakers and event leaders for the excellent presentations, walks, tours and workshops, as well as those who participated in these events. We have been strategizing on how to increase participation in the “Talks in the Gardens” events and, in addition to our traditional public service announcements, have begun outreach to other groups that may be interested in specific topics.

We welcome participation by FBGA members and non-members in any of our events, and would welcome any ideas you might have for future “Talks in the Garden” activities.

Respectfully submitted,

James Goltz



Site Development 2014

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Three new items are of sufficient significance to be recorded here. First was the impact of post-tropical storm Arthur that blew through Fredericton on July 5. While a huge amount of damage was caused in the region, relatively few trees were damaged in the FBG. The greater impact on the Garden, was that the City arborists, who had planned to remove several trees that were causing excessive shade on the rhododendron plantings, were too busy with more urgent tasks to get this done. However, limbing-up of some of the trees in this area was carried out by the summer staff and the rhododendrons are already benefiting from the improved light.

The FBG received a donation of a 10 ft x 12 ft greenhouse from the late Warren Coleman, Keswick. This generous gift will be valuable for the future production of material for the Spring Plant Sale.

The much awaited proposal from Ducks Unlimited, Canada, to complete work on the ponds was referred by the Board to the committee for review. The plan proposed by DU was to establish a 0.4 ha designated wetland, which would include the existing pond, to be a protected wetland for a minimum period of 30 years. Many botanic gardens have natural areas and this proposal would 'complete' the pond construction and be used for DU educational programs. While recognizing these benefits the committee expressed concerns about the 30 years the wetland site would not be available for the development of horticulture features, and about the restrictions it would place on options to complete the outstanding horticultural components remaining from the yet-to-be completed 2010 Environmental Trust Fund supported project. At year's end this situation was not resolved.

Maintenance

Maintenance of the FBG is the responsibility of the City of Fredericton. The work in 2014 was carried out by returning City employee Jenna Scott, and FBG summer student Emily Francis, with mowing done by the Odell Park crew.

The season began with a sweep of the Garden to clean it up from the winter. Following that, the focus was on high profile areas and areas to be toured, including the rhododendrons for the annual Rhododendron Tour. Annuals were again planted in the Entrance Berm to enhance colour and attractiveness. The woodland angelica was mowed twice to keep it from going to seed, a practice that is achieving control in the open areas where mowing is practical. The plantings under the Prospect Street sign were renovated and replanted.

The large and badly faded FBG sign at the Entrance Garden was replaced with a new sign, and new garden maps were printed and offered in map holders in the two information kiosks.

All plants remaining from the Spring Fair and Plant Sale were planted in either display beds or the propagation beds, and propagation bed plans were updated.



2015 Plans

Efforts will be pursued to complete or improve the attractiveness of the Pond site. Trees designated for removal in the rhododendron area, and near the hazelnut planting will be removed

Repairs and improvements to the greenhouse will be carried out in advance of its use for Plant Sale material. The site map in the Entrance Garden kiosk has been damaged by graffiti and needs to be replacing.

Other than the above, any work over and above the usual maintenance of the Garden will be entirely dependent on the support of volunteers and the success of fundraising efforts.

Acknowledgements

In 2014 only the Canada Summer Jobs program provided a grant to partially support a student; Emily Francis was hired for a second summer. Several City staff provided support during the year: Don Murray, manager of Parks and Trees Division; Troy Bright, foreman of Odell Park; Jenna Scott, the casual assigned to work in the Garden, and Division staff Justin Doran and Feleena Byno. Their support is much appreciated.

Heather Connors-Dunphy contributed a large number of volunteer hours and was directly responsible for much of what was accomplished during the year. She resigned from this work at the end of the year and her contributions will be greatly missed.

The Site Development Committee, Julie Baker, Don Murray, Heather Connors-Dunphy, Brian Parker, Jane Seabrook, Owen Washburn and Richard Tarn, met three times during the year.

Last Word to FBGA Members

Please be generous in your support of the Garden. Financial support is welcome; spending a few hours of your time to help maintain the Garden is essential.

Richard Tarn
Site Development Committee



Spring Fair and Plant Sale 2014

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The traditional Plant Sale at the Market was reborn in 2014 as the first Spring Fair and Plant Sale in the Entrance Garden. We purchased and used a large 30 ft x 60 ft tent, rented a smaller 20 ft x 20 ft tent, and used our own small canopies. We invited a number of organizations to set up displays and added some entertainment to create a fair-like atmosphere. This succeeded in producing the largest crowd in many years – the parking lot was completely full for much of the afternoon – the sun shone and both our customers and volunteers were upbeat about the move.

The other important measure of success is in the financial information. The net profit for the Plant Sale was \$4,292 and for the Raffle \$1592. The overall net profit for the event was \$5884, a disappointing \$1400 less than last year. While we did not have the rental expense of the Market, Plant Sale costs did increase with new expenses for security and the rental of tables, and a significant one time expense for the purchase of a new supply of pots. None of the tent costs are included here. Customers are making a relatively small amount of purchases on a per person basis. Raffle expenses were low in 2014 but we still struggle to achieve the full sales potential.

The Plants

We have been successful with purchased plants, being able to grow them well in the greenhouse and have at least some in bloom at Sale time. Donated plants continue to improve in quality but have declined considerably in volume. We continue to receive generous donations of plants from local and regional nurseries. A big issue, however, is that customers appear to be buying less per person.

The Raffle

Prizes were a Lutyens bench crafted by Mitch Bourque, a Weber portable gas BBQ, and a hummingbird care package. As already noted ticket sales were disappointing, at least in part because of poor weather during some of the Saturday market sales.

The Fair

Invited participants included Science East, a vermicomposting demonstration, a hummingbird feeding display, a beekeeping display, a children's table, a spray paint artist and for musical entertainment Frantic Atlantic. All attracted considerable interest and were well supported. The BBQ did a roaring business and ran out of supplies.

The Future

The Spring Fair and Plant Sale involves a large number of FBGA volunteers and each year their contributions and support are greatly appreciated.

The 2015 Spring Fair and Plant Sale group will be meeting in the near future and welcomes everyone interested in helping to make the next Fair, Sale and Raffle a success. New ideas are needed to build on the experience of those who have done it before; there are a variety of tasks, small and large, for all levels of skill and commitment. Please consider lending a hand.

Richard Tarn
For the Spring Fair and Plant Sale Committee



Spring Fair Plant Sale and Raffle 2014			
Plant Sale Income	8969.23	EXPENSES	
Gift in Kind	44.69	Plant Sale	
Boutique		C. Frensch Ltd labels	170.04
BBQ	697.42	Halifax Seed, pots	906.60
Total Plant Sale Income	9711.34	Tomatoes and peppers	174.80
		Van Noort Bulb	807.16
Raffle		Corn Hill Nursery	350.30
Market sales	905.25	ARHS rhodies	252.58
Member sales	996.00	Composters	70.00
Total Raffle	1901.25	Premix etc	160.13
INCOME	11612.59	Prizes (Fushia)	21.46
		FREX (tables)	100.00
		Supplies	138.34
		Entertainment	300.00
		Posters, Postage	281.37
		Refreshments	112.68
		BBQ Supplies	319.48
		Herbs	488.16
		Daylilies	302.00
		CISV	50.00
		Security	200.00
		Speedpro Signs	169.50
		Gift in Kind adj	44.69
		Total Plant Sale	5,419.29
		Raffle	
		BBQ prize	224.87
		Raffle license	25.00
		Market Rental	60.00
		Total Raffle	309.87
		Total Plant Sale and Raffle	5729.16
		Net	5883.43



Comparison table from previous years of Plant Sales and Raffles

Comparisons	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Plant Sale Revenue	14233.60	11492.00	9748.97	10697.39	10085.16	8744.35	10689.52	9946.11	9546.38	10234.45	9711.34
Expense	3438.35	3854.70	3924.02	4278.40	3528.77	4129.65	4551.68	3867.08	4084.96	4639.38	5419.29
Raffle Revenue	3911.60	3901.08	4613.80	4322.93	4778.45	3388.95	3510.30	2096.39	3018.50	2369.30	1901.25
Expense	891.26	404.86	553.22	801.01	1139.69	872.62	777.99	687.46	777.24	652.55	309.87
Silent Auction		902.00	648.00	641.00	366.00	185.00	370.50	307.00			
Net	13815.69	12035.52	10252.91	9940.91	10561.15	7131.03	9540.65	7795.46	7702.68	7311.88	5883.43

Treasured Garden Tour Report, 2014

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Visits to five spectacular and varied gardens were planned for the 2014 Treasured Garden Tour. Unfortunately, owing to the chaos generated by Hurricane Arthur, including garden damage and the impact of the prolonged absence of electricity and phone communication with garden hosts, the 2014 Tour had to be cancelled.

Ticket income was reimbursed, though \$180 was unclaimed and was deemed a donation to the garden. We also had art work donated for the garden party and visual and musical artists scheduled for the gardens.

We will shortly start planning the 2015 tour and will be re-approaching the hosts and artists, as well as looking for additional gardens and donations. If you'd like to be considered, please let us know.

Volunteers for the tour committee would also be very welcome! Please contact

jameswhitehead99@gmail.com.

James Whitehead, Treasured Garden Tour Chair

Comparisons	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2013
Treasured Garden Tour								
Revenue	4225.00	3845.00	3945.00	2670.00	2658.21	3101.67	3436.68
Expenses	2218.37	2132.07	1883.58	909.18	2077.66	2489.51	608.88
Net Income	2000.63	1712.93	2061.42	1760.82	580.55	612.16	2827.80