Spring has sprung! It’s a wonderful time as our gardens come to life. I hope you’ve used the nice weather to visit the Botanic Garden, as I have. Some of my early spring favourites are in the Rock and Crevice Garden – that’s a bed that always repays your effort in getting close. But there are signs of life everywhere, and we’re eagerly watching the buds on our later-spring mainstays like the lilacs, rhododendrons, and magnolias. It’s also a treat to see the swallows perching on our nestboxes or swooping over the fields. Of course, another sure sign of spring is that our greenhouses are bulging with wonderful plants that can be part of your gardens. You’ll read a lot more about our spring Plant Sale – our biggest fundraiser of the year – in this issue of the FBGA Newsletter.

As always, we’ve got projects underway. Look for important work on the Food Forest, with excavation and planting once the ground dries enough. A bit later, addition of a Cauldron to the Rock and Crevice Garden (you’ll see what that is!) and continuing work on the Pond Garden. You can help: watch for a volunteer day, or make a donation of cash or materials. As a volunteer-run organization we’re eager for your contributions.

See you at the Plant Sale, and in the Garden!
Science in the Garden
Amy Parachnowitcsh

There will be a different kind of garden coming near the Resource Centre in summer 2022. If all goes well with the seedlings, you’ll notice rows of fireweed plants in cloth grow bags. The Floral Evolutionary Ecology Lab at UNB, headed by Board member Dr. Amy Parachnowitsch, will be bringing science to the garden.

These experimental populations will help answer questions on the evolution of flowers and their interactions with pollinators. Beyond the different look, you might also see researchers carefully measuring flowers and observing pollinators at the plants. These data will help answer questions on which kinds of traits are important for attracting pollinators and how those traits are predicted to evolve.

FBGA Membership

A Garden membership provides ongoing support to the maintenance of the Fredericton Botanic Garden.
- Individual $30/year
- Senior/Student $25/year
- Family $45/year

In addition to free admission to most FBGA events and access to our Lending Library, members receive a 10% discount in the Garden Gift Shop, and a 10% discount at the following local garden centers:
- Co-Op Country Store (Northside)
- Corn Hill Nurseries
- Curries Greenhouses
- Kent Garden Center
- Scott’s Nursery
- Wetmore’s Nursery

Join or renew online at frederictonbotanicgarden.com/membership

Paper forms are also available from the link above and at the Resource Centre.
Summer 2022 will be a trial to see how successful it is to plant research gardens at the Fredericton Botanic Garden. In addition to being a nice place to do science, the researchers hope that by bringing the science to the public, it will be a good way to demonstrate and communicate some of the ways scientists study plants.

Programs at the Garden

June 4, Time TBD
Wabanaki Healing Garden Opening

Garden Tours
Garden tours are free to Botanic Garden members and $5/person for non-members. Email fredbotanicgarden@gmail.com to register.

June 9, 6:30 pm
Rock & Crevice Garden Tour with Steve Stehouwer

June 12, 2 pm
Rhododendron Tour

July 17, 2 pm
Daylily Tour with Heather Connors-Dunphy

August 7, 2 pm
New Brunswick Literature Garden with Steve Heard

August 21, 2 pm
Pollinator Garden with Amy Parachnowitsch

Job Opening
Programs & Publicity

- 35 Hours per week for 8 weeks in July and August
- 15-30 years old (funding through Canada Summer Jobs)

This new position will interpret the plants and collections to visitors, offer tours and deliver educational programs to a variety of audiences. Children's Programs will be a primary focus of this position providing programs for the Garden both alone and in partnership with Fredericton organizations. This position will develop digital and print promotional materials to publicize these Garden events. Assets include: Bilingualism (particularly French and English), experience in Environmental Studies, Education or Recreation & Leisure. Some weekends will be required.

To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and references to fredbotanicgarden@gmail.com
2022 Plant Sale Preview

Our Spring Plant Sale will again begin with pre-orders May 24-25 followed by an in-person Plant Sale May 28-29 in front of the greenhouses at 10 Cameron Court. There will be a wonderful selection of perennials, herbs and vegetables, as well as some annuals and shrubs.

Pre-order/Pick Up Information

Orders will be accepted by:

- Email (fredbotanicgarden@gmail.com) from May 24 - May 25
- Phone (506-452-9269) from Tuesday, May 24, 9 am through Wednesday May 25, 4 pm

We’ll process your order, then call or email you to arrange payment and a pickup time for you Thursday, May 26 or Friday, May 27.

In-person Plant Sale May 28-29

Resource Center/Greenhouses, 10 Cameron Court off Hanwell Rd.

- Saturday, May 28, 10 am—2 pm
- Sunday - May 29, 12 noon—4 pm

A full list will be available on our website by May 23, but here is a partial list.

Herbs

Basil, Chives, Cilantro, Mint, Oregano, Parsley, Rosemary, Thyme

Vegetables

Ground Cherries, Peppers, Tomatoes

Perennials and Shrubs

Achillea millefolium, Desert Eve Red
Ajuga
Bayberry

Bee Balm (Jacob Cline and Spotted)
Bleeding Heart (Alba and Valentine)
Columbine, Earlybird Mix, Nora Barlow, Ruby Port, and Songbird Mix
Day Lilies (Lavender Blue Baby, Princess Diana, South Seas, and more)
Delphinium, Pacific Giants Blue Jay
Hellebore, Ballard Strain
Hollyhocks (Chaters Double Red and Peaches N Dreams)
Milkweed (Butterfly and Swamp)
Peony (Sorbet and White Cap)
Phlox (Creeping; Candy Stripe and Emerald Blue Paniculata: Bright Eyes)
Pulsatilla, Violet
Sedum (Coral Reef, Sea Urchin, and Sunsparkler Firecracker)
Veronica, First Love
Help with the Plant Sale

The Plant Sale is the Garden’s largest fundraiser of the year. Help make this year’s sale a success! In addition to the week of the Plant Sale when many hands make light work, we need help with watering, potting up, and labeling plants in the days ahead. Please email fredbotanicgarden@gmail.com if you are able to assist.

Plant Donations

We love receiving donations of plant divisions or starts from your garden. Please contact the Plant Sale Committee at fredbotanicgarden@gmail.com to arrange the best time to bring your plants to the greenhouses. Also, let us know if you are able to help divide or transport plants for others.

Artists in Residence

Along with Killarney Lake, we are pleased to be a part of the City of Fredericton’s Artists in Residence program again in 2022. Please drop by the Garden to meet the following artists this summer.

◊ June 27 – July 8 – Todd Fraser, filmmaker
◊ July 11 – 22 – Nicholas Walsh, visual artist
◊ July 25 – Aug 5 – Ysabelle Vautour, visual artist
◊ Aug 8 – 19 – Peggy Holt, visual artist
◊ Aug 22 – Sept 2 – Alison Veino, visual artist
I recently had the pleasure to connect with one of the Botanic Garden’s newest Board members, Bronwen Cunningham.

Bronwen was born in the UK, raised in Tanzania, and moved to Canada when she was 13. She is a self-proclaimed high school and PhD drop-out who earned a BFA in textiles at NSCAD in 1992, an MA in Interdisciplinary Studies and then went on to become assistant dean of Liberal Arts at the Ontario College of Art & Design. Bronwen (and her teenaged daughter) moved to Fredericton in 2003 where she had accepted a position at the NBCCD as Director of Academics. She is currently a senior policy advisor with the provincial department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, specializing in labour and human rights.

Plants, farming and botany are a large part of her family culture. Her father was raised on a Niagara peach and asparagus farm and later became a president of the North American Native Plant Society, an aunt is a retired master gardener who bred lilies, a cousin is a botanist specializing in Australian orchids, and her step-mother, Anne Shteir, has authored feminist historical studies on women and botanical science. Bronwen herself is both an avid, amateur gardener with a particular interest in native species who leaves the vegetable-growing to the professionals, and an indoor plant enthusiast with a collection of forest cacti that started with cuttings from her stepmother. Her favourite botanic garden to date is the UK’s Chelsea Physic Garden which was established as an Apothecaries’ Garden in 1673.

Bronwen originally became involved with the FBGA as a volunteer in 2020 and joined the Site Development Committee that she currently chairs. Having taken a break from non-profit board work for several years, she is very happy to become more involved with the Garden. She is very passionate about it, and excitement exudes from her as she quickly rattles off all the exciting things currently happening in the Garden. “It is such a good time to get involved – we have reached a critical mass and things are really starting to happen!” She goes on to explain that this summer alone the garden will host a science experiment by Board member Amy Parachnowitsch, and a collaborative art installation through Connexion ARC; the Beaverbrook Art Gallery is installing The Grunwald Argument, a sculpture by Peter Hyde near the Perennial Garden, and work continues on the Food Forest, the Pond Garden and the Rock and Crevice Garden. And for the first time, the Garden has hired a gardener, John Welling. The reason these things are possible is the Garden’s community partnerships, the critical support of the City of Fredericton and key funders, and the hard work and dedication of the
Garden’s wonderful volunteers and its Garden manager, Andrea Flemming. Bronwen sees a plethora of possibilities and has many ideas and visions not the least of which is to work toward a long-term plan for the Botanic Garden and engaging Garden and community members and a variety of users and stakeholders. More than anything else, she says that being involved with the Garden is really fun and she is looking forward to a busy summer together with all the other volunteers.

**Weeding Wednesdays**

May 4 — September 28, 6-8 p.m.

A weekly opportunity to garden with a group of fellow gardening enthusiasts. Weeding, planting and invasive species removal are among the many projects that happen Wednesday evenings, rain or shine. Wear long sleeves and bring your own gloves. Meet outside the greenhouses at 10 Cameron Court.

If you are interested in volunteering, but are not available Wednesday nights, contact Andrea at fredbotanicgarden@gmail.com to make arrangements.

**Fredericton Rotary Clubs Support the Food Forest**

We’re excited to announce a new partner for our developing Food Forest! The two Fredericton Rotary Clubs will contribute funding and volunteer time to help us grow this exciting new project. You’ve probably noticed the pathways and young trees planted between the Peony Garden and Odell Park. Those are just the beginning of what will be a wonderful demonstration of sustainable urban food production – with fruiting trees and shrubs, nuts, herbs, and much more.

With the Rotary Club contribution of $5,000, we’ll be able to plant more trees and shrubs, and bigger ones – meaning the Food Forest should be producing fruit sooner. We also look forward to welcoming Club members at a volunteer day – and don’t worry, you can come too. We’re extremely grateful to our friends at the Rotary Clubs, and we look forward to many years of collaboration. Stay tuned for more as the Food Forest grows!
Welcome our Summer Staff

Give a warm welcome to our summer gardening staff when you see them in the Garden this summer. You will notice a couple of familiar faces as well as some new ones.

Former Board member, John Welling, is working mornings April-October. Many members will recognize John from the Spring Plant Sale that he has chaired for several years, or, perhaps, as your personal gardener.

Lucy Dunphy returns as a summer student through the SEED program. She is a BioChem Student at UNB.

Two new faces are Katherine Neily and, beginning in July, Eryn Trevors. A ceramics student at NBCCD, Katherine grew up in the nursery business as well as working at the Annapolis Royal Gardens. Eryn Trevors will join us in July. An NBCCD student interested in a career in Nature Photography, Eryn has worked as a groundskeeper at Middle Island Irish Historical Park.

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