



Le Jardin botanique de **Fredericton** Botanic Garden

FREDERICTON BOTANIC GARDEN ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Fredericton Botanic Garden Association Annual General Meeting Report 2021

Presented at the Annual Meeting on February 26, 2022, Zoom

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FREDERICTON BOTANIC GARDEN ASSOCIATION, INC.

2022



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Agenda

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L'Association du Jardin botanique de Fredericton Botanic Garden Association

Annual General Meeting, Saturday March 20, 2021

ZOOM

MINUTES

- **Welcome and introductions:** The chair welcomed all and introduced Board members and our Garden manager. He indicated to the estimated 25 participants that COVID-19 precludes some of the normal features of our AGM such as treats.

1. **Agenda:** Motion by Marg R. and John W. to approve the agenda Carried

2. **Deceased member:** A moment of silence for the passing of Tony Short

3. **Minutes** of February 22, 2020 Annual General Meeting: Motion by Louis-Philippe A and Richard Ward, to approve the minutes as distributed Carried

4. **Business Arising** from the Minutes: None

5. **President's Report:** Steve summarized his report as contained in the Annual Report. He emphasized that membership numbers count as an indication of the Garden's connection to the community, when approaching partners and donors.

6. **Auditor's Report:** Cynthia presented highlight of the past year's financial review, showing a surplus of \$3,000.00 and indicated that the column headings were changed in the report and budget to improve communication (see Annual Report). She expressed appreciation to Nancy Beltrandi and Carla Ward who performed the annual financial review for many years. They are succeeded by Robert Bishop who did the 2020 review.

Motion by Cynthia and Jane L. to accept the Financial Review for 2020 and the proposed Budget for 2021 Carried

Motion by Cynthia and Mary P. to appoint Robert Bishop as the FBGA Auditor for the year 2021 Carried

7. **Treasurer's Report:** A major Fund-raising initiative is at the planning stage with the objective of substantially increasing the Garden's Endowment Fund, administered by the Fredericton Community Foundation. Longtime member Jim Nicholson indicated his continued support for the Endowment since the passing of his wife.

8. **Committee Reports:** (Please see the Annual Report for details)

a. **Board Development:** Four vacancies are created at the end of this fiscal year, namely:



- Wendy Bourque who has completed the maximum of our By-laws' 3-year term **limit**.
- Axel Brisebois, Rebecca Matchet and Holly Abbandonato have resigned for work and other personal reasons. They remain available, however, to serve on committees and **for** other volunteer work at the Garden.
- Joanna Mills has join the Board recently, leaving three more vacancies to fill.

b. **Membership:** Marg R. reports that there are currently 153 active members, including 48 new members but several current members have not yet renewed.

c. **Education and Outreach:** Jim G. gave highlights of the past year's activities under **COVID-19** circumstances. The next Talk is Wednesday March 24 on ZOOM.

d. **Fundraising:** Tess M. indicates that the focus is on raising capital to increase the FBGA Endowment Fund, including Planned giving and Memorials. The continued contribution of current sponsors is greatly appreciated.

e. **Site Development:** Jim G. reported on visitors' comments that 'The Garden never looked so good'. There was significant expansion and additions to the Garden, including small beds at the Cameron Court entrance and at the Resource Centre kiosk. The new Wabanaki healing garden is almost complete, thanks to the collaboration of our First Nation partners. Better signage and control of vandalism are part of the new year's plans. An Appreciation painting by George Strunz was presented recently to Jim as our 'Volunteer worker par excellence' for 2020.

f. **Plant Sale:** John W. reports that we had a very successful sale generating more than \$8,000.00 in 2020, despite the COVID-19 circumstances. Plans are to apply a similar three-component approach in 2021. The holding beds are full and plenty of high-quality plants will be available at this year's late May sale at the Resource Centre.

Motion by John W. and Holly A. to accept the six Committee Reports as presented.....Carried

Chairman Steve indicated that the above reporting was presented in accordance with the current committee structure which was revised in the past year. The new FBGA standing committees are:

- Board Development
- Communications and Programs
- Fund-raising
- Membership and Volunteers
- Plant Sale
- Site Development



9. Bylaw Amendment Proposals: The following proposed amendments to the Garden's By-Laws are not 'revolutionary' but necessary for efficient and effective operation.

Change Article 4.02-1 so that the term of the Immediate Past President is consistent with the composition of the Executive Officers of the Board as noted in Article 5.08. Current: "The Immediate Past President shall be a full voting member of the Board of Trustees and shall serve for one year."

Proposed: "The Immediate Past President shall be a full voting member of the Board of Trustees and shall serve for two years."

2. Change Article 5.07 to reflect the title of the part-time employee of the Garden. Current: "An Office Administrator of the Association shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees by virtue of the office."

Proposed: The Garden Manager shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees by virtue of the office"

3. Change Article 4.07 to include all standing committees of the Board, to clarify the Chair and member composition, and to correct the use of the term Chairman. Current: "There shall be a Site Development Committee, the Chairman of which shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees by virtue of the office. The powers of the Site Development Committee shall be assigned by the Board of Trustees within the limits of sub-section 4.06."

Proposed: "There shall be six Standing Committees. The powers of the Committees shall be assigned by the Board of Trustees within the limits of sub-section 4.06. The Committees are as follows: a) Board Development: composed of at least three members and Chaired by a member of the Board of Trustees. b) Site Development: composed of at least three members and Chaired by a member of the Board of Trustees. c) Plant Sale: composed of at least three members and Chaired by a member of the Board of Trustees. d) Fundraising: composed of at least three members and Chaired by a member of the Board of Trustees. e) Communications and Program: composed of at least three members and Chaired by a member of the Committee. f) Member and Volunteer Services: composed of at least three members and Chaired by a member of the Committee.

4. Change Article 4.08 to correct the use of the term Chairman. Current: "There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the Officers of the Association, namely, the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Past President. The President shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee."

Proposed: "There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the Officers of the Association, namely, the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Past President. The President shall be the Chair of the Executive Committee."

5. Change Article 6.01 to reflect the title of the part-time employee of the Garden. Current: "The signing officers of the Association for the certification or endorsement of all legal



documents, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other negotiable or transfer instruments shall be by any two of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Office Administrator of the Association.”

Proposed: “The signing officers of the Association for the certification or endorsement of all legal documents, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other negotiable or transfer instruments shall be by any two of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Garden Manager.” Motion: To recommend the approval of amendments re 4.02, 4.07, 4.08 and 6.01 to the By-Laws of the FBGA to the Annual General Meeting of the FBG

Motion by Cynthia S. and John W. to approve the above proposed changes to the FBGA By-Laws
..... Carried

Questions/comments from participants:

- Do we have quorum? The association By-Laws say that the quorum at the AGM is the number of members present.
- Jim Nicholson invites all to contribute to the FBGA Endowment Fund.
- Thanks to Cheryl Jacob (Routledge) and the Anglican Diocese for being the host/sponsors of this meeting’s Zoom link.

10. **Adjournment:** Motion by Joanna L. to adjourn at 8:04 pm

Louis-Philippe Albert, secretary



President's Report

By Steve Heard

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 26, 2022

I'm pleased to tell you what you probably already know: it's been another great year for your Garden. Yes, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic put a damper on some things; but we were able to continue many of our programs and continue building the Garden with new and enhanced beds. The pandemic has also emphasized for everyone the importance of outdoor spaces for recreation, education, and contemplation. We're proud that the Garden has been able to serve those roles for a lot of people. We're also grateful that many volunteers have shared the work with us, and that funding partners (both existing and new) have made what we do possible.

It's probably foolish to pick a single highlight from a busy year, but if I had to point to one project that took amazing strides in 2021, it would be our Wabanaki Healing Garden. That Garden is now landscaped and planted, with over 50 plant species – all with traditional roles in Mi'kmaq and Maliseet medicine and culture. Our partners from the Indigenous community, especially Cecelia and Anthony Brooks, have led its design and development. This summer, look for a formal opening event and installation of signage to interpret the plants you'll see. We're very excited!

Of course, we've kept ourselves busy with many other projects. The Rock & Crevice Garden is bigger and more fascinating than ever, a Fern Gallery is under development along the forested reaches of our main path, and the Pollinator Garden has new interpretive signage to go with its riot of colour. Our new Food Forest has had pathways laid out and a number of fruit and nut trees planted – watch for a volunteer event this spring to plant many more!

We expect 2022 to be a busy year too. The City's wonderful Artist in Residence program will return to the Garden, along with Science East pop-up events and plenty more. We'll continue work on our Garden beds, and our capacity to do that will kick up a notch with our acquisition of a side-by-side maintenance vehicle, thanks to a Strategic Partner Grant from the City of Fredericton. Behind the scenes, we're working towards a comprehensive signage reboot and, eventually, a new potting and maintenance building. All these projects can use your support – whether it's volunteer effort, donations (cash or in-kind), or just recruiting your friends and family to become members too. Thank you to everyone who has played a part so far.

See you in the Garden!



Auditors Report 2022

Re: Audit Completed January 12, 2022

Dear FBGA Board Members:

An audit was done on the FBGA financial records for the year 2020. During this audit the following items were checked:

- All donations were matched to their receipts, ledger entries and bank deposits
- All memberships were matched to their receipts, ledger entries and bank deposits
- All salaries for the students and administration were matched to their cheques, ledger entries, bank entries and Revenue Canada submissions
- All payments were matched to their invoices, ledger entries and bank entries
- A reconciliation of the computerized ledger was done to the bank account with matching balances. No discrepancies existed.

The above information is authorized auditor to be true and accurate.

Sincerely,


Robert Bishop



Treasurer's Report, 2021

By Cynthia Stacey, Treasurer

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 26, 2022

The annual review of the financial statements for the Fredericton Botanic Garden Association for 2021 conducted by Robert Bishop revealed nothing that would cause him to believe that they did not present fairly and correctly the financial position of the Garden.

2021 was a successful year for the Association in terms of managing its financial situation. Thanks to the exceptional work of the Garden Manager and the many dedicated members and volunteers, expenses were generally in line or below budget for the year. However, revenues exceeded the budget by 57% primarily due to increases in donations through gifts and memorials. This led to a surplus of just over \$27,000 for the year leaving the Association in a good position to pursue projects for 2022.

In keeping with the mission of the Association to develop and maintain the Garden for the public, close to 50% of all revenue was allocated directly to site development and staffing. In 2021 memberships, donations and fundraising accounted for approximately 42% of the revenue for the Garden. These forms of support are an important source of income for the Garden and all who contributed in any way are thanked. You Help the Garden Grow!

The budget for 2022 takes an optimistic position with the goal of increasing revenue through donations, grants and fundraising initiatives which will allow for additional full and part-time staff and further site development work.

Full details for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the budget for 2022 can be found in the following Financial Report.



Financial and Budget Report 2021

INCOME	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	Actual2020	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
Membership	2261.00	2500	2383.00	3000	4187.00	5000.00
Donations						
Gift Received	1580.00	1200	2165.29	3000	8344.80	8000.00
Gift Received: Appreciation Fund				200	485.00	0.00
Gift Received: Plant Signs			1075.00		0.00	0.00
Gift Received: Gift in Kind			982.00	1500	2526.56	2000.00
Endowment Income	2726.60	2500	2727.71	2500	2888.27	3000.00
Memorials	150.00	500	2648.00	5500	21191.16	20500.00
TOTAL Donations	4456.60	4200	9598.00	12700.00	35435.79	33500.00
Fund raising						
Capital Fund Raising ¹	970.00	500	2352.00	3000	2078.00	1000.00
Plant Sale ¹	11950.42	12000	7521.12	15500	14741.30	21000.00
Sale Items	49.00	100	977.00	250	495.21	1250.00
TOTAL Fund Raising	12071.42	12350	10850.12	15750.00	17314.51	23250.00
Grants						
Government of Canada (CSJ)	7192.00	7000	3661.00	6522	4991.00	10000.00
Province of NB (SEED)	17934.00	18000	0.00	13104	10970.40	13000.00
Other Grant income	5500.00	4000			23501.68	42500.00
City Maintenance (in kind)	25000	25000	25000.00	25000	25000.00	25000.00
TOTAL Grants	55626.00	54000	28661.00	44626.00	64463.08	90500.00
Education & Programs						
Seedy Saturday	264.05	250	96.00	100	100.00	100.00
Talks in the Garden	424.90	500	49.00	0	0.00	0.00
Tours & Workshops				100	140.00	100.00
TOTAL Education Committee	688.95	750	145	200	240	200
Other Income						
Building Rental	1625.00	1800	220.00	1600	1600.00	1600.00
HST Rebate	436.20	600	844.22	800	674.60	3000.00
Interest Inc	164.97	150	240.58	200	239.33	300.00
Garden Reserve (Staffing)						10000.00
Misc income (moved to Bank Charges)	-9.24	-10	-228.85	0	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	75059.90	73840	52713.07	78876.00	124154.31	167350.00



EXPENSES	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
Membership and Programs						
Professional Memberships						200
Recognition				200	92.48	300.00
Seedy Saturday	29.75		0.00	50	16.81	50.00
Talks In The Garden	35.08	100	10.87		0.00	0.00
Tours, Workshops & Misc.				200	0.00	700.00
TOTAL Membership & Programs	64.83	100	10.87	450.00	109.29	1250.00
Infrastructure						
Annual General Meeting	140.00	140	140.00	0	57.42	60.00
Bank & Payment Service Charges	15.00	15	6.26	300	350.16	500.00
Building			91.38	50	47.88	500.00
Capital Expense	729.48	0			0.00	100.00
COVID-19 Expense			186.41	150	70.68	0.00
Capital Grant: Vehicle					0.00	29800.00
HST	1443.13		1541.99	2000	3069.92	6000.00
Insurance	696.75	385	0.00	800	475.75	540.00
Misc	-3.90	-5	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Infrastructure	3020.46	535.00	1966.04	3300.00	4071.81	37500.00
Office and Resource Centre						
Administration	824.47	800	1072.50		0.00	0.00
Computer, Printer, Software				300	374.34	1000.00
Postage / Mailing	225.00	275	279.19	540	496.78	500.00
Supplies				300	402.58	500.00
Telephone/Fax/Internet	1350.21	1375	1246.17	1080	896.26	1000.00
TOTAL Office & Resource Centre	2399.68	2450.00	2597.86	2220.00	2169.96	3000.00
Fund Raising						
Plant Sale	6711.29	5000	3314.23	3500	3218.93	8500.00
Campaign Fund Raising in kind adj	600.00				0.00	0.00
Campaign Fund Raising	711.00				0.00	0.00
Capital Fund Raising ¹			785.60	600	1097.63	0.00
Sale Items (Garden Shop)						600.00
Memorials & Appreciation			1019.00	3235	6535.10	11700.00
TOTAL Fund Raising Expenses	8022.29	5000	5118.83	7335.00	10851.66	20800.00



Public Relations						
Advertising					0.00	500.00
Brochure	125.00	200	153.60	200	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	90.00	120	0.00	50	0.00	0.00
Printing						500.00
Web Site	20.00	125	177.65	200	168.22	175.00
TOTAL Public Relations	235.00	445.00	331.25	450.00	168.22	1175.00
Site Development						
New Bed Construction	3081.86	5000	490.40	5000	0.00	0.00
Abandoned Homestead Garden				2000	0.00	0.00
Fern Walkway				1000	0.00	1800.00
Pond				2000	0.00	3000.00
Pollinator Garden			206.84	975	934.84	300.00
Rock Garden			482.64	500	473.55	500.00
Urban Orchard					411.85	4531.17
Wabanaki Healing Garden				5000	2884.79	3115.21
Plant Collecting Acquisition	942.49	1000	128.55	1000	601.48	1000.00
Signage and Plant Labels	1199.60		135.74	950	1439.22	4000.00
Site Development:Other	148.49	300	1051.64	1000	810.38	8500.00
Vehicle Maintenance & Gas						500.00
City Maintenance In kind	25000	25000	25000	25000	25000.00	25000.00
TOTAL Site Development	30372.44	31300	27495.81	39425.00	32556.11	47446.38
Employee Expense						
Garden Manager	3768.75	4500	8014.42	7592	9270.62	9828
Wages	30241.13	30000	2514.00	21840	14424.94	22700
CPP				1120	1496.84	1120
EI				333.95	488.58	334
Income Tax Withheld					893.64	
WorksafeNB	299.27	348	424.72	424.72	163.05	425.00
Staff Travel				100	104.15	100.00
Other staffing ²	489.97	250	50.00	150	1560.00	7200.00
TOTAL Employee Expense	31030.37	30598	11003.14	31560.67	28401.82	41707.00
ETF Grant					18546.91	12700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	73474.82	71268	48523.80	84740.67	96875.78	165578.38
OVERALL TOTAL	1585.08	2572	4189.27	-5864.67	27279	1772



Income Footnote

1 - Poinsettia Sale was in Capital Fundraising in 2020 & 2021, moving to Plant Sale in 2022 budget

Expenses Footnote

1 - Includes Poinsettia Sale in 2020 & 2021, moving to Plant Sale in 2022 budget

2 - Other staffing: Appreciation (2019 & 2020), Worksafe adjustments (2020), Horticultural Worker August-October(2021)

Account Balances - As of 31/12/2021

Bank Accounts

Chequing	27,167.38
Savings	31,394.89
TOTAL Bank Accounts	58,562.27

Cash Accounts

Segregated	375.2
TOTAL Cash Accounts	375.2

OVERALL TOTAL **58,937.47**



Board Development Committee

By Steve Heard

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 26, 2022

Serving to the end of 2023

1. Joanna Mills (1st term)
2. Louis-Philippe Albert (2nd term)
3. Stephen Heard (3rd term)
4. Marg Routledge (2nd term)
5. Michael Stastny (2nd term)
6. John Welling (3rd term)

Serving to the end of 2024

1. Amy Parachnowitsch
2. Cynthia Stacey

The Botanic Garden makes progress because it has a dedicated volunteer Board. Our Board meets monthly, and typically, each Board member also takes on a role matched to their skills and interests (chairing a committee, handling outreach, leading fundraising, developing policy, recruiting members, etc.).

There are currently several open seats on the Board, and our Board Development Committee has been working to identify new candidates to serve. In fact, you've recently seen a Call for Board members; if you haven't responded, it absolutely isn't too late. Would you like to serve (or do you know someone you'd like to recommend)? Please send a short expression of interest to FBGA President Steve Heard (sheard@unb.ca), indicating why you're interested and what skills or experience you might bring.



Communications and Program Committee

By Cynthia Stacey

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 26, 2022

Programs

Although the constraints associated with the COVID-19 pandemic continued through 2021, the Garden Association was able to provide some program opportunities to members and visitors.

The majority of the 2021 programming took the form of a series of outdoor tours of the Garden features during the summer and early fall. Highlighted were the Hal Hinds Memorial Garden, Rhododendron Bed, Rock and Crevice Garden, Day Lily Garden, New Brunswick Literature Garden, Pollinator Garden and a fall Bird Walk. Many thanks to our volunteer tour leaders: Holly Abbandonato, Margaret Dykeman, Jim Goltz, Stephen Heard, Brian Parker, and Steve Stehouwer. More general tours of the Garden site were given by Andrea Flemming, Jim Goltz and Steve Stehouwer to groups such as the Fundy Gardeners, Fredericton Bouldering Co-Op After School Program, Lokamotion and Stanley Elementary School. In addition, the summer staff provided another layer of information about the Garden as they engaged with the public while doing their regular work.

Other programming was done via Zoom such as a presentation by Jane Loughborough titled, "Soon there will be daffodils" and talks by Jim Goltz to community groups such as the Fundy Gardeners and a Kiwanis Club.

Program offerings were also possible due to partnerships with other organizations. For example, Science East held Pop Up Science activities for children weekly in July and August and monthly during the school year. Bard in the Barracks held their summer performances in the Garden, The City of Fredericton's Artists in Residence program sponsored four artists over the summer, the NB Invasive Species Council help sessions in the Garden, and Word Fest co-sponsored a NB Literature Garden Tour.

In addition, Jim Goltz did a series of interviews for Shift NB on CBC and Steve Stehouwer was able to do in-person seed cleaning workshops for a limited number of participants leading up to Seedy Saturday which was moved from March to September due to the COVID-19 situation.

Communications

Keeping members, volunteers, and visitors to the Garden informed is important to the current and future operations of the Garden Association and the Garden itself.

Through the work of the Garden Manager, members of the Board and volunteers, a digital presence is maintained on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (1600, 729 and 186 followers respectively). The period surrounding the Plant Sale is when we have the most engagement, but there is interest year round. The most popular post on Facebook this year featured the Snow Family resting on the Shirley Dore memorial bench in the Hal Hinds Memorial Garden by Cameron Court residents. Posts about the Artists in Residence were particularly popular on Instagram.



Engaging content about the Garden and related topics is also shared through the quarterly newsletter. Increasingly, the newsletter is distributed to members via email resulting in printing and postage savings. Email is also used to inform gardening volunteers of Weeding Wednesday and other volunteer opportunities.

To further spread the Garden message, Sara Travis is in the process of updating the Garden brochure and map. These will be ready for distribution in the Spring of 2022, and we thank Sara for volunteering to take on the project.

A final initiative that will eventually help in communicating the Garden message to users focuses on signage. In the fall of 2021, the very early stages of developing a signage master plan for the Garden, which will then guide the creation and instillation of new signage throughout the site, was begun. The plan is the first step as we continue to work toward enhancing the visitor experience.

None of these events and activities would have been possible without the generous participation of the knowledgeable members, volunteers and staff, the support of community organizations and the interested public. Thank you all for being part of sharing the Garden story.



Fundraising

By Tess Madigan

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 26, 2022

The fundraising committee prepared donation forms “Help the Garden Grow” that were handed out during the Spring plant sale and attached to online order pickups. The committee also advertised a Christmas “Help the Garden Grow” campaign – encouraging people to give gift memberships and/or gift donations. Donation request forms were also attached to the Christmas plant sale orders.

Overall donations did increase this year (\$8344 in 2021 vs \$2165 in 2020) which could be attributed to these requests and as a result of the increased activity and presence of workers in the Garden this past year.

Presently the committee’s overall plan is to have a fundraising activity during each season; the Spring Plant Sale, Holiday Plant Sale and, possibly, a Fall Bulb Sale as well as something during the summer months.

The long-term plan includes having a Campaign to attract donors to both the Endowment Fund and any Capital projects the Site Development Committee identifies. The Committee recognizes the need to attract Board members with experience in fundraising.

The committee has also recognized the need to research the best website donation buttons for the FBGA. Increased functionality and versatility is needed for future online campaigns as well as regular donations/ memberships and gift donations/memberships.



Membership & Volunteers Committee

Presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 26, 2022

Following the 2020 AGM, the membership committee was restructured to include volunteer appreciation. Three new members joined the committee.

At the end of 2021, there were 201 active memberships (53 family, 83 individual, and 65 senior/student). Membership income was \$4187, a significant increase from 2020.

The Board approved a motion January 27, 2022 to increase Association membership fees for every category by \$10.00, charge non-members for tours and provide a 10% member discount for gift shop purchases effective, May 1, 2022. Note that this is the first membership rate increase since 1992.

Memberships were promoted at the Plant Sale, Seedy Saturday, Weeding Wednesdays, Garden tours and social media. A table was set up at the first night of Bard in the Barracks and any evening Board members were in attendance they were identified to the audience. The Fundraising Committee spearheaded a gift membership and donation drive in December. A notable feature was a new membership that came from a relative of someone who received a gift donation. Renewal notices were sent out by the Garden Manager, first by email and then a follow-up letter if no renewal was received.

We are so grateful to the many volunteers who came to the Garden this year. Jim Goltz was present on an almost daily basis and a key ambassador for the Garden for tours and community talks. Weeding Wednesday turnout was smaller than last year but was augmented by many daytime volunteers including a crew of watering assistants who came 4 times each week (weather dependent). Many thanks to the Nature Trust of New Brunswick and New Brunswick Invasive Species Council for lending both people and equipment throughout the year. Work days focused on the Creekside Trail, Invasive Species Removal and Food Forest and tree planting. Thanks to Kaitlyn Blatt-Janmaat for a Rising Youth Grant for the Invasive Species Removal day and an extractigator for removing glossy buckthorn and other invasive trees. Three high school volunteers are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards through volunteer hours at the Garden. Winter volunteers have been helping with the New Brunswick Plants website, office work, shoveling, tool cleaning and a variety of miscellaneous tasks. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the committee or Andrea Flemming.

Respectfully submitted,
Marg Routledge
Louis-Philippe Albert
Jane Loughborough
Lee Swanson



Plant Sale 2021

By Tess Madigan and John Welling

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The spring plant sale was a tremendous success this year. With sales of \$14741.30 and expenses of \$3218.93, \$11,522.37 was raised for the Botanic Garden.

The reality of COVID-19 in 2020 necessitated finding a whole new approach to our sale and it has worked out well. As per last year, there were 2 days of online sales followed by 2 days of in person sales. While financially successful, this two-pronged approach requires a lot of extra work. Post sale, the committee met to begin the development of procedures and timelines so that successive years will run more efficiently and the hours required by the garden manager will be reduced. Volunteers play a very important role in this new sales format. Please contact John, Tess or Andrea if you would like to help with the 2022 Plant Sale.

Since we will not go back to the big tent sale, we are currently in the process of selling the tent by the spring of this year. If we ever need a large tent in the future, rental costs are less than the annual storage costs.

Shortages in the bulb and seed supply chain meant that the planned Fall bulb sale was cancelled as the bulbs would not have arrived until the end of October.

Jolly Farmer in Northampton, NB has proven to be an easy and reliable company from which to order. We continue to order from Van Noort and Heritage Harvest Seeds as well. We plan to research sourcing other Maritime plant wholesalers (especially for trees and shrubs).

We had a second Christmas plant sale that was a success. Sales did not grow too much from the year before but, again, each year we learn from experience and therefore these sales will ideally become more efficient and profitable each year.

The 2022 Spring Plant Sale will begin with pre-orders May 25, scheduled pick ups for pre-orders May 27 and 28, and the in-person sale Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30. A Second Chance Sale will follow 2 weeks later.



Site Development

By Jim Goltz

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It has been another highly productive year for the Fredericton Botanic Garden, thanks to the many contributions of staff, volunteers and donors.

The unusually early spring snow-melt meant that garden clean up activities and weed removal could start much earlier than in most previous years. New plantings were made throughout the Botanic Garden in 2021, and the extremely mild weather this fall enabled planting, weeding and invasive plant removal to continue well into November.

Tremendous progress was made on the Wabanaki Healing Garden and it has nearly been completed. It features over 50 species of native and naturalized plants that were used by Indigenous people for healing and has been shaped predominantly as a medicine wheel. Flagstones and temporary rustic log benches have been placed at the centre of this garden. An official opening ceremony is being planned for June 2022.

The Food Forest is being expanded thanks to a grant from the province's Community Food Action program and the tireless efforts of volunteer Sima Usvyatsov. On November 6, at least 30 volunteers helped plant trees in this new garden and elsewhere in the Botanic Garden. Many of the plantings outside of the Food Forest were strategically placed in anticipation of catastrophic ash tree mortality that Emerald Ash Borer is expected to cause.

The Pollinator Garden continued to be our showiest garden, with blooms continuing from early April through November. Additions included an educational bee hotel and a colourful mailbox designed for dispersing to the public seeds of plant species that are especially attractive to pollinators. New bird houses were donated for both the Pollinator Garden and throughout the Botanic Garden.

Substantial work was done along the Creekside Trail this summer. Along with extensive invasive species removal, woodchips were added to improve walking conditions along the muddy stretches. Work will continue in 2022 to shift the trail in a few areas where erosion is a problem.

Erosion control work took place throughout many garden beds and trails this summer. A berm planted with daylilies and tulips was created just above the Daylily Garden to deflect runoff. The latest efforts to improve drainage in the Peony Garden included the construction of a berm and a ditch. Planting began to create a hedge of Bayberry and Sweet Pepperbush on this berm. Rock borders were created or expanded in many places such as the White Garden, the Hal Hinds Memorial Garden and the Fern Walkway.

Major steps were taken to improve the Garden's infrastructure. The addition of water totes made it much easier to deal with the drought issues that prevailed in the spring and to nurture nearby plantings throughout the summer and fall.

The City constructed bins to store topsoil, compost, sand and crushed rock in a consolidated manner. It is tidier than having piles of these materials scattered throughout the Botanic Garden and much more efficient for the



City crews when they deliver the materials. We received a Strategic Partners Grant from the City of Fredericton in late 2021 which will allow us to purchase a side-by-side maintenance vehicle that will be a tremendous help in the Garden in 2022 and beyond.

A new memorial bench was installed in the Memorial Garden and another near the NB Literature Garden. In 2022, memorial benches will be added near the Peony Garden and the Pond.

A concrete Japanese lantern was installed near the Resource Centre and a second was placed between the Hal Hinds Memorial Garden and the Rhododendron Garden. These were donated by a member who passed away several years ago and who wished to remain anonymous.

Unfortunately, vandalism and theft continue to be problematic. It is disconcerting that all of the potatoes and most of the rhubarb are stolen from the NB Literature Garden each year, and that vandals have displaced and overturned logs, and dislodged ferns in the Fern Gallery multiple times in the last two years.

Overall, it is very exciting to witness how the Fredericton Botanic Garden continues to grow, and that visitors are very appreciative of the progress that is being made. Much to our surprise, a visitor remarked that the Fredericton Botanic Garden “compares favourably to the Montreal Botanic Garden”.

A special thank you to our summer staff, Anthony Brooks, Martin Campbell, Jay Chapman and Emily Estabrooks, to the City of Fredericton for providing maintenance, resources and other assistance; and to Site Development Committee members Bronwen Cunningham, Steve Heard, Mike LaCroix, Brian Parker, and Michael Stastny.

Resource Centre

Use by outside groups was limited again in 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic. Under One Sky and Bard in the Barracks both used outside space.

The bathroom floor was redone by Cynthia Stacey. The City installed additional lights in the basement over the workbench area and in the Under One Sky closet.