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President's Report

The gardening season is upon us at last. It seems to have been a long winter and a miserable spring. However the warm weather is here.

With the warm weather it is the time to start sprucing up your gardens. When carrying out this labor of love please don't forget the Plant Sale. We need your thinings, The great thing about the Sale is that most of the plants come from our members' gardens and our clients know that these are tested and hardy varieties. Please bring them to the garden and leave them outside the greenhouse where they will be well taken care of. At the Plant Sale we will be introducing our new Botanic Garden T-shirts and gardening aprons. We only have a few aprons and they will be made available initially to Plant Sale workers setting up the Sale on Saturday afternoon.

A big event this spring will be the opening of the new Entrance Garden. This will take place in mid to late June and will be a public event with public dignitaries in attendance. The Botanic

Garden Association is most grateful to the Fredericton Community Foundation whose donation of \$50,000 made this project possible. You will receive notice of this opening well in advance and we hope that you will do your best to attend.

The major development work in the garden this summer will be the building of a Memorial Grove. This will be a lovely grove of magnolias located to the south of the Rose Garden site. Nine different varieties of magnolias in colours of white, yellow, pink and red have been ordered for the Grove. Close to the entrance of the Grove will be a large plaque with the names of those to be memorialized engraved upon it.

The garden now has two different memorials. The glorious maroon benches which may be memorialized for a donation of \$2000 and the Memorial Grove within which one may be memorialized for a donation of \$500 to the Garden. As these memorials are donations, they are fully tax deductible.

This summer we also hope to complete the leveling and grading of the Rose Garden site and hopefully begin some of the construction work on this, our most ambitious garden unit.

Hopefully by mid-June our gorgeous rhododendron and azaleas will be in full bloom. This garden is a beautiful display in a truly gorgeous location. Try to make it a point to get out and enjoy this beautiful display.

I look forward to seeing you all at our 19th Annual Plant Sale.

Bill Seabrook

Plant Sale

While working in my garden recently, I was thinking of what makes a successful plant sale. Our Sale has many components - the raffle, the silent auction, the BBQ and is dependent on many enthusiastic volunteers - but the plants are what we advertise and what our customers come for. Three things come to mind to help provide quality plants for the Sale.

Our customers are not looking for just any plants. There are always some people looking for the most common and easiest to grow plants - Johnny jump-ups, forget-me-nots. But many more are looking for something different, something interesting, and something new for their gardens. These are the plants that FBGA members, many of us keen gardeners, treasure in our own gardens. So this is my first point - please consider sharing your favourite plants with others on behalf of the Botanic Garden.

Secondly, there is the presentation of our plants. If possible we prefer to have your plants as soon as possible so they are well established in their pots. Now, when the new year's growth is just starting, is an ideal time to divide perennials and pot up the divisions. Plants potted up now will look great by Sale day and we can sell them for more - though if you don't get this done until later, please bring them anyway.

Thirdly, we can sell plants for more if they have a name and two or three descriptive words such as flower colour and height. Please help our volunteers by providing the best information you can; some members like the challenge

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Plant Sale
Sunday May 27
Boyce Farmers'
Market
Noon—4:00 pm**

**Treasured
Garden Tour
Saturday
July 7**



of trying to identify your plants but the information you provide will be more complete.

What you should know about the Plant Sale & Raffle:

* Please leave your donated plants at the greenhouse behind the Garden Resource Centre off Cameron Court.

* Volunteers are welcome at the greenhouse on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to pot up and label plants. The week before the Sale there will also be evening work.

* Help to divide your perennials is available if required. Please contact Jane Seabrook (459-7862 or seabrook@nb.sympatico.ca)

* If you need plant pots we have lots at the greenhouse.

* Ticket sellers are still needed at the Boyce Farmers' Market on May 19 and 26. If you can help please contact Bill Hall (455-7935 or wood230@nb.sympatico.ca). To see the dates and times when volunteers are still needed please check the FBGA website at <<http://www.frederictonbotanicgarden.com/roster/duty.html>>

* Raffle tickets can be returned at our ticket booth at the Market, at the Resource Building at the Botanic Garden in person on Tuesday or Thursday afternoons, or by mail. All tickets must be in by the time of the Sale.

* Help is needed for Sale Set-up at the Market starting at 2:30 pm on Saturday, May 27. Helpers are welcome to stay for the supper pizza party.

* There are also lots of jobs - cashiers, sales people and general help - at the Sale on May 27. Please be at the Market before 11:30 am to be ready for the noon opening.

* And remember, to recognize your support every time you turn out to help, your name is entered in a draw for a hand made cedar Adirondack chair. The draw will take place at the end of the Sale.

Lastly, if you still have questions or want to know more about how you can help, please contact me.

Thank you for your support.

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Memorials

For some time now members of the Board of Trustees have been receiving requests about Memorials to deceased loved ones or to special occasions in their lives. The board has recently discussed this subject at length and has come to the following conclusion. At present memorials in the Garden will be of two types. The first memorial will be benches of a specific type as selected by the board. These will be high quality steel park benches of a maroon colour with a memorial plaque 2"x10" in size inserted on the back. The benches will be mounted permanently on a concrete base. In time, locations will be available throughout the garden. However, at present there are five locations available surrounding the new Entrance Garden oval. These benches will be available for a donation of \$2000.00 to the Garden.



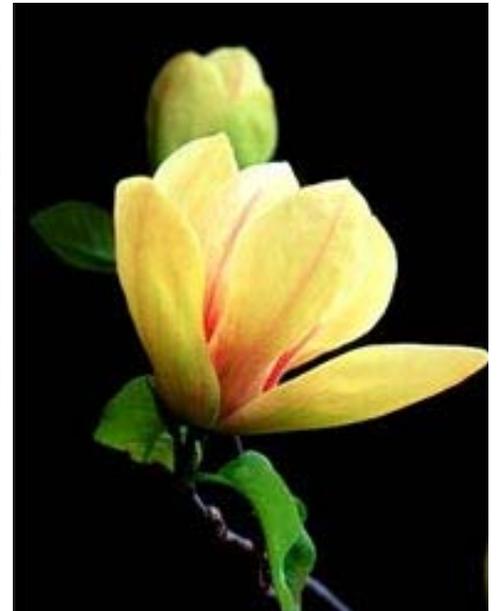
The second memorial which your board has approved is a Memorial Grove of magnolias. There will be a communal memorial tablet located at the entrance to the Grove upon which the names of individuals memorialized will be placed. The location of the Grove will be south of the future Rose Garden. The donation to be included in this memorial will be \$500. For further information please contact Bill Seabrook at 459-7862 or seabrook@nb.sympatico.ca

Thank— you to
Jane Tarn for her expertise in editing
the newsletters.

A New Memorial Magnolia Grove

The FBGA Board of Directors has approved the purchase of plants for a Memorial Magnolia Grove. The site chosen is close to the west loop of the road above and to the south side of the site of the Rose Garden. We have ordered three each of yellow, pink/purple, and white magnolia cultivars for a total of nine varieties, and there should be a lovely spring show when the plants become established.

Friends in Fredericton North who have a young 'Yellow Bird' magnolia report that it has about 40 flower buds for its second year of blooming. We are all familiar with the lovely *Magnolia stellata*, 'Royal Star', which blooms well in Fredericton and so it will be fun to see how some of these other varieties grow here.



Magnolia 'Sunburst'

As a memorial to friends and family who have passed on, we hope that this grove will be a peaceful and tranquil haven for remembrance.

Jane Seabrook
For the Site Development committee.



Thank You



The FBGA 's ninth Silent Auction and AGM was held at the Marysville Heritage Centre again this year, on February 10. We were honoured to have Beth Powning as our guest speaker. Beth read from her best selling book, "Seeds of Another Summer", and as well she provided atmosphere with her beautiful slides.

We want to thank the many members and friends who attended. Your presence was greatly appreciated and very valuable. We realized about \$1625 this year, to be used towards building our Garden.

We also want to thank all the people who donated the delicious refreshments and all those who provided such wonderful items for us to bid on. They were top quality. Each year seems to get better and better. Thank you very much to: Jane and Bill Seabrook, Nancy Beltrandi, Mary Pugh, Genevieve Laloux, Jo Lynam, Pat Mason, Marie Wilcox, George Strunz, Lucy Dyer, Graham Allen, Jim and Betty Nicholson, Bill Walker, Julie Davis, John and Joyce Astle, Avis Bruce, Katherine Crawford, Isabel and Dugald Richford, Carol Bray, Capital Credit Union, Michael and Nadia Khoury, Betty Ponder, Gordon Burke, City of Fredericton, Aldona Grinius,

Jane and Richard Tarn, Kitt Everett, Wayne Beckett, Minnie Foss, Barbara Carroll, Sacha and Dino Gatto, Jane Percy, Norah Davidson, Betty Crowley, Angelica Gloss, Joyce Richardson, Marg Routledge, Betty Barker, Charlie Fullarton, Carol Peacock, Miriam Sifton, Cecile Albert, Carolyn Atkinson, Barb Morrison and all those who remain anonymous but who gave generously. Thank you.

Last, but not least, a big thank you to Janet Crawford who so kindly provided a running slide show throughout the afternoon of her beautiful photography. Thank you to Hans Martini who entertained us on saxophone with easy listening jazz. He so thoughtfully jumped in early when the moment was right. And thank you Mary Pugh for providing your large, pressed, sparkling white, table cloths.

Thank you to, and thank you from the crew behind the scenes: Graham Allen, Wayne and Mary Lou Beckett, Nancy Beltrandi, Wendy and Mitch Bourque, Nadia Khoury, Bill and Jane Seabrook,

P.S. Looking at this list of names, we sure have a great membership – makes the Fredericton Botanic Garden Association proud!

Merci

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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:

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Membership

Lucy Dyer

The Membership Committee would like to express sincere thanks to Karen Cook for her help and hard work over the past few years. She will be kept very busy this year with the recent new addition to her family (a girl - congratulations!), and plans to further her education - and of course her lovely garden, which was featured on last year's Treasured Garden Tour. She has been the resource person in the popular wreath-making workshops held in November for the past few years and she supplied most of the decorations.

Thank you, Karen! Your contributions were much appreciated.

At the Plant Sale this year, the Membership booth will be in a new location - near the Botanic Boutique in the "old" wing of the market. We will have signs up to help you find us. Do not forget to visit us during your time at the Sale and renew your membership for another

year - it is a real bargain. The Boutique will have a variety of garden-related items, such as battery operated insect swatters to eliminate pesky mosquitoes, blackflies, wasps, etc, some more of the small flower vases which were very popular last year and sold out early in the Sale, and more. Feel free to browse.

Bring friends and persuade them to join, or buy a new gift membership, and your name will be entered in a draw for a gift basket - value \$25.

New members joining between January 1 and July 15 will be entered in a draw for a beautiful and roomy screen tent - ideal for a backyard.

New this year: the FBG Board has ordered a supply of good quality forest green T-shirts in many sizes from small to XXXL. Get yours at the Sale! Only \$15.00 - tax included! There may also be a few of the maroon aprons used in past years to identify volunteers at the Sale.

In Memoriam

The Fredericton Botanic Garden Association was saddened by the recent deaths of two of its long time members, Theadora Visbach and Lois Cameron.

Thea Visbach was a skilled horticulturist trained in the Netherlands. She was formerly the director of the UNB Biology greenhouse complex. Her advice was valued by many students.

Lois Cameron was a member of the Fredericton Garden Club as well as the Botanic Garden. She was a keen and knowledgeable gardener.

Thea and Lois were strong supporters of the Garden and their presence will be missed by all. The Association expresses its deepest regrets to their families and friends

The Botanic Garden Association acknowledges with thanks the following for donations in memory of Thea Visbach

Jessica Robinson, Kitt and Fred Everett, Marjorie Aitkin and Aitkin's Pewter

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