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President's Message

Brian Parker, President

I am asking that the members make every effort to attend this year's AGM. Your Board of Trustees needs your input so the meeting will focus on empowering the membership through break out sessions intended to generate ideas on a number of topics, including;

- a) How to get more customers to the Plant Sale
- b) How to get volunteers to the Garden
- c) How to better promote the Garden
- d) What do members want?
- e) What are members prepared to do?
- f) Going forward to raise funds for the Rose Garden

Each session will be hosted by a different Board member who will act as moderator with each group, generating comments and suggestions for each topic.

The guest speaker for the AGM will be Prof. Carol Goodwin, Associate Professor at Department of Environmental Sciences in the Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University (formerly NS Agricultural College) who will talk on "Urban Trees".

Amendments to the Association's by-laws are being proposed to clarify the sometimes confusing terms of Board appointed Trustees. A draft of the amendment is included elsewhere in the Newsletter. (page 4)

The Board has also approved funds for a new member benefit, the construction of a Members' Allotment Garden. About a dozen raised beds are envisioned in a similar format to the existing

**Annual General Meeting
Saturday, February 23, 2013
Marysville Heritage Center
1:00—4:00 pm**

**Guest Speaker:
Carol Goodwin, professor,
Department of Environmental Sciences,
Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University
(formerly NS Agricultural College),
on the topic
"Urban Trees"**

**Seedy Saturday
March 16, 2013, 1:00 pm
Resource Center (on Cameron Court)**

**Plant Sale
Sunday, May 26, 2013, noon—3:30 pm
Boyce Farmers' Market**

**Talks in the Garden
(see schedule on page 2)**

propagation beds. An annual fee of \$25 per bed per year is proposed to cover costs. The Board is asking participants at the AGM to identify a group of members to take charge of this project.

**If you can provide a plate
of small sandwiches or sweets (finger food),
for the AGM on February 23 please notify
Graham Allen 452-9269: fbga@nb.aibn.com
or Yolande Gagnon: gagnon@unb.ca**



Talks, Walks and Workshops in the Garden – 2013

All talks will be 7:00 p.m. at the Resource Centre, 10 Cameron Crt.
Locations and times of other events are provided below.

- Thurs. Jan. 17 **On the Trail of Dr. William Francis Ganong: NB Botanist, Historian and Cartographer.** Talk by Nick Guitard.
- Thurs. Feb. 21 **Starting Plants from Seed.** Talk by Steve Stehouwer.
- Sat. Mar. 16 **Seedy Saturday.** Resource Centre, 1:00 p.m. A small fee will be charged.
Chair: Ian Veach.
- Thurs. Mar. 21 **Botanical Biodiversity in Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa: Mangrove to Protea.**
Talk by Alison Juta.
- Sat. Apr. 13 **Making Containers from Hypertufa** (a Portland cement, peat, vermiculite mix). Workshop leader Brian Parker. Each participant will make a hypertufa container. Fee and pre-registration required. FBGA Greenhouse 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs. Apr. 18 **Invasive Species.** Talk by David Mazerolle, Botanist, Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre, Sackville, NB
- Sat. May 4 **Building Wooden Structures for Your Garden.** Workshop leader Vic Dunphy will feature discussion on wood building for the garden hardscape and examples of same. Each participant will build an obelisk. Fee and pre-registration required. Location TBA, 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs. May 16 **Explore the Featured Plants at the FBGA 2013 Plant Sale.** Talk and FBGA greenhouse tour by Heather Connors-Dunphy.
- Sat. Jun. 8 **FBGA Rhododendron Tour.** Walk leader Garth Nickerson. Meet at the Entrance Garden, 1:00 p.m. Rain date Sunday, June 9.
- Thurs. Jun. 20 **Creating a Bird Friendly Garden and a Bird Walk in the FBG.** Talk and walk leader Jim Goltz.
- Thurs. Jul. 18 **Curated Tour of Plants Blooming at FBG.** Meet at the Entrance Garden, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. Aug. 15 **Curated Tour of Plants Blooming at FBG.** Meet at the Entrance Garden, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. Sept. 19 **Cleaning and Saving Seed.** Talk by Steve Stehouwer.
- Thurs. Oct. 17 **The Origin of Wheat.** Talk by Richard Tarn
- Thurs. Nov. 21 **The National Tree Seed Centre – Its Mandate and How It Works.** Talk by Dale Simpson, National Tree Seed Centre, Canadian Forest Service, Fredericton.
- Sat. Nov. 30 **Christmas Design Workshop.** Fee and pre-registration required. Detail.TBA

Pre-registrations may be made by contacting the FBGA at 452-9269 or by e-mail to fbga@nb.aibn.com



Seedy Saturday, March 16, 2013 1:00 pm at the Resource Centre

A great opportunity to share seeds and notes with old and new friends.
Heritage Tomato seeds will be available this year
More details to follow

Contact: Ian Veach, e-mail: aveach@nbnet.nb.ca

FBGA Members' Allotment Garden

The FBGA Board wants to raise a committee at the AGM to take charge of this project.

The Idea

The Board has approved funds (\$1200) for the creation of a Members' Allotment Garden. We envisage a garden with a similar format and adjacent to the propagation beds. The funds are sufficient to build about a dozen raised beds. We believe a fee of \$25/bed/year will cover costs.

The allotment gardens are proposed as a member benefit which the Board hopes will attract new members and awaken gardening interest in those who may not garden at present.

Ideas on how it may work (committee to firm this up, report progress to the Site Development Committee Chair). Material changes to this plan will be referred to the Board by the Chair of the Site Development Committee.

Potential allotment holders will be required to subscribe and pay their fee by April 30, 2013.

They will participate in building the beds. Beds will be 4' x 8' in size.

Allotment holders are free to plant what they would like. They will maintain and weed their plots and undertake not to use pesticides.

Gardeners need to be aware that deer do wander through the garden and do sample the fare.

FBGA has had plant material stolen, so produce in the allotment gardens might suffer the same fate. Allotment holders' produce may be at risk.

Gardeners will need to bring their own tools. They can use water from the hoses on site.

The site is to be completely cleared for the winter and ready for the next year's planting by October 15.

Composting needs for the allotment garden will be determined and actioned by the committee and the gardeners.

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To obtain information on membership and to become involved in FBGA activities please contact us: **506-452-9269 PO Box 57, Stn. A, Fredericton, NB E3B 4Y2 or fbga@nb.aibn.com Web: www.frederictonbotanicgarden.com**

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PROPOSAL TO AMEND FBGA BY-LAWS

The Board of Trustees of the FBGA has approved the following change to By-law 4.02 of the Association relating to membership of the Board of Trustees, to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting in February 2013.

As standing

4.02 The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine elected members, except in 2009 not more than eleven elected members, and in 2010 and 2011 not more than *ten elected* members of the Association elected as follows:

- a) at each annual general meeting of the Association the members of the Association shall elect, for a term of three, two or one years each, enough members of the Association to the Board of Trustees to replace those members whose term has expired or have resigned, to make a Board of nine elected members. The lengths of the terms of the elected members shall be such that three members end their terms each year;
- b) the immediate Past President shall be a voting member of the Board of Trustees;
- c) in the event that a vacancy occurs on the Board of Trustees, the remaining Trustees may appoint a Trustee to serve until the next Annual General Meeting; at which Annual General Meeting a Trustee shall be elected by the members to complete the scheduled term of the Trustee whose position on the Board of Trustees became vacant;
- d) no Trustee shall serve more than three consecutive three year terms; after a lapse of one year a former Trustee may be reelected.

Proposed change

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.

(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.

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

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

Thank-you to Jane Tarn for her expertise in editing the Newsletters.

