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*FUNDRAISING
-FAMILY CAMPAIGN*

We have done it!

Our campaign goal was \$100,000.00 and we now stand at \$117,000.00 and we still have about 5% of our membership to hear from yet. This is a terrific response from a membership of 286 families and individuals. On behalf of the fundraising team and the Board of Directors **thank you very much**. This response will have a terrific effect on the corporate community when we launch our general campaign.

Keep an eye on the garden and see where some of your contributions are being used. The first work should start as soon as the snow is gone and will be infrastructure to control the drainage in the upper part of the garden.

Once again our thanks for a job very well done.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

It has been a busy time since the Annual General Meeting. We have been working very actively attempting to obtain a \$1,000,000 SCIF grant from ACOA for the development of the Garden. The major problem was the time available to us. The grant had to be awarded by the end of the fiscal year March 31 and all the work completed by December 31 of this year. Unfortunately this time line could not be met. And the grant was not awarded.

It is our understanding that a new program similar to the SCIF program is being initiated by the Federal Government and ACOA. We have been talking with the appropriate authorities and we are hopeful that our former grant proposal can be rolled forward into the new program. The great advantage of the new program is that we will not be constrained to complete all the work within the 2005/2006 fiscal year.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce your new executive members of the Board to you. The president is Bill Seabrook; the Vice President is Joel Richardson; the Secretary is Joe

Harrison; the Treasurer is Mike Dillon and the Past President is Wendy Bourque. I trust that your new Board will be as energetic as the past Boards led by Wendy Bourque.



Did you know that the Garden has a wonderful collection of Azaleas and Rhododendrons. These are located just above the pools on the lower hillside. Come mid-June these shrubs should be in full bloom. I urge you to take a pleasant stroll through the Garden and appreciate this magnificent display

Bill Seabrook

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLANT SALE Sunday May 29 Boyce Farmers Market 12 noon - 4PM

TREASURED GARDEN TOUR Saturday July 9

RECOGNITION AWARDS Saturday September 17

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday February 14, 2006

Welcome new members

Claude Berteleme
Lois Boldon
David Seabrook
Lois Cornish



Garden Notes

from Richard Tarn
Site Development Committee

As I write this in mid April a few crocus behind the Resource Centre are in bloom, and the February Daphne (*Daphne mezereum*) is in bloom in the shrub bed close to the road. The daffodils that did so well last spring in the area below the River Valley Kiosk should be worth watching for in the weeks ahead. So another Garden season gets underway.

It will be easier to find your way around the Garden this summer than ever before. Twenty

seven directional signs, in the same colours as the Botanic Garden sign on Prospect Street, and with our Canada Lily logo, will be appearing on the posts installed at critical locations last fall.

Also in preparation are interpretive signs to provide brief

descriptions of some existing Garden features and to describe planned features including the Children's Garden and the Rose Garden.

The FBGA has again applied for summer student grants under the federal and provincial student employment programs. We hope to have at least two students on site who will be working with City of Fredericton staff to keep the Garden looking its best and to work on some improvements.

More opportunities are being offered to members this summer to help in selected areas. We are inviting members to help take care of our roses. The roses, especially those in two beds along the road, are in great need of attention following a period of no pruning. If you a rose specialist or if you are keen to learn we will be pleased to see you on Friday, April 29, starting at 1:00 pm, or on Saturday, May 14, also starting at 1:00 pm, when Jane Seabrook will be leading the work group.



Daphne mezereum

We hope to have other special work groups during the summer. We will be using e-mail as one means of contacting members about such activities. If you do not have e-mail and wish to receive this type of information, please call the FBGA office (452-9269) or myself (Richard Tarn, 450-8885) to have your name added to our phone contact list.

Enjoy the Garden this summer and visit regularly to keep up with the changes . . . and encourage your friends to do the same.

Talks in the Garden

On Thursday, May 5 @ 7:30 pm the Talk will be on "feature" plants in the upcoming Botanic Garden Sale. Daylilies are one of the feature plants this year, as well as the plants for a Blue Theme Garden. Ruth Muldrew, who gave an interesting and informative talk on daylilies in January, will again share her enthusiasm for daylilies.

Brian Parker, a landscape architect, and Chairman of the Botanic Garden Plant Sale, will share his expertise on how to have a Blue Theme Garden, and he will also speak about the other feature plants of the Sale at the end of May.

On Saturday afternoon, May 7th, you have an opportunity to view spring wild flowers in their natural setting. Jessica Robinson lives in Keswick Ridge which has a unique micro-climate where spring wild flowers flourish. She has graciously invited us to view these flowers, and John Goltz, who has studied the flora of this area, will be our guide.

To partake in this interesting afternoon - come to the Botanic Garden Centre off Cameron Court at 1:30 pm for possible car pooling.

If you wish to proceed directly - it is where you see a sign on the right hand side of the Keswick Ridge Road saying, "Robinson Tree Farm." We look forward to an interesting afternoon.

The annual June tour of the Botanic Garden will be on Thursday, June 9th at 7 pm. The tour will start at the top of the Garden, so please use the Prospect

Street entrance, where there is available parking. We are fortunate that Dr. Richard Tarn will again be our guide. Richard has been a very active participant in all the Garden planning since its inception, and so has a thorough knowledge of the Garden.

Please mark your calendars and note the different times.

Thursday, May 5 @ 7:30 pm - Botanic Garden building off Cameron Court.

Saturday, May 7th @ 1:30 pm at the Botanic Garden building parking lot off Cameron Court.

Thursday, June 9th @ 7 pm, top of the Botanic Garden, use Prospect Street entrance.

Maples

By Jane Seabrook

Maples provide wonderful fall colour and shade for our gardens. Many of our five native tree's are rather large for small gardens, but if you have some space, they are very rewarding. The Spring Plant Sale will have some Red Maples (*Acer rubrum*) for sale, but don't plant Red Maples near horse pastures as they are toxic to horses. The Red Maple occasionally hybridizes with another native maple, the Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharinum*) where the two parents co-exist.

For small gardens why not try the Amur Maple (*Acer ginnala*)

which is from northeastern China and Japan and is tough with lovely fall colour and very winter hardy. An alternative small maple for gardens is the Asian Tartarian Maple (*Acer tartaricum*) which is also small (15 20 ft) and very tough.



Acer rubrum

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WIN a new screen tent!!! HELP US FIND NEW MEMBERS!!!!

All new members joining from Jan 1 until mid July will have their name entered in a draw for a beautiful screen tent. This would be a great addition to any back yard - enjoy those long summer evenings without the annoyance of mosquitoes, black-flies, etc.

Give a gift membership to a new member and your name will also be entered (once for each new membership) along with the new member's name.

Increase your chances of winning this fabulous prize by finding a dozen friends or relatives who are interested in the Botanic Garden and would like to support us by joining. Remember, memberships are a good bargain, and provide a 10% discount at many garden outlets



Membership Committee

Spring gardening season is finally here!!! When shopping for garden supplies or plants - do not forget to ask for your 10% discount (as a member of FBGA) before a purchase is rung up at participating garden supply outlets, such as Capital Landscape, Cornhill Nursery, Country Garden Co-op, Currie's Greenhouses, Green Village, Kent's Garden Centre, Scott's, and Wetmore's. Please note that we now have a new place offering members a discount - Currie's Greenhouses in Douglas. We would like to express our appreciation to Currie's Greenhouses, and the other suppliers, who have made your membership more valuable!!!

We are planning improvements to our booth and to the FBGA Boutique at the Plant Sale, and will have some additional items for sale. Lapel pins were introduced two years ago, and will be available again this year. If you do not yet have yours, be sure to look at them. Last year Janis Boston created some inexpensive and attractive gardener's utility belts for us, and packages of stretchy tomato plant ties. There were even some packages of cards based on

garden photographs, and hand made jewelry. This year there are some additional exciting new items - including some bags from Mexico, and battery-operated bug zappers for those pesky mosquitoes etc.!!! So come and browse our "FBGA Boutique" while you are taking advantage of the sale!! We would like to find a catchy new name for the boutique - if you have an idea, please send it in.

And do not forget that the sale is an excellent time to renew your membership for an additional year. We will have a draw for an attractive basket of garden supplies for those renewing during the Plant Sale. Don't miss out on this!!

New members will have their name entered in a draw for a beautiful and roomy screen tent. If you bring a friend to the sale, please encourage them to become a member so that they can share in the advantages of membership - and we will put your name in the draw too if the friend joins. The draw will take place at the Treasured Garden Tour in July

For some time now our memberships have been hovering at just around 300. Lets work together to raise the total by

50 members this year. (More would be even better!!) Please consider giving a friend a gift membership this spring - again, both your name and the friend's would be entered in the draw.!

Submitted by FBGA Membership committee (Nancy Beltrandi, Janis Boston, Wendy Bourque, Karen Cook, Melaine Duchastel, and Lucy Dyer)

Silent Auction -thank you

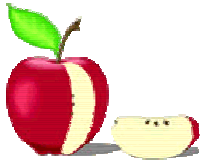
The FBGA 's seventh Silent Auction was held at Le Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne this year. It was just a perfect setting for all the items that were donated, and especially nice because it was surrounded with Lynda Rae Burke's lovely art exhibit on the walls. We realized \$1,072.00 this year. Not as much as some years, but perhaps the change of venue accounted for the low attendance.

We do want to thank the members and friends who did attend. Your presence was greatly appreciated, and very valuable. We also want to thank all the people who donated such wonderful items for us to bid on. So thank you very much to: Joyce and John Astle, Pat Mason, Gwen Herbin, Genevieve Laloux, Green Village, Carol Wakeham, Charlie Fullarton, Bill and Jane Seabrook, Jim and Betty Nicholson, Thea Visbach, Rudy Stoczek, Avis Bruce, Carolyn Atkinson, Katherine Crawford, Kit Everett, Lucy Dyer, Katie Fitz Randolph, George Strunz, James Terry, Graham Allen, Nancy Beltrandi, William T. (Bill) Walker, Joy Belyea, Lynda Rae Burke, Henry DeJong, Eleanor Methven, Marie Wilcox, Doreen Wallace, Isabelle and Dugas Richford, Carol Bray, Wayne Beckett, Nadia and Michael Khoury, Mary Pugh, Carol Anne Daigle, Louis-Philippe and Cecile Albert, and all those who remain anonymous but who gave generously. Thank you.



Plant Sale and Raffle

Dear Friends of the Botanic Garden:



The time has arrived for the 17th Annual Plant Sale and Raffle on Sunday May 29th in support of the

ongoing development of the Fredericton Botanic Garden. This year's Plant Sale Committee which is being co-chaired by Brian Parker and Susan Cassidy is well under way, the feature plants this year include various Designer Daylilies, Lilies, Grapes as well as a small selection of Apple, Pear and Cherry trees. We will have a perennial selection in the theme of "blue" plants including; hosta, veronica, sea holly, monkshood, salvia and hopefully a selection of common and variegated Solomon Seal.



The raffle looks to be the best ever. Once again Charlie Fullarton is crafting another garden

bench and chair for the first prize and the remaining prizes include a copper garden ornament, metal sculpture, artwork and hypertufa troughs in addition to an number of other items. New this year will be a Silent Auction. Several items have been donated and/or made by members for the event and include a number of garden chairs, various styles, troughs, sculpture and at least one

highly desirable plant. The ticket price will again be \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. The selling (or buying) of tickets is dreaded by most people however the monies raised by the raffle is often a third of the gross profit for the sale. Do your best and make this sale the best ever!



Your support is important to the success of the Garden. You may also wish to participate in other ways, volunteering for the plant sale or to help sell tickets at the Market on Saturday mornings in May. Please let us know, you may contact Susan Cassidy or Brian Parker to volunteer.

We would like to thank you for your continued support to the Garden. Happy gardening!

Raffle note: This year tickets must be returned to us by Saturday, May 28. Tickets and cash can be dropped off at the Market on the Saturdays in May or if you prefer you may contact Brian or Susan to arrange for drop off or pickup. We can be reached at the following:

Brian Parker Co-chair Plant Sale
Home: 450-3898
Work: 455-2473
E-mail: rootb@nbnet.nb.ca

Susan Cassidy Co-chair Plant Sale
Home: 459-6716
Work: 452-2000
E-mail: mishkin@nb.sympatico.ca

Maples continued

Japanese maples (*Acer palmatum*) is very variable in form and that is why the nurseries sell Japanese maples by cultivar name. Once an attractive Japanese Maple is selected, it is forthwith propagated vegetatively. Japanese Maples can be hardy in Central New Brunswick, but one has to select a sheltered site away from wind and often it is better to start with a young tree that will adapt well to local conditions. Several Fredericton gardeners have germinated Japanese Maple seed and grown the plants successfully in our area.

If you would like to read more about maples, try the following books.

For information on native maples: Hinds, Harold R. 2000. Flora of New Brunswick. 2nd Ed. Available from the Department of Biology, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. Canada.

Books on trees: Barrett, Rosemary. 2004. Maples. Firefly Books, Canada.

Dirr, Michael A. 1997. Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs. Timber Press, Oregon, USA.

Patterson, Allen. Best Trees for Your Garden. Firefly Books. Canada.



Wanted:

Contributions
for 17th annual Plant Sale
"Signature Crafts and Talents" section.
Can you make a
flower quilt, bird house, etc?
Do you have a skill you can help some
gardener with?
Call Jane Seabrook 459-7862

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