

NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION  
OF  
GARDEN CLUBS

**HISTORY UPDATE  
2009- 2014**



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## A Simpler Time

A gardeners recollection of how they first got interested in gardening is often forgotten until some small event or item triggers a fond memory of how it all began. For me it's every time I see a seed packet of nasturtiums, as I'm transported back in time to age four when I ventured over to where my father was shoveling dirt into an old hot water tank that had been cut in half lengthways and set up off the ground by wooden legs. He noticed me and asked did I want to help plant seeds. I was given these small shriveled up round things in my small palm and told to place them on top of the dirt spaced across the water tank, having succeeded at that I was shown how to gently push them down into the dirt with my finger, it was kind of fun. My father then took his hand and rubbed the dirt to cover them over before he watered everything.

I was told to watch and see what was about to happen, and I did for about a day or two, but got bored and moved on to other things. A few weeks later while running by I noticed these green things that looked like miniature lily pads, wow!, so now I started checking them every day and they got big real fast. Then these funny pointed things appeared that soon opened into beautiful flowers, red, orange, and yellow. My dad showed me how to bit off the little tails and taste the sweet nectar inside. I realize now that my love of gardening began with that old cut off hot water tank planted with nasturtiums.

It seems now that we have to have the very latest and unique plants we can find, all the fancy tools and gadgets, wonderful coloured pots and watering cans and of course that most up to date planting techniques to achieve the very best garden display possible. What ever happened to a simpler time when our expectations were not as high but the rewards seemed so much greater, where a few shriveled up nasturtium seeds pushed in the soil using a small finger as a dibber gave such great joy. I'm thinking this year I will plant a few nasturtiums just as a reminder of my past.

Arthur Haskins

**Clubs in the NSAGC as of April 1, 2014**

<p><u>Cape Breton District #1</u></p> <p>Inverness G C North Sydney G C Westmount G C</p> <p><u>Eastern District #2</u></p> <p>Antigonish G C Guysborough G C New Glasgow G C Lismore &amp; District G C Pictou G C St. Marys G C Westville &amp; Area G C</p> <p><u>Central District #3</u></p> <p>Atlantic Master Gardeners Bible Hill G C Cobequid G C Country G C Great Village G C Hants North Late Bloomers Hilden G C Parrsboro G C Stewiacke G C Stewiacke Valley G C Musquodoboit Valley Weeders G C Village G C Brookfield G C</p>	<p><u>Halifax District #4</u></p> <p>Bedford Hort Society Dartmouth Hort Society Eastern Shore G C Fall River G C Halifax Westmoor Hort Hammonds Plains &amp; Area Mayflower G C Sea Breeze G C Prospect and Area G C St. Margaret's Bay G C</p> <p><u>Valley District #5</u></p> <p>Charing Cross G C Forties G C Haliburton G C Mount Denson G C Nicholsville G C Valley Gardeners G C Wilmot G C</p> <p><u>South Shore District #6</u></p> <p>Basin Gardeners Assoc Bridgewater G C Chester G C Lunenburg &amp; Area G C Mahone Bay Garden Soc Riverport G C Shelburne County G C Queens G C New Germany G C</p>	<p><u>Western District # 7</u></p> <p>Bridgetown Area G C Champlain G C Clements G C Pubnico G C Weymouth G C Yarmouth G C</p> <p><u>Clubs Leaving NSAGC</u></p> <p>Annapolis Valley Dahlia &amp; Gladiolus Society Debert G C Glace Bay G C Clare G C Riverport G C River Hebert &amp; Area G C</p> <p><u>Plant Societies</u></p> <p>Rhododendron Society Dahlia Society Orchid Society Annapolis Valley African Violet Society The First Halifax African Violet Society Nova Scotia Daylily Soc Nova Scotia Rock Garden Club</p>
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## **NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION of GARDEN CLUBS**

The Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs became an entity in 1954 as the result of the work of the Rural Beautification Project Committee. In 1944, the Rural Beautification Committee was appointed by the Honorable John A. MacDonald, minister of Agriculture, to come up with a plan for rural beautification projects. Mr. Nick Jankov, a Landscape Specialist, began working with the Agricultural Representatives, Women's Institutes, Home and School Associations and Service Clubs, to begin formulating a long term plan for Rural Beautification around the province. He assisted groups in getting organized and provided landscape sketches and plans to these groups. Another part of the project was to provide trees and shrubs to groups. The trees and shrubs were grown at the Agricultural College and distributed to clubs for a small fee to help offset the costs involved in developing the project. Over the years, many new horticultural groups and garden clubs were organized and the Rural Beautification Program became a very successful endeavor. By 1948 there were forty three garden clubs and four Horticultural Societies that were actively taking part in projects throughout the province. However all the groups working under the umbrella of the Rural Beautification Project were working by themselves in their own communities and did not know what the other areas were doing. For this reason and in order that one group might learn from another, Mr. Jankov put forth the idea of bringing the groups together through a provincial organization. The Department of Agriculture sponsored a two day conference so that all the groups could send representatives to find out what projects were taking place in other areas and how they could benefit from each others experience. At this conference, a committee was appointed to plan for another conference in 1955. This committee planned the organization of the Garden Clubs and Horticultural Societies into a provincial body and selected the name "Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs.

The Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs (NSAGC) is made up of garden clubs and horticultural societies from all areas of Nova Scotia. The NSAGC is the coordinating body for organized gardening groups in the province and is guided by an elected board of directors, whose members come from the different districts of Nova Scotia. The district representative, also known as the district director, serves as the link between the individual clubs and the NSAGC board.

The main objective of the NSAGC is to promote the general landscape beautification of the Province of Nova Scotia, by promoting community beautification and encouraging the formation of horticultural groups (garden clubs) which will procure interest in all phases of home gardening and ornamental horticulture in their areas.

The districts in the NSAGC are Cape Breton, Eastern, Central, Halifax, Valley, Western and the South Shore. Within each district, local clubs provide the outlet for budding gardeners, amateurs and professionals alike. There are over fifty local garden clubs and horticultural societies throughout the province.

Each year the NSAGC convention and board meeting is held in one of the districts. The convention is hosted by one of the garden clubs in that district, while the other clubs in the district play assisting roles. The convention brings together enthusiastic gardeners from all walks of life, whether they are professional or just part time amateurs, with the penchant for gardening. The convention program includes guest speakers, presenting their specialty or a general topic, workshops and tours. Other activities at the convention include vendor's tables, plant sales, the floral contest, photo contest, the awards banquet and the annual business meeting. Delegates take this opportunity to meet with gardeners from other areas of the province and discuss gardening issues. It is also a chance to learn new things that may benefit their own gardening efforts, their club's endeavors and further one of the objectives of the NSAGC; the landscape beautification of Nova Scotia, through home gardening.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u># OF CLUBS</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
<b>2010</b>	<b>50 plus 4 Affiliates</b>	<b>1514</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>51 plus 5 Affiliates</b>	<b>1463</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>52 plus 6 Affiliates</b>	<b>1547</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>55 plus 6 Affiliates</b>	<b>1757</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>56 plus 7 Affiliates</b>	<b>1717</b>

### A Gardener's Creed

I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than gardening.

I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that gardening, despite its hardships and disappointments is the most honourable way a man can spend his days on this earth.

I believe gardening nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way.

I believe gardening provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun' your whole family feels the pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe that by my toil. I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it, an honour that does not come to all men.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellow man, and by this standard I fear no judgement.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he has lived.

I believe in gardening because it makes all this possible.

**EXECUTIVE - NSAGC**

	<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
<u>Chair</u>	Arthur Haskins	Charles Berry	Charles Berry	Don Butler	Don Butler
<u>Vice Chair</u>	Charles Berry	Don Butler	Don Butler	Patsy MacKenzie	Patsy MacKenzie
<u>Past Chair</u>	Doug Beaman	Arthur Haskins	Arthur Haskins	Charles Berry	Charles Berry
<u>Secretary</u>	Jackie Nielson	Jackie Nielson	Susan Hazelwood	Susan Hazelwood	Susan Hazelwood
<u>Treasurer</u>	Elisabeth Jackson	Elisabeth Jackson	Elisabeth Jackson	Elisabeth Jackson	Elisabeth Jackson

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009-2010**

### **DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY**

<u>CAPE BRETON</u> District #1	Lynn Moore
<u>EASTERN</u> District #2	Don Butler
<u>CENTRAL</u> District #3	Ann Richard
	Sandra Conrad
<u>HALIFAX</u> District #4	Wendy Levo
<u>VALLEY</u> District #5	Nina Dandurand
<u>SOUTH SHORE</u> District #6	Brenda Hiltz
<u>WESTERN</u> District #7	Shirley Bradshaw

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 2009-2010**

Scotia Gardener Newsletter	Ann Jones
Tags and Seals	Sarah Cluett
Historian	Arthur Haskins
Photo Contest	Patsy MacKenzie
Awards	Sharon Voutier
Future Projects	June Robertson
Web Master	Paul Despres

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010-2011**

### **DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY**

<u>CAPE BRETON</u> District #1	Dona Benac
<u>EASTERN</u> District #2	Elizabeth Leighton
<u>CENTRAL</u> District #3	Linda Giddens
	Sandra Conrad
<u>HALIFAX</u> District #4	Pamela MacLean
<u>VALLEY</u> District #5	Paul Despres
<u>SOUTH SHORE</u> District #6	Brenda Hiltz
<u>WESTERN</u> District #7	Norm Gammon

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Awards	Patsy MacKenzie
Future Projects	Arthur Haskins
Web Master	Paul Despres

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### **DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY**

<u>CAPE BRETON</u> District #1	Dona Benac
<u>EASTERN</u> District #2	Elizabeth Leighton
<u>CENTRAL</u> District #3	Vicki Willis
	Linda Giddens
<u>HALIFAX</u> District #4	Pamela MacLean
<u>VALLEY</u> District #5	Sharon Hutton
<u>SOUTH SHORE</u> District #6	Vacant
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<u>CENTRAL</u> District #3	Vicki Willis
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<u>CENTRAL</u> District #3	Vicki Willis
	Patti Sharp
<u>HALIFAX</u> District #4	Pamela MacLean
<u>VALLEY</u> District #5	Sharon Hutton
<u>SOUTH SHORE</u> District #6	Myra Knight
<u>WESTERN</u> District #7	Vacant

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 2013-2014**

Scotia Gardener Newsletter	Ann Jones
Tags and Seals	Sarah Cluett
Historian	Arthur Haskins
Photo Contest	Andrew Clinch
Awards	Lorna Williams
Future Projects	Arthur Haskins
Web Master	Paul Despres

# **HIGHLIGHTS OF NSAGC BOARD MEETINGS**

**2009 - 2014**

- The Board of Directors meet every spring and fall to plan the operation of the NSAGC for the year.
- The NSAGC continues to provide third party liability insurance, tags and seals, training for flower and vegetable judges through an online course offered at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus in Truro, an improved website with the ability to print off forms for liability insurance, convention registration and membership assessments. Information on district happenings like flower shows, plant sales and other events. An improved newsletter and a better distribution system using electronic mailing. A bookmark was developed. The plant give away has continued and has expanded into providing extra plants at a nominal fee to member clubs.
- Reports from District Directors reveal that most clubs are doing well and membership continues to grow with more and more interest in gardening. The NSAGC continues to add new garden clubs each year as well as new plant specialty groups.
- The NSAGC supports National Tree Day by providing a rebate for part of the cost of a clubs purchase of a tree each year.
- The newsletter and web site have been vastly improved and provide important communication to all members of the NSAGC.
- Worked with government to establish a Provincial Gardening Week and are promoting it to the public.
- With Anne Jones as facilitator held two planning sessions on the future direction of the NSAGC.
- Paul Despres is developing a horticultural show handbook for exhibitors and judges.
- Charles Berry has developed a fact sheet for clubs wanting to organize and run a club plant sale.
- An update for Flower Show judges was held in two locations.
- FACEBOOK page was established and administered by Ann Jones.

# **CONVENTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETINGS**

## **CONVENTION 2010 June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

North Star Inn, North Sydney

**Theme“Blooms of Culture - Roots of Heritage”**

The 2010 NSAGC Convention was hosted by the clubs of Cape Breton District and was headquartered at the North Star Inn in North Sydney. The hall was decorated with flowers and banners and displays of floral arrangements, scrapbooks, and garden photos.

There were a number of workshops. Wreaths For Birds, Interruptive Art Flower Arranging, and Plant Pot Birdhouses which were excellent and all were well attended.

There were a variety of topics covered by special speakers throughout the convention starting Friday evening with Dr Bob Morgan speaking on “Roots” an excellent talk on the early days of gardening in Sydney. Following Dr Morgans talk a wonderful reception with traditional Cape Breton entertainment closed out the evening.

Saturday morning began with visits to the vendors in attendance followed by the NSAGC AGM chaired by president Arthur Haskins. That was followed by a nutrition break and then the first of many interesting speakers began. Ken Donovan spoke about “Imposing Discipline Upon Nature”, Nancy Orkish on “Unique Flower Design”, Marilyn MacDonald told us about “Heritage Herbs and Living Herb Wreaths”, and Patsy MacKenzie finished the morning off with a few short exercises to prepare us for lunch. The afternoon session began with Catherine Sneddon telling us about “Weeds or Wildflowers”, then Lillian MacLeod on “Flower Arranging Styles”. The afternoon closed with David McCorquodale with his talk on “Times Change, Birds Change”.

The evening closed with a wonderful banquet meal with the presentations of awards followed by the keynote speaker for the evening Don Nicholson. Mr. Nicholson spoke on “Our Gardening Heritage” as it relates to Cape Breton and featured a number of historical gardens and horticultural sites of significance on the island.

# **CONVENTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETINGS**

## **CONVENTION 2011 June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

Atlantica Hotel and Marina Oak Island, Western Shore

### **Theme “Seaside Spectacular ”**

The 2006 Convention was held in Western Shore overlooking beautiful Oak Island. The Atlantica Hotel and Marina was a wonderful setting for the convention with beautiful landscapes of shrubs and ornamental grasses supplemented by colourful annuals and perennials. Two large conference rooms featured a number of interesting speakers and other rooms held a variety of varied and interesting horticultural vendors. The Chester Garden Club were the host assisted by other clubs in the district.

The registration desk opened at 12 noon and after registering delegates could take in the varied vendors set up both inside the hotel as well as along side the hotel towards the shore. Also in the afternoon a number of delegates took the shuttle tour of the John Risley garden and greenhouse. The official opening at 7pm began with a welcome from Town Crier Gary Zwicker followed by convention chair Brenda Garland, MLA Denise Peterson-Rafuse, Jennifer Veinot Municipality of Chester, Charles Berry NSAGC President, and Brenda Hiltz Director, District 6. The keynote speaker for the evening was Todd Boland speaking on “Notable Plants from Memorial University Botanical Gardens”. A social time followed with entertainment by Jamie Junger.

The Saturday morning started with the NSAGC Annual General Meeting followed by a number of very interesting presentations. Presenters included Jenny Sandison on “Garden Colour Throughout The Year”, Peggy-Anne Pineau “Old and New Hardy Roses”, Logie Cassells “Taking Risks On The South Shore”, Rosmarie Bradley Lohnes “Planting With The Moon Phases”, Coral Kincaid “Daylilies, The Perfect Plant For The Maritimes”, Cora Swinimer “Rhododendrons 201”, Heather Sanft “Living Fences And Willow Baskets, Gail Logan “Organic Perennials and Shrubs”, and Niki Jabbour “Kitchen Gardening”.

The banquet keynote speaker was Walter Ostrom who spoke on “The Seaside Gardens At Indian Harbour” The convention activities continued the next morning with tours to the garden of Bill and Bonnie Gimby and Walter Ostrom’s Indian Harbour Garden.

# **CONVENTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETINGS**

## **CONVENTION 2012 June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

Old Orchard Inn

**Theme “Blossom Time In The Valley”**

This years convention was hosted by the Valley Gardeners and Wilmot Garden Clubs assisted by other District 5 clubs. Friday afternoon began with registration at 1pm followed by some very interesting tours, these were hot ticket items as they filled up very quickly. The tour to Lockett Vineyards in the Gaspereau Valley was very popular as it included a wine tasting. Another stop was Gaspereau Fibers where wool and other natural fibers is dyed using natural dyes. The main horticultural tour was to the Harriet Irving Center at Acadia University.

The Old Orchard Inn was alive with activity as gardeners returned from the tours and began to take in the many vendors set up in the hotel lobby. There were many varied and interesting vendors selling everything from gourd bird feeders to native ferns. The host clubs had the convention center beautifully decorated with plant material and even a small patio set up for afternoon tea.

There was the official opening and welcoming speeches from Club presidents and the NSAGC President followed by the keynote speaker for the evening Kristl Walyk who enlightened us with her animated talk on “The Business of Seed Collecting”. A reception and entertainment concluded the evening.

Saturday morning began with the NSAGC Annual General Meeting followed by the main program of guest speakers. Featured talks were given by Darwin Carr and Jeff Morton on the NSAC Rock Garden, Kari Hjelkrem “Hardscaping”, Melanie Priesnitz “Native Plants”, Michelle Muise “What’s New In Nurseries”, David Veinotte “Trees and Shrubs”. Elizabeth Pearce “Growing Organic”, Carol Goodwin “Perennials”, and Clarence Stevens “Birds In The Garden”. The banquet Saturday evening featured keynote speaker Tim Amos on the “Gardens of Europe”.

An additional tour on Sunday featured a trip to Blomidon Inn Gardens and a trip to Blomidon Nursery.

One of the highlights of any garden club convention are the many side trips on the way, and the trip to the Annapolis Valley provided many stops as the area is renown for the many garden centers and small nurseries throughout. Many of these small operations yield many unique plants that the large box store garden centers never even heard of yet along carry for sale. Most delegates return home with a brain full of gardening ideas as well as a car load of plant material.

## **CONVENTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETINGS**

### **CONVENTION 2013 May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Holiday Inn Harbourview, Dartmouth

#### **Theme “City Scapes”**

The 2013 NSAGC Convention delegates were met with warm sunny weather which continued for the entire weekend. The convention was hosted by the clubs of Halifax District and they did a great job. The hotel was adorned with floral displays especially the second floor where the convention was headquartered. Registration began Friday afternoon followed by tours to the campus of the NSCC to view the “Living Wall” display, the Dartmouth Public Gardens, the Dartmouth Commons Dillman Flower Bed, and the flower beds at Sullivan’s Pond.

There were a number of vendors, some with very unique plants that sell out fast, so some delegates bought quickly, you know how gardeners are about having something in their garden no one else has.

The program featured two lectures at a time in different rooms, so you had to make up your mind as to what talk you would like to attend the most. The entrance to each room was adorned with entries in the Photo Contest and the Floral Competition which featured a popular vote ballot to decide the winners. The keynote speaker on Friday night was Bev MacPhail of the Halifax Public Gardens. Her presentation was followed by entertainment by Taryn Kawaja and refreshments.

Saturday morning began with the NSAGC Annual General Meeting followed by talks on “Design Ideas” by Kelly Grant of Blooms Greenhouses, Sterling Levy spoke on “Success with Challenging Plants”, Allison Magee talked on “Small Water Gardens”, Marcel Maissen on “Composting”, Jodi DeLong on “New Plants”, “Ferns” by Sherri Chaisson, Lloyd Maplebeck on “Perennials” and Jessie Jollymore and her kids from North End Community Gardens on “Hope Blooms”.

Saturday evenings banquet started with entertainment by Ann Fearon followed by a delicious meal. The keynote speaker for the evening was Marjorie Willison speaking on “City Foodscapes”. Her talk spoke of developments in various cities around the world to help grow food and feed their citizens.

After a good nights sleep and a hearty breakfast it was on the road again to visit some beautiful gardens located in Dartmouth and Hammonds Plains. A fitting end to a great Convention and a wonderful horticultural weekend.

## **CONVENTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETINGS**

### **CONVENTION 2014 June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

Royal Canadian Legion, Truro

**Theme “Everyday Gardening”**

The Royal Canadian Legion in Truro was a fitting place to hold the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NSAGC Convention as it was 60 years before that delegates meet at this same location to establish our association.

Delegates started to register shortly after noon and had the opportunity to visit local nurseries and the Rock Garden at the former NSAC, view the many Tree Sculptures throughout town or go on a plant shopping spree in the lower lounge of the Legion where many vendors displayed their finest. The opening ceremonies Friday evening featured a talk by Pam Ross who gave an inspiring and uplifting interpretation of the convention theme “Everyday Gardening”. The evening finished with a wonderful lunch provided by the clubs of Central District and great entertainment by the local band called “City Lights”.

Saturday morning began with the NSAGC AGM which was well attended, followed by Brenda Hiltz who spoke on “Birds in the Garden”, showing us how to provide natural plant cover and seed sources for our feathered friends. Bernard Jackson then spoke on “Butterflies in the Garden” and how we can attract the many varied species we have here in Nova Scotia. We then broke for door prizes and a wonderful lunch of soup and sandwiches plus lots of sweets.

Next, Allan Banks of Harbour Breeze Daylilies, presented a talk on Japanese Irises which had the crowd enthralled with their beautiful images, he was a very popular vendor for the rest of the day selling out of many plants he had brought to the convention.

Charlie Baird also known as “The Tree Guy” gave us many tips on buying and planting trees in our landscapes. To close off the afternoon program Lloyd Mapplebeck gave us a rundown on the new perennials for 2014 and some of his favourites.

After a short break to clear the auditorium to prepare for the banquet everyone began gathering for a brief reception and open bar before sitting down for the banquet meal of roast turkey with all the fixins and homemade pie. Keynote speaker for the banquet was Andrew Hebda who spoke on pollinators and how valuable they are to our horticultural industries, and to every backyard gardener.

The evening closed with an invitation to attend next years convention in Yarmouth, awards and contest winners, the draw for the grand door prize of a grow light stand and closing remarks.

## **OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARDS**

Following is a list of members nominated for their service to their clubs

Patsy MacKenzie	North Sydney Garden Club
Gini Proulx	
Myra Knight	Basin Gardeners Association
Judy Raynard	Western District
Roseanne Blades	Yarmouth Garden Club ?
Joan Conners	North Sydney Garden Club
Angie Burns-Burell	Pictou Garden Club
Fred Hole	Wilmot Garden Club
Janet Boates	Nicholsville Garden Club
Jana Fejtek	Valley Gardeners Garden Club
Ellen Radowits	New Glasgow & Area Highland Garden Club
Anne Marie Steele	North Sydney Garden Club
Bibiane Lessard	Westmount Garden Club
Helen Pellerin	Guysborough Garden Club
Evie Fraser	New Glasgow & Area Highland Garden Club
Sharon Bryson	Antigonish Garden Club
Betty Webber	Antigonish Garden Club
Veronica Brandt	Lismore & District Garden Club
Jennifer Bowers	Eastern Shore Garden Club
Jack Leppard	Valley Gardeners and Nicholsville Garden Clubs
Ann & Don Martin	Shelburne Garden Club
Vivian Tanner	Lunenburg Garden Club
Eric & Joyce Higgins	Musquodoboit Valley Weeders Garden Club
Eileen Eaton	Great Village Garden Club
Audrey Moir	Dartmouth Horticultural Society

Alison Bownes	Mayflower Garden Club
Marilyn Johnston	Shelburne Garden Club
Nancy Fitch	Basin Gardeners Association
Trish Taylor	North Sydney Garden Club
Thelma McKillop	Westmount Garden Club
Marion Lamey-Cole	Guysborough & Area Garden Club
Ellen Radowits	New Glasgow & Area Highland Garden Club
Don Jeffery	Lismore & District Garden Club
Marilyn Woods	Lismore & District Garden Club
Beth Henderson	Pictou Garden Club
Mary Baker	St. Mary's Garden Club
Magurite Munro	Westville & Area Gardening Club
Arthur Chisholm	Great Village Garden Club
Susan Boyd	Bedford Horticultural Society
Jacquie Jordan	Dartmouth Horticultural Society
Darlene Hart	Eastern Shore Garden Club
Lawrence Spencer	Fall River Gardening Club
Shirley Marsden	Valley Gardeners Garden Club
Louise Lively	Basin Gardeners Association
Connie Jefferson	Bridgewater Garden Club
Sylvia Mc Neill	Chester Garden Club

## **N.S.A.G.C. PROGRAMS**

### **Outstanding Member Award**

This recognition is award by individual clubs and is an opportunity for them to honour members who contribute over the years to their club. This award doesn't have to be given to the best gardener in the club, but to a member who contributes in other ways such as volunteering for executive positions, providing material for plant and bake sales to raise funds, chairing various committees and just helping.

### **Tags and Seals**

This is a very popular and valuable program of the NSAGC. The tags and seals are used by many clubs for their flower and vegetable shows as well as special programs with schools and 4H youth. Most years see in excess of 2000 seals and 2300 tags utilized by these clubs. The chair of the Tags and Seals committee, Sarah Cluett, continues to provide excellent service to clubs.

### **Yearbooks and Banners**

Many clubs do scrapbooks of their activities throughout the year and are encouraged to bring them to the annual convention to allow other clubs to view what they do in their district. A certificate is given to all those clubs presenting their yearbook at convention in appreciation of the work the club has done in compiling this information.

### **Website**

The web site continues to be a vital part of the NSAGC communications network. Our webmaster Paul Despres has done an outstanding job of keeping the site up to date and active. The NSAGC web site is to receive a face lift in 2015 to make the site easier to navigate and to give a new and more hip appearance. The electronic world is changing quickly and the NSAGC is trying to keep up and hope these changes will succeed in doing that.

## **Newsletter**

In 2008 Ann Jones from the Yarmouth Garden Club became editor and as all new editors in the past have done, began to make improvements. The newsletter now called *Scotia Gardener* had Ann putting colour photographs in the issues although the print copies are still in black and white, and set up an e-mail list to send the newsletter out faster and at less cost than was previously done. Many members have bought into this way of getting the newsletter and this has helped defray the escalating costs of printing and postage. Over 50 % of the membership now receives the newsletter electronically in a much faster time and with colour photos. Ann has also added many more club activities with pictures in each issue which seems very popular. This publication is our main communication with every member in every club, so take advantage of this resource to get your ideas out there to all gardeners in Nova Scotia. Anne is always on the look out for articles from garden clubs or members and photos with them are always a bonus. Clubs who have gardening related businesses in their area are always encouraged to approach them to buy advertising in the newsletter as this helps keep our costs down, and remember to mention to them that the ad reaches 1800 gardeners quite a direct marketing tool. With the cost of postage continuing to soar all clubs are encouraged to switch as many members over to receiving the newsletter by e-mail as possible.

## **Photo Contest**

The photo contest is open to all amateur photographers residing in Nova Scotia. Each contestant must either be a member of the NSAGC or belong to a members family. Photos are judged on originality, composition, proper focus and exposure. There have been a number of chairs of this committee for the past five years and they all have done a fine job of promoting the contest, presenting the photos at convention, keeping track of entries, getting a judge to make the decisions on the winning photos and securing prizes for the winners. Special thanks to all the fine judges who have given their time and expertise to judge the entries and of course all the entrants without whom we wouldn't have a Photo Contest.

### **Top Winners Photo Contest - 2010**

- 1<sup>st</sup> -Brenda Hiltz - Basin Gardeners Association
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -Brenda Tate - Yarmouth Garden Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -Adrienne Maynard - Hammonds Plains Garden Club
- 4<sup>th</sup> -Patricia Leader - Bedford Horticultural Society

### **Top Winners Photo Contest - 2011**

- 1<sup>st</sup> -Brenda Tate - Yarmouth Garden Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -Adrienne Maynard - Hammonds Plains Garden Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -Myra Knight - Basin Gardeners Association
- 4<sup>th</sup> -Charles McPhee - New Waterford Garden Club

### **Top Winners Photo Contest - 2013**

- 1<sup>st</sup> -Erica Crowell - Valley Gardeners G C
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -Bibiane Lessard -Westmount Garden Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -Connie Jefferson - Bridgewater Garden Club
- 4<sup>th</sup> -Thelma MacKillop - Westmount Garden Club

### **Top Winners Photo Contest - 2014**

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- 1<sup>st</sup> - Patsy MacKenzie - North Sydney Garden Club
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Cheryl McLellan - Hants North Late Bloomers
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - Janice Kenefick - Lunenburg &Area G C
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - Jennifer Hill - Hants North Late Bloomers

## *Flower Shows*

Flower shows play a significant role in the activities of many garden clubs and horticultural societies throughout the province. These shows provide the public the opportunity to see garden flowers grown to horticultural perfection and are often the first place to see new cultivars that have come onto the market. Gardeners get the chance at these shows to flaunt their gardening prowess in a fun way to their fellow competitors but at the same time give new members some of their tips to gain championship form. All districts have a number of flower shows to attend and some clubs even have more than one show a year. The addition of a horticultural show handbook for exhibitors should encourage many more garden club members to enter in competition at a club flower show or local exhibition.

## *Plant Sales*

This activity has been a major fund raiser for most clubs in the province, providing funds to support numerous gardening projects in their communities. The plant sale calendar runs from early May until late July with many club members traveling every weekend to take in a different sale, or even several sales on one day. As well as a fund raiser for the clubs these sales help distribute many of the older heirloom perennials to many more gardens, thus ensuring their continued survival. A number of clubs have also taken advantage of the bulk sales of daylilies from Canning Daylilies and then resell them at a profit. Also many clubs sell spring bulbs from Vesey's as a fund raiser. Don't forget to read the information developed by Charles Berry on how to organize and run a plant sale, you may pick up a few new ideas for your own clubs plant sale.

## *NSAGC PLANT GIVEAWAY*

This project was first undertaken by the NSAGC Futures Projects Committee in 2008. The purpose of this project was to give something tangible like a living plant to every member of a garden club in Nova Scotia. Certainly one of the benefits of this project has to be that close to three thousand new plants are planted province wide each year in members gardens and community flower beds. The first plant chosen was a white daylily raised by Canning Daylilies and after a naming contest with NSAGC members, Daylily “Spring Thaw” was distributed to club members. The following year Vessey Seeds donated a number of mixed perennials for the plant giveaway. In 2010 Hosta “Fortunei Aureo Marginata” made its way into Nova Scotia gardens. The following year “Astilbe “ Fanal” a beautiful red was chosen. In 2012 the Siberian Iris “ Bold Ruffles” a purple and white ruffled beauty became our choice. The following year Astilbe “ Yonique Pink” was chosen and in 2014 Hosta “Wide Brim” a bright yellow and green mottled and quilted beauty became our choice.

## *Garden Club Activities*

Anyone who has a view of garden clubs as a group of old ladies sitting around in a garden sipping tea and munching on finger sandwiches are so wrong. Garden clubs do a tremendous amount of work in our communities to beautify their own properties as well as planting trees, shrubs and flowers around public buildings, parks, welcome signs, cenotaphs and cemeteries. These clubs do all this work while keeping a low profile, for getting the job done is of greater importance to them than receiving any credit. As well as the many man hours put in doing this work, these same clubs support these projects financially. In fact most monies raised by clubs throughout the year is spent on community projects and some is donated towards bursaries to students entering horticultural programs at University or Community College. Following is a list of some of the activities carried out by clubs around the province. We thank you all for your contribution.

❁ Pictou G.C. places hanging baskets throughout the town, supports Junior Gardener Project, co-oped with Home Hardware to plant 25 trees in the town to mark 1<sup>st</sup> National Tree Day in Canada, arranged a tree planting with Rick Hanson at the Fish Hatchery Museum, Spruced up gardens at Pictou Academy, did clean ups and planted beds at Northumberland Veterans Wing, planted Scammell Garden, looked after flower show at the Pictou North Colchester Exhibition and entered a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary float in the Lobster Carnival Parade.

❁ Inverness G.C. placed 70 hanging baskets and 40 half barrels around town and paid to have the metal brackets made to hold them, they plant and maintain flower beds at the Hospital, a Seniors Home and a Community Garden.

❁ Musquodoboit Valley Weeders G. C. decorated a Christmas Tree for the Festival of Trees Celebration, entered a float in the Halifax Co. Exhibition Parade and the Santa Clause Parade, formed a local Farmers Market, sponsor the flower show at the Halifax Co. Exhibition, in cooperation with the Tourist Association established Cornerstone Park highlighted by a spectacular sculpture designed by and commissioned by one of their founding members Roberta Annand, their club made forty floral bouquets and delivered them to local businesses to promote Provincial Garden Week, maintained flower beds at Braeside Home for Special Care, Bicentennial Theatre, Hfx. Co. Ex. grounds, and three entrances to the village, and they supply 30 hanging baskets hung throughout the village.

✿ Country G.C. provides a \$250.00 scholarship to a student graduating from Hants East Rural High School who attends Dalhousie Agricultural Campus in Bible Hill. They make donations to “Caring and Sharing” and “Foodbank” organizations. They maintain the “Field of Hope” garden in Elmsdale.

✿ North Sydney G.C. planted daffodils in their local “Field of Hope”. They provide floral arrangements for Palliative Care and they plant and maintain flower beds at the Cenotaph, Guest Home, assisted a youth group with a garden at a local Church. They planned and installed flowers and shrubs at a “Serenity Garden” at the hospital. Held a Christmas arrangement project with a grade five class, and hosted a Christmas Workshop for a hundred people. They decorated a Christmas tree for a contest at the Casino and donated to the Christmas Dinner Fund for the needy, and made a donation to the Christmas Daddies Program. Members handed out gardening info on local clubs at plant sales, flower show and Cape Breton Farmers Market. They assisted McRae’s Home Hardware in the planting of 17 trees for National Tree Day. Some members are participating in a Horticultural Therapy Project at the Guest Home.

✿ Mahone Bay G.C. takes care of an Aquatic Garden and planting at Heritage Cemetery, flower beds at Visitors Information Center and Mahone Bay Nursing Home.

✿ Guysborough G.C. places hanging baskets through out town and has developed a large vegetable garden where the produce is donated to the local food bank.

✿ St. Mary’s G.C. supports the upkeep of the Pioneer Memorial Park.. They plant flower beds in Sherbrooke Historic Village in front of the Post Office and Library. Hold flower show every year.

✿ Chester G.C. looks after the Cove Garden and Parade Garden in town, they decorate the Band Shell at Christmas every year, and in the summer they host a wonderful flower show and tea

✿ Shelburne G.C. looks after the Alma Chetwynd Garden and have in recent years redone the whole garden. Published a brochure on a self guided tour of fourteen Shelburne County Gardens. They made a \$100.00 donation to the Capt. Steele fellowship in horticulture and \$200.00 to the MacKay Library to purchase gardening books.

✿ Stewiacke Garden Club plants beds at “Halfway Between Equator and North Pole” signs just outside the community, they provide a bursary to a student attending Dalhousie Agricultural Campus, they plant flowers and prune shrubs at Sharon United Church. The club plants flowers at the Canadian Legion and contributes to their “Poppy Fund”. For Provincial Gardening Week they did a project with students of the Stewiacke Elementary School of planting a perennial garden and then allowing students to take some home to plant in their own yard.

✿ Bible Hill G.C. plants spring bulbs at their “Holy Well Park”, annual and perennial flowers at a new bed at the Bible Hill Cemetery, Vimy Court Seniors Residence, and beds by the Salmon River Bridge and North River Bridge entrances to the village. They donate \$500.00 to a horticultural student attending Dalhousie Agricultural Campus. The club participates in the village Christmas Tree Decorating Contest and donate to local charities. The club has acted as hosts to number of special speakers programs for the district clubs over the last few years. They also do a Christmas Wreath and Christmas Centerpiece Workshop for the public.

✿ The Cobequid G.C. cares for the Memorial Gardens flower beds at the Economy Rec Center. They participated in the 2014 Convention in Truro providing goodies for one of the coffee breaks.

✿ Great Village G. C. plants and maintains flower beds at the Cenotaph and at the two welcome signs to the village. Put up and decorate a large community Christmas Tree in the center of the village, donate books to local schools to celebrate “Earth Day”, participate at the Flower Show at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition. Made up and posted two large posters in the Post Office of club members working in their gardens as well as local gardens throughout the village to promote Provincial Gardening Week.

✿ Stewiacke Valley G.C. takes care of flower beds at local sites “Crockett Park”, Bed at Firehall, Co-Op Store, and Community Garden. Made donations to Christmas Daddies program and sponsored a family in the Christmas Index Program. Gave a \$250.00 Bursary to a student at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus in Bible Hill, and ran the Vegetable Show at the Halifax County Exhibition.

✿ The Mount Denson G.C. looks after the care of the Mini Park in Falmouth. Planted a garden at the Mt. Denson Cemetery in memory of members who have passed. Workshop on making cement rhubarb leaves, make donations to local 4H and Avon View High School.

✿ The Halifax Westmoor Horticultural Society maintains the flower beds at Spencer House for Seniors, Holly Cross Cemetery Project, and Arborstone Enhanced Care Facility. They do garden tours including a twilight tour of the Halifax Public Gardens, and they do favours for “Meals on Wheels”.

✿ Bedford Horticultural Society holds garden tours and they support a \$800.00 memorial scholarship in memory of Ena Felton for a student at Dalhousie University of Agriculture Campus. They plant and maintain flower beds at Brookside Cemetery, Scott Manor House, and the Garden of Remembrance at the Bedford Cenotaph. They support financially Scott Manor House and Bedford Leisure Club.

✿ Yarmouth G. C. plants and maintains a flower garden in the downtown, they designed and planted the garden at the Yarmouth Lighthouse. The club donates to the local Food Bank and Fuel Bank, and they hold a Flower Show and Tea every year.

✿ Nicholville G. C. have taken tours of gardens and has sponsored a Giant Melon Contest. They hosted the Flower Judges Update Session for that area of the province.

✿ Dartmouth Horticultural Society held a number of tours for members including a bus tour to the Annapolis Valley termed “A Gaggle of Gardeners”. Club member Sarah Cluett organizes a garden tour in support of the Chrons and Collitis Society. They started a Facebook page. The club supports a bursary of \$500.00 to a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student at Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus and they donate to Feed Nova Scotia. They hold seed and plant exchanges and plant and maintain gardens at Oakwood Terrace, the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm, and the Leigh Dillman bed on the Dartmouth Common.

✿ Haliburton G .C. does a number of garden tours and maintain flower beds at Windsor Elms and Haliburton Place. The club provides a \$250.00 bursary to a student at Kinstec. They donate \$100.00 to the “House of Hospitality” which provides hot lunches every Thursday to people who are alone. They also collected a carload of food for “Harvest Home” a volunteer group that assists the needy.

✿ St. Margarets Bay G. C. Looks after the large perennial garden in front of the St. Margarets Bay Shopping Village on Highway #3. They give a \$500.00 bursary to a student from the bay area to pursue studies in horticulture or plant sciences. They hold workshops on wreath making and tool sharpening.

✿ New Germany G.C. plants fall bulbs for spring beauty, plant and maintain flower beds at the Medical Center and Fire Hall and put up a community sign.

✿ Eastern Shore G. C. plants and maintains flower beds at Birches Nursing Home, Chezzencook Lion’s Hall, they have held wreath and centerpiece workshops, they donate a \$500.00 scholarship, They did a workshop on making tufa pots, and they plant and maintain two flower beds at the Porter’s Lake Cenotaph. The club donates to the local Food Bank and they made club calendars and held a flower show.

✿ Forties G.C. plant and maintain flower beds at Fraxville Corner Park and local churches, they do cheer boxes for shut-ins, they make a donation to the Children’s Wish Foundation as well as lay a wreath on Remembrance Day. The club does a children’s garden project and provide lunches and donations for families in time of bereavement.

✿ Champlain G.C. sponsored garden tours especially a Magnolia Walk.

✿ Seabreeze G.C. club had a number of garden tours and planted trees at Fisherman’s Memorial Garden and Jamieson Park and to commemorate National Tree Planting Day. They also participated in a growing trial on miniature roses, reporting back their results to the hybridizer.

✿ Mayflower G.C. toured members gardens, collected donations of food at each meeting for the Beacon House Food Bank, turned six acres of ball fields into a community park.

✿ Hants North Late Bloomers G.C. participates in the Maitland Christmas Festival, they tour gardens and they provide a \$100.00 bursary to a student of Hants North Rural High School.

✿ Fall River G. C. planted a garden at Jamieson Park with benches and trees, hosted an “Autumn Open House” at the Open Gate, donated to Santa Express and established a new garden at LWF Community Center. They also award a bursary to a student attending Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus in Bible Hill and they write a monthly gardening column for the local community newspaper “The Laker”.

✿ Clements G. C. held garden tours of members gardens, they won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for a display at the “Blooms By The Sea” event in Yarmouth. The club plants and maintains gardens and window boxes at Blue House at Upper Clements Park and Cornwallis Veterans Memorial Park Garden.

✿ Westmount G. C. planted and maintained five flower beds throughout the community and members promoted local Garden Clubs at their plant sale, flower show and the Cape Breton Farmers Market. Members helped with a combined Flower Show with other clubs.

✿ Village G. C. Supported gardens in Rawdon Gold Mines, West Gore and Center Rawdon as well as selling over 65 pots of crocus in support of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The club also provided three bursaries to graduates of Hants North Rural High School. They made donations to the local food bank and organized a gardening book/magazine library for members.

✿ Queens G. C. Plants and maintains flower beds at the Thomas Raddall Library, had a club booth at the “Seniors Day” held at the Best Western Hotel in Liverpool. They also donated \$100.00 to the Captain Steele Endowment Fund.

✿ Lunenburg G. C. held a Christmas wreath making workshop.

✿ Westville G.C. participated in planting flower beds throughout the town, they oversaw the beautification of the Highland Consolidated School grounds and they collected funds to support the Sister Jessica and Sister Veronica work with the poor in India.

✿ Lismore & District G. C. has developed a “Junior Gardener Program”, they planted a tree to celebrate the awarding of the 2012 Lieutenant Governor’s Community Spirit Award to Lismore and District. They organized a number of garden tours of members gardens and further afield.

✿ Hilden G.C. was active planting flower beds at schools, walking trails, welcome signs, Cemetery and at the Fire Hall. They are involved in the Christmas tree lighting, a seed exchange, donations to the hospital “Hub Bub” and Hilden Newsletter. They help maintain the Veterans Garden in Truro and they sell calendars to support the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Hilden.

✿ Pubnico G. C. hosted a “Gardeners Spring Fling” with seventeen vendors and established a new flower bed under the Museum sign in Middle West Pubnico.

✿ Charing Cross G. C. the club looks after the flower show at the New Ross Fair and maintains 20 hanging baskets throughout the community. They also host the Canada Day Celebrations at the new Band Shell. The Charing Cross club donated seeds for planting at a local school for a Butterfly Project.

✿ New Glasgow & Area Highland G.C. held a number of garden tours, supported Valleyview Carmichael House, and planted a tree at the Pioneer Cemetery.

✿ Wilmot G. C. plants and maintains flower beds at the Melvin Community Center, Middleton Baptist Church and at the club welcome signs to the community. They have created a manual “A Growing Guide For Your Garden” and they hold a flower show each year.

✿ Valley Gardeners G. C. organize tours of members gardens as well as a bus tour to gardens further afield. They provide three bursaries to students attending Kingstec and support through donations to Annapolis Historic Gardens and Applewicks. They also donate books to the Valley Regional Library and have an annual Flower Show.

✿ Basin Gardeners Association continues work on “Anvil Park” and the Triangle Park in their community. They hold an annual Strawberry Tea and Garden Tour as a fund raiser, they did a Floral Design and a Christmas Wreath Workshop as well as doing garden tours in the summer. They also hold a Floral Art Show, and have a Babysitting Project to introduce new perennials to members, and they sponsor a “Container Garden Competition” each year.

✿ Bridgewater G.C. puts a lot of work into the “Veterans Memorial Park”. They have a large flower show every year, a seed exchange program, garden tours, they created “Mugs of Holiday Cheer” and delivered them to residence of Hillside Pines Nursing Home. They also sponsored a Christmas tree at the Firemans Memorial.

✿ Brookfield G.C. decorates their community with large Christmas wreaths suspended from utility poles, they helped residence of Elk Court Nursing Home plant a perennial garden, and they helped with the “Great Pumpkin Challenge”.

✿ Parsborro G. C. visits gardens and did a workshop on Christmas Centerpieces, they supported the 2013 Convention in Truro and hosted the 2013 District meeting at Ottawa House.

✿ The Dahlia Society of Nova Scotia supports dahlia sections at various shows, as well as a mass display of dahlia blooms at the Mic Mac Mall. In co-operation with the Halifax Public Gardens sponsor a “Dahlia Day” every year in August. Hold a large dahlia tuber sale every May at the Mic Mac Mall.

✿ Annapolis Valley Africian Violet Society obtained a grant to support ribbons and prizes for a show in the community, they have a library of books/magazines/CD’s for members.

## *Club Programs*

Perhaps the most important part of any garden club meeting is the program. Clubs around the province are most inventive when it comes to garden club program topics. Some clubs are lucky enough to have professional horticultural experts from different colleges, research stations or universities situated near them, while other clubs have to entice local amateurs with expertise in the field of gardening to speak at their club meetings. Here are a number of topics sent in by clubs for you to check out and perhaps copy for your own club program.

- ✎ How to grow Daylilies.
- ✎ Ornamental grasses.
- ✎ Photography in the Garden.
- ✎ Sharpening your garden Tools.
- ✎ Identifying good and bad garden insects.
- ✎ Planting Seeds.
- ✎ Transplanting seedlings and Hardening Off.
- ✎ Bees and Honey.
- ✎ Composting made Simple.
- ✎ Lawn Care.
- ✎ Mulches and their Benefits.
- ✎ How to grow Lilies.
- ✎ Food Security.
- ✎ Water Gardens.
- ✎ How to make Christmas Wreaths, Centerpieces and Swags.
- ✎ Growing New Perennials.
- ✎ Planting Roses.
- ✎ Heirloom Plants.
- ✎ How to grow Bearded and Siberian Iris.
- ✎ Identifying plant diseases.
- ✎ Edible Landscapes.
- ✎ Plant Identification.
- ✎ Growing Heaths and Heathers.
- ✎ Spring Flowering Bulbs.
- ✎ Growing Rhododendrons and Azaleas.
- ✎ Peonies- Double, Single and Japanese.
- ✎ Growing Dahlias and Gladiolus.
- ✎ Organic Gardening.

- ✎ Herbs.
- ✎ Attracting Birds to the Garden.
- ✎ Hypertufa Planters.
- ✎ Dying wool with natural plant extracts.
- ✎ Growing Orchids.
- ✎ Nova Scotia Wildflowers.
- ✎ Owls.
- ✎ Making Garden Journals.
- ✎ Seaweed Fertilizers.
- ✎ Drying and Pressing Flowers.
- ✎ Growing Summer and Winter Squash.
- ✎ How to Grow and Prune different Clematis.
- ✎ Plant Propagation.
- ✎ Hardy Geraniums.
- ✎ Hemp and its products.
- ✎ Growing Garlic.
- ✎ Cacti and Succulents.
- ✎ Slides of Trips
- ✎ Garden Design.
- ✎ Strawberry varieties, along with sample tasting.
- ✎ Lichens.
- ✎ Mammoth Mums.
- ✎ Bonsai
- ✎ Petunias.
- ✎ Twig Furniture Construction.
- ✎ Wine making.
- ✎ African Violets.
- ✎ Christmas Plants.
- ✎ Growing and using Horseradish.
- ✎ Outdoor Winter Arrangements.
- ✎ Carving Vegetables.
- ✎ Home canning and preserving.
- ✎ Growing plants in a Greenhouse.
- ✎ Manure Tea
- ✎ Preparing exhibits for show.
- ✎ Medicinal Plants.
- ✎ Physiotherapy tips to avoid injuries in the garden.

## *Anniversaries*

Congratulations go out to the following Garden Clubs who celebrated special anniversaries over the past five years. The longevity of these clubs is a testament to the commitment and dedication that their members have to their clubs and communities they serve.

### 2010

60<sup>th</sup> Bedford Horticultural Society

### 2011

65<sup>th</sup> Shelburne County Garden Club

60<sup>th</sup> Riverport Garden Club

55<sup>th</sup> Wilmot Garden Club

25<sup>th</sup> Halifax Westmoor Horticultural Society

10<sup>th</sup> Fall River Garden Club

### 2012

65<sup>th</sup> Bible Hill Garden Club

60<sup>th</sup> Great Village Garden Club

40<sup>th</sup> Musquodobit Valley Weeders Garden Club

25<sup>th</sup> Clements Garden Club

25<sup>th</sup> Guysborough Garden Club

### 2013

60<sup>th</sup> Charing Cross Garden Club

55<sup>th</sup> North Sydney Garden Club

30<sup>th</sup> Valley Gardeners Garden Club

20<sup>th</sup> Village Garden Club

### 2014

75<sup>th</sup> Chester Garden Club

75<sup>th</sup> Pictou Garden Club

65<sup>th</sup> Bridgewater Garden Club

55<sup>th</sup> Westmount Garden Club

30<sup>th</sup> Hilden Garden Club

20<sup>th</sup> Stewiacke Valley Garden Club

15<sup>th</sup> Mahone Bay Garden Club

15<sup>th</sup> Eastern Shore Garden Club

10<sup>th</sup> Hants North Late Bloomers Garden Club

## *IN MEMORIAM*

We have lost some wonderful gardeners and friends in the past five years. We acknowledge their dedication to their clubs and their communities. Some of those no longer with us are:

♡ 2010 - Margery Dykeman  
- Captain Dick Steele

♡ 2011 - Vera Stewart  
- Dick Morton  
- Alma Chetwynd  
- Marjorie Fowler

♡ 2012 - Kay Bently  
- Bill McKee  
- Norm and Freda Gammon

♡ 2013 - Rita Appelboom  
- Don Martin  
- Cecil Wile  
- Vivian Tanner

♡ 2014 - Roberta Annand  
- George Graham  
- Helen MacLachlan  
- Vernon Oickle

***Editors Note:*** I have enjoyed doing two five year history updates and hope I haven't missed too many events. I encourage all clubs to do more in depth reports at their District Meetings which are passed on the NSAGC Historian. These reports along with articles in the Scotia Gardener, Directors Reports and info garnished from club web sites furnish the information that goes into the update.

Thank You