

NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS HISTORY

THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS
1954 - 1973

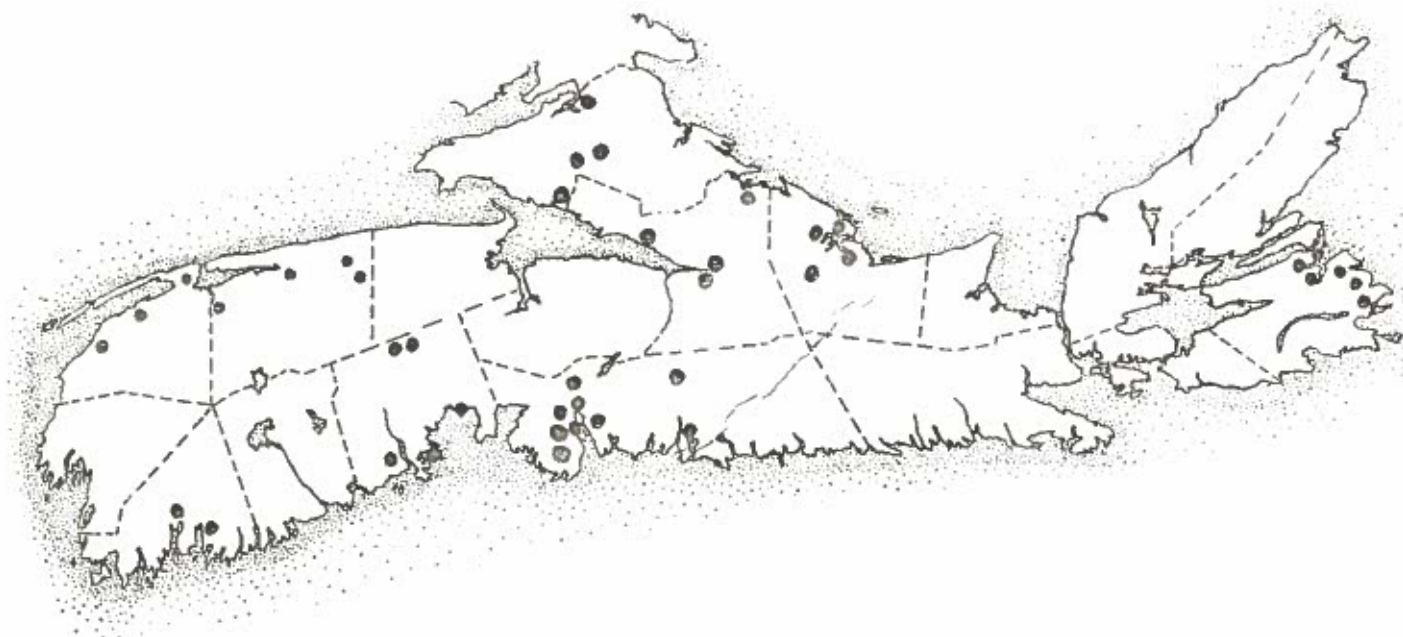


HISTORIANS:

1954-1963 - MRS. MARIETTA SILVER

1963-1973 - MRS. MARGARET HAMBLETON

LOCATIONS OF GROUPS
IN
NOVA SCOTIA



NAMES OF ACTIVE GROUPS 1973

CHAMPLAIN
WILMOT

DOMINION
GLACE BAY
NORTH SYDNEY
ROSE HENRY
SYDNEY MINES
WESTMOUNT

BLANCHE FORBES
COBEQUID
GREAT VILLAGE
HILLCREST
WESTMOUNT PARK

AMHERST
COLLINGWOOD
RIVER PHILIP

ADMIRAL DIGBY HORT
HILL-N-DALE
LA JARDINIERE
WEYMOUTH

BEDFORD HORT
DARTMOUTH HORT
HALIFAX AFRICAN VIOLET
HALIFAX HORT
HARBOURS
JUNIOR LEAGUE SUSTAINERS
SACKVILLE AND DISTRICT
VALLEY WEEDERS
WESTMOOR

TREMONT

BRIDGEWATER
CHARING CROSS
CHESTER
FORTIES
RIVERPORT

EUREKA
LYONS BROOK
NEW GLASGOW
PICTOU HORT

LOCKEPORT
SHELburnE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The purpose of Project '73 was to publish the second of a series of histories of the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs, each history covering a ten year period. As copies of the history written by Mrs. Marietta Silver, covering the ten year period following the formation of the Association are no longer available, a summary of her work is included in the first three chapters of this printing.

A printing of 300 copies should ensure that the history is available until the next printing of the third of the series in ten years time. A copy of Mrs. Silver's work is in the Archives of Nova Scotia and a copy of the current history will be sent to the Archives in due course.

Both Mrs. Silver, and Mrs. Hambleton who succeeded her as historian for the Association, have faithfully recorded the happenings and events of the N.S.A.G.C. over the past twenty years.

At this time we are deeply indebted to Mrs. Hambleton for the many hours of research and effort she has expended in compiling the material and compliment her on her literary talents. Her history which brings us up to 1973, will be enjoyed by all who read it. Congratulations Margaret.

W.H. Armstrong
President, N.S.A.G.C.

FOREWORD

As the Twentieth Annual Convention in 1973 of the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs approaches, this seems an appropriate time to review the past in order to give us some help in planning for the future.

In this book, I have attempted to give a broad outline of the Association's activities, and to record its progress over the years. If I have omitted any item of interest or any person who should have been included, please accept my apologies.

Acknowledgments and thanks are due to the Editing Committee of Wilfred Armstrong and Dick Morton, for their comments and suggestions, which have been of great value.

May, 1973.

Margaret Hambleton,
Historian.

CHAPTER 1

GARDENING IN NOVA SCOTIA BEFORE THE NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

Early History:

Gardening must have taken place in Nova Scotia from the times of the earliest settlers, but the first gardens must have been mainly very practical ones, for the growing of vegetables and useful herbs. It would be an interesting research project to trace the early history of gardening in the province, from the times of the French at Port Royal, who were known to have a garden there, through the days of the Acadian settlers and the American Loyalists. The Rugosa and Loyalist roses date from these times. The German and Scottish settlers must have brought gardening lore with them. In the early 1800's, the Duke of Kent made an interesting garden, with a heart-shaped pond, for his French mistress, Julie St. Laurent, in what is now the Halifax suburb of Rockingham. Gardening efforts in Victorian times in Halifax led eventually to the formation of the Halifax Public Gardens, the most famous gardens in the province.

First Garden Club:

But the idea of neighbours and friends joining together to form active Garden Clubs seems to have originated in the twentieth century. It is thought that Wolfville Garden Club, formed in January, 1935, was the first of this kind in Nova Scotia. This Club, under the leadership of its first President, Mrs. Mary Murray Forbes, began the beautification of the Federal Building grounds in Wolfville, first by planting trees, and then by laying out a beautiful flower garden at the back of the Post Office. When this work became too extensive for the Club, they urged the Federal Government to continue and expand it, until it became the most beautiful garden of any Federal Building in the province.

First Horticultural Society:

New Glasgow Horticultural Society was formed in March, 1937, following a meeting addressed by Dr. W.S. Blair, then Superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Kentville. The same year, this Society held its first Flower Show and published a Year Book, under the direction of its first President, Mr. Arthur Hambleton. The Society has always shown much interest in civic beautification, and in 1949 requested and received a gift of heather from the City of Glasgow in Scotland, to be planted on the banks of the East River. This Society was the first to receive a charter under the Provincial Horticultural Societies Act, and is now the oldest continuing Society in the province, celebrating its 35th anniversary in 1972.

First Attempt to form an Association:

Early in 1939, Mr. Arthur Hambleton had been corresponding with the Ontario Horticultural Association regarding the formation of a similar Association in Nova Scotia. Later the same year, he conferred with Professor C.M. Collins, Provincial Horticulturist and Director of Biology Services, regarding the idea. Prof. Collins gave Mr. Hambleton the names and addresses

of seven societies in existence at that time, which could form the nucleus of an Association. These Horticultural Societies were located in Dartmouth, Yarmouth, Truro, Wolfville, Sydney, Pictou and New Glasgow.

Mr. Hambleton wrote to these Societies regarding a meeting, but received replies from only two or three of them, so it was felt that there was not enough interest at that time. Soon after, war was declared, and the matter was left in abeyance.

Rural Beautification Committee:

As a result of representations previously made to him, Hon. John A. MacDonald, Minister of Agriculture, appointed in 1944 a Rural Beautification Committee consisting of Prof. C.M. Collins as Chairman; Miss H.J. MacDougall, Dr. W.S. Blair, Dr. W.V. Longley and Mr. G. Herman. This Committee held its first meeting in October, 1944, at the Agricultural College, Truro, when a draft policy for a Rural Beautification program was adopted, and later approved by the Minister in substantially the same form. Included among the objectives were the following:

1. The appointment of a Landscape Specialist for work throughout the province.
2. The organization of Horticultural Societies and Clubs or groups.
3. The establishment of a provincial nursery of ornamentals at the College, the product of which should be available at wholesale prices in group orders to the horticultural groups listed above.
4. That an effort be made to train more people to carry out actual landscape work and the encouragement of privately operated nurseries. As more of these develop the need for the departmental nursery would be gradually reduced,
5. That an Act be passed authorizing and establishing the form under which Horticultural Societies be set up in the province (this was passed in 1945).

Arising out of this program and its subsequent development, the services of Mr. N.V. Jankov were made available for this work in the spring of 1945. A nursery was also started in the spring of 1945, operated entirely by the staff of the Agricultural College. The organization of Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs proceeded quite rapidly from 1945 on. Mr. Jankov was active in all phases of field work until 1961, when the work was divided, placing the Garden Clubs under Mr. R.S. Morton and other landscape activities under Mr. Jankov.

CHAPTER 2

FORMATION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

First Convention:

During the pre-Christmas time at the end of the year, 1953, when the outside work at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College was at its lowest ebb, the work of the Rural Beautification Groups was reviewed. The Nova Scotia Rural Beautification Project was going well, and in the nine years since it began, the Garden Clubs were not only improving their grounds, but by doing so indirectly helping the beautification of the whole province.

Various community landscape projects were sponsored by these groups, and driving through the country one could see a transformation taking place. The groups enjoyed their efforts and were proud of these projects which they could accomplish sometimes without too much expense due to careful, guided planning.

However, these groups were working by themselves within their own communities, and did not know enough of what the other areas were doing. For this reason and in order that one group might learn from another, when reviewing the work in 1953, Mr. N.V. Jankov, having received several requests, put forth the idea of bringing the groups together through a provincial organization.

Mr. Jankov conferred with Mr. C.M. Collins, then Director of Horticultural and Biology Services of the N.S. Department of Agriculture and Marketing, and with his approval sent a letter dated February 17, 1954, to the Secretaries of all Rural Beautification Groups in the province. The letter suggested that on the request of a number of Rural Beautification Groups the Department of Agriculture and Marketing would be willing to sponsor a conference of the Groups. The purpose of the conference is summed up in this paragraph from Mr. Jankov's letter: "We would like to have more detail as to how the work is progressing with the different groups. Knowing the desires of the various groups and the condition they are in will help us plan better our work for the year 1954 and to give maximum service ... We hope that the 'get-together' will be of advantage both to the groups and to us."

The response to Mr. Jankov's letter was quick and quite agreeable. Subsequently, a program was worked out for a two-day meeting to be held at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, on July 27 and 28, 1954. The Chairman of the Conference was Mr. C.M. Collins, and the Secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Lewis, with Mr. N.V. Jankov acting as Advisor.

After the formal opening of this first conference, Mr. Jankov reported on the progress of the Rural Beautification Project, which had then been in operation for nine years, and he asked for suggestions for future work. A varied program followed with speakers from the Department of Agriculture and Marketing, Messrs. M.P. Harrison, H.A.L. McLaughlin, G.B. Kinsman, M.E. Neary and Dr. A.E. Roland. There were well organized tours through the College grounds, and a banquet in the evening when the address was delivered by Hon. Colin Chisholm, Minister of Agriculture.

Name:

At this first conference, a committee was appointed to plan for another

conference in 1955:

Mr. C.C. Ferguson, New Glasgow Horticultural Society
Mr. Matthew Reid, Hillcrest Garden Club, Bible Hill
Mr. R.E. Lemoine, Westmount Horticultural Society, Halifax
Mrs. M.W. Fenton, Bedford Garden Club
Mrs. Hibbert N. Keddy, Forties Garden Club, Lunenburg Co.
Mrs. Andrew Chambers, Brule Garden Club, Colchester Co.
Mr. N.V. Jankov, Landscape Advisor, N.S. Dept. of Agriculture
and Marketing

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."

CHAPTER 3

THE EARLY YEARS, 1955-1962

1955:

The Conference Committee appointed at the 1954 Convention met at the home of Mrs. Myron W. Fenton, Bedford, on January 31, 1955. They appointed the first Executive Committee, with members to act for varying terms as follows:

Mrs. George Murray	Three years
Mr. C.C. Ferguson	" "
Mr. H. Zinck	Two years
Mr. W.L. Forsyth	" "
Mrs. N.V. Jankov	One year

Mr. C.C. Ferguson was appointed to act as Chairman, and Mr. Jankov in an advisory capacity.

The second Convention was again held at the Agricultural College, Truro, on July 26 and 27, 1955, when 153 delegates registered. Again, members of the Department of Agriculture took an active part in the program and displays. The organizational set-up was confirmed, and it was decided to ask all garden clubs to pay an annual fee to the Association of 10 cents per member per year, with a minimum of \$1.00 per club. This became necessary to defray the expenses of the Convention and other items.

A letter was sent to the Minister of Highways, Hon. A.W. MacKenzie, petitioning his Department "to make every effort with highway contractors to leave the completed job in a better condition than at present." Another letter was sent to the Nurseryman's Association urging them "to keep their stock free from weeds and other contamination, as these are causing trouble for many customers."

The newly elected executive met for the first time on September 24, 1955, when Mr. C.C. Ferguson was elected President, Mr. W.L. Forsyth as Vice-President and Mrs. N.V. Jankov as Secretary-Treasurer, other members of the Executive to act as Directors. The organization of the N.S.A.G.C. as we know it to-day was beginning to take shape.

1956:

In 1956, the Third Convention was held at Truro, and was shortened to one day, Monday, July 9, 1956. Thirty-six Clubs were represented, with a registration of 134 members.

Mr. Jankov reported that all garden clubs held several meetings, ranging from 5 to 10, and some clubs were staging Flower Shows. The speaker at this Convention was "The Maritime Gardener", Mr. Gordon C. Warren. Mr. C.M. Collins spoke briefly on horticultural opportunities in the province, offering many practical suggestions to garden clubs. Mr. Collins then introduced members of the N.S. Nurserymen's Association who were present and had arranged a fine display of exhibits.

The President, Mr. C.C. Ferguson, in his report dealt briefly with

reasons why it was no longer possible for clubs to buy nursery stock at the College. The Nurserymen of Nova Scotia had taken over this stock and would sell it at a discount to Garden Club members.

At a fall meeting of the Executive, Mr. W.L. Forsyth, Halifax, was elected as President.

1957:

The year 1957 marked the inauguration of the Association's publication "Landscape News", which has proved to be of great value to Garden Club members throughout the province. The magazine, which is published about six times a year, helps clubs to maintain closer contact with the Association and each other, and also contains short articles of interest and information on gardening topics.

The fourth Annual Convention was again held at Truro, on Tuesday, July 30 and Wednesday, July 31. As details of each Convention appear in Appendix VII, only the important decisions and interesting high-lights will be given here.

At the business meeting of the fourth Convention, four new directors were elected to replace three who were due to retire. The new members were Mrs. M.M. Gardner, Mr. M. Reid, Miss W. McCunn and Mrs. R. Brown. At the fall executive meeting, Mrs. M.M. Gardner was elected President for 1957-58, the first woman to be elected to this office.

1958:

Perhaps the most outstanding event of this year was the inauguration of the first competition in the Association. Mrs. M.M. Gardner presented a very beautiful silver rose bowl, which came to be known as the "President's Trophy", for annual competition among the various clubs. The intention was that each year the new President would announce the type of project for the contest.

In 1958 the competition was held for the Best Community Project. As Mrs. Gardner said in her first letter to the clubs as President of the Association, dated January 1, 1958, "In this way, the smallest Clubs have as good a chance for the cup as the larger ones, as the judging will be done with a view to improvement, good taste and the pleasure it has given many."

The trophy was awarded in 1958 to the Sylvan Garden Club of Mira Gut in Cape Breton County, for their project of renovating the Community Hall and repairing and beautifying the Baptist Cemetery.

The Convention this year was held at the Cornwallis Inn, Kentville, on July 23, and the banquet speaker was Dr. F.W. Walsh, Deputy Minister of Agriculture. Four new members of the executive were nominated and accepted, Mr. W.R. MacDonald, Mr. Cyril Joudrie, Mrs. L. Nichols and Mrs. B.C. Silver. The executive now numbered ten.

Recurrent topics at executive meetings and convention business meetings at this period of the Association's history were the procuring of better and cheaper nursery stock by members of garden clubs, and the definitions of professional and amateur gardeners, for deciding who should be eligible to exhibit at flower shows. The question of publicity for the Association also drew attention.

Mrs. Gardner was re-elected President for another year, and Mrs. B.C. Silver was elected Vice-President.

1959:

According to a circular letter addressed to members of the N.S. Nurserymen's Association on February 23, 1959, by Mr. N.V. Jankov, Secretary-Treasurer of the N.S.A.G.C., at that time there were 69 active clubs, with a total membership of about 2,000 members. The letter mentioned was an attempt to obtain information on discounts offered to garden club members by the nurserymen. The results of the circular do not appear in the records of the Association, but the question was evidently discussed at the Convention and executive meetings, and the suggestion made that lists of discounts available be printed in the Landscape News.

The first attempts to organize the Association along district lines were made in this year, with the suggestion being made that names for new executive members be nominated by the individual clubs, to obtain representation from different areas of the province. The topic of district meetings was also on the agenda of the fall executive meeting, but does not appear to have been discussed.

The Convention was held on July 18 at Collingwood, being hosted by the River Philip Garden Club. Mr. David Oland of Halifax spoke on the growing of roses, and several members of the Department of Agriculture staff made interesting contributions to the programme.

Amongst topics raised at the business meeting were larger fines for littering the roads, a proposal to raise the club dues to the Association from ten (10) cents to twenty (20) cents per capita - this was deferred - and a suggestion that at least three copies of Landscape News (one for each member of the Club's executive) be sent to each Club which had paid their dues.

The new members of the Association executive elected were Mrs. C. McNutt, Mrs. G. Beattie, Mr. D. Oland and Lt.-Commr. L.H. Norris.

The Rose Bowl Trophy was awarded to Admiral Digby Horticultural Society. Mrs. B.C. Silver was elected President for the following year, with Mr. W.R. MacDonald as Vice-President. Mr. R.S. Morton, Department of Agriculture Representative, was added to the executive.

1960 (up to 1960 Convention):

As the result of a new Constitution prepared by Mrs. Silver and passed at the Convention, the Association's governing body was organized more or less in the form that we know it to-day, with district directors, nominating and publicity committees, an auditor and a historian. From this year onwards, the President and Vice-President were elected at the Convention as part of the new slate of officers, instead of being elected at the fall executive meeting. Apparently the only contentious paragraph of the proposed Constitution was the fifth one, which concerned the representation of Clubs by voting delegates at the Convention. It was agreed that Clubs could send as many representatives as they saw fit, who would have the privilege of the floor, but that only two delegates would be allowed to vote on behalf of each Club.

The suggestion of having a history of the Association written before some interesting events or names were forgotten was made by Mrs. Silver at the spring executive meeting.

At the same meeting, Mr. Jankov suggested that about three District meetings be held each year, beginning in 1961, all clubs in the District being invited to attend the meetings. For the first time, district reports were read from six Clubs at the Convention, showing a great many varieties of projects undertaken by Clubs.

Mrs. Silver reported at the Convention on a Canada-wide survey she had made for the Association on the work of Horticultural Societies and Garden Clubs at that time. The information she obtained from the provincial Departments of Agriculture showed that the assistance given to Clubs varied widely from one province to another. Most provinces gave at least part-time educational help, and several gave greater financial aid than Nova Scotia. No national horticultural organization was in existence.

A picture contest was suggested, with members to send photos of their homes to be judged and displayed at the Convention.

The new President elected at the Convention, held at Truro, was Lt.-Commr. L.H. Norris, with Mr. W.R. MacDonald as Vice-President. New Directors elected were Mrs. B.J. Comeau and Mr. G. Lewis.

1960-1961 (After 1960 Convention to 1961 Convention):

At the fall executive meeting, the boundaries of the original five Districts were laid down, as follows:

Eastern - Cape Breton Island, Antigonish and Guysborough Counties
Northern - Colchester, Pictou and Cumberland Counties
Western - Yarmouth, Digby, Shelburne, Queens and Annapolis Counties
Central (a) - Kings, Lunenburg and Hants Counties
Central (b) - Halifax County

It was agreed that the President and any other members of the Association executive should also attend the District meetings, where possible.

The Rose Bowl Competition was again held in 1960 for the best community project, and was won by River Philip Garden Club. Seven Clubs entered the contest.

The first District Meetings were held in the spring of 1961, at Truro, Sydney, Meteghan River and Chester, with speakers from the Department of Agriculture, and the meetings were well attended.

The 1961 Convention was held at the Fort Cumberland Hotel, Amherst, on July 15, on the invitation of Amherst Garden Club.

Mr. L.H. Norris continued as President, with Mr. R.F. McCunn being named Vice-President, replacing Mr. W.R. MacDonald who had resigned the office at the May executive meeting. New Directors nominated were Mr. J. Chisholm, Mrs. H. Keddy and Mrs. J.D. MacDonald.

The garden photograph competition was held, and prizes were presented at the Convention, but there is no record of the winners' names in the Convention minutes.

The problem of tent caterpillars on properties of the Department of Highways was raised at the Convention by members of several Clubs.

As several Clubs were interested in receiving copies of the Landscape News for all their members, instead of only three copies for their executive, the suggestion had been made that it be sent out on a subscription basis at 50 cents per year. However, as only 175 subscription requests were received, and a minimum of 250 were required in order to proceed, the project was dropped at that time.

1961-1962:

The Association was asked to stage a floral exhibit at the Nova Scotia Festival of the Arts held in Tatamagouche from August 11-15, 1961. Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Silver were in charge of this project, which was very successful both in regard to flowers received from the Clubs, and in interest created amongst visitors to the Festival, 4,000 of whom signed the Visitors' Book. Garden Clubs in Colchester, Cumberland and Pictou Counties responded to the request for flowers for the exhibit, and a display from the Horticultural Division of the Agricultural College, Truro, was provided by Mr. Jankov and Mr. Morton.

Nine Clubs entered the 1961 Rose Bowl Trophy competition, which was won by Riverport Garden Club.

The Nova Scotia Exhibition Commission invited the Association to appoint a representative to its Board of Directors, and it was decided at the fall executive meeting that Mr. L.H. Norris, President, should represent the Association on the Board.

Early in 1962, Mr. L.H. Norris resigned as President, and his place was taken by Mr. R.F. McCunn, Vice-President, Mr. N.V. Jankov also resigned as Secretary-Treasurer, at the request of Mr. C.M. Collins, Director of Horticulture and Biology Services, on his being transferred to other provincial landscape projects. Mr. Collins later retired, and Mr. G.B. Kinsman took his place as the new Director.

Letters of appreciation were sent to Mr. Collins and Mr. Jankov from the Association.

When Mr. McCunn resigned a few weeks later, Mrs. B.C. Silver, Past-President agreed to act until the new officers were elected at the Convention. Mr. J.L. Chisholm was appointed to replace Mr. Norris as representative on the Provincial Exhibition Commission.

The 1962 Convention was held in New Glasgow on July 21, the host club being New Glasgow Horticultural Society, who were celebrating the 25th anniversary of their formation. During the opening remarks, Mr. Kinsman paid tribute to the Society, and commented on the fact that "the greatest advances in horticulture occur in those areas where people get together with a common interest in an organized way."

The question of individual subscriptions to the Landscape News was again raised, and on this occasion it was agreed to go ahead with the project, the subscription being set at 50 cents per year. Mr. Kinsman indicated that the Department was agreeable to printing the Landscape News provided the Association handled subscription details.

Mr. J.E. Tomkinson was elected President, with Mr. G. Lewis as First Vice-President and Mr. A. Hambleton as Second Vice-President. The new Treasurer was Mr. J.L. Chisholm, the Executive Secretary was Mrs. S. Langley and the Recording Secretary Mrs. J.D. MacDonald. New Directors elected were Mrs. D Gertridge, Mr. C.C. Ferguson, Mr. J. Holmes, Mrs. H.E. Powell and Mr. W. Armstrong. The Directors were allocated to Districts, which were at that time named South Shore-Valley, North Eastern N.S., Cape Breton, Western Shore and Halifax. North Eastern N.S. was later renamed Central N.S., and Northern N.S. added.

Instead of having speakers, the afternoon programme consisted of a number of workshops, on dahlias, perennials, roses, African violets, arrangements and evergreens, ending with a question period.

The Convention ended with a birthday tea, provided by the hosts in honour of their 25th anniversary, and a conducted tour of several local gardens.

CHAPTER 4

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, 1962 - 1967

1962-1963:

With such a general change in leadership, a period of re-organization followed the 1962 Convention. The new executive arranged for a questionnaire to be sent out to the Clubs to find out their views on various topics. New stationery was purchased, and ways and means of improving the Association's financial situation were considered. The Directors were asked to assume more responsibility for contacting Clubs in their areas, and for putting across the idea of the Association and what it could do for individual Clubs.

In addition to the spring and fall meetings of the whole executive, which had now grown considerably in size, a "sub-executive" committee began to hold additional meetings. This eventually led in 1963 to the renaming of the "Executive" as the "Board", and the "Sub-executive" as the "Executive." The first sub-executive committee, during 1962-63, consisted of Mr. J. Tomkinson, Mr. J. Chisholm, Mr. R.S. Morton, Mr. C.C. Ferguson and Mrs. S. Langley. This smaller committee was able to discuss ideas and suggestions, which could then in turn be brought forward to the larger executive, or Board, for final decisions.

The Rose Bowl Trophy, renamed the President's Trophy, was awarded in 1962 to Shelburne Landscape Club, for their work in town improvement, including the placing of hanging flower baskets on the granite face of the new Federal Building.

The Association again exhibited flowers at the Nova Scotia Festival of the Arts, Tatamagouche, in August 1962. In view of the work involved in mounting this exhibit, it was decided to appoint a Committee for the next year's Festival, consisting of members from several of the Clubs in the vicinity.

The suggestion was made by Mr. C. Ferguson that a library of coloured slides be set up, for use by the Clubs as programmes.

Suggestions for new trophies or prizes were considered, among them the Quiz competition, which had been started in the Halifax District on the initiative of Mr. C.R. Wright. At the annual meeting, it was decided to set up a committee to organize the Garden Quiz on a provincial scale, with the finalists meeting at the Convention as part of the programme.

The tenth Annual Convention was held for the first time in Halifax, on July 20, 1963. Halifax County Horticultural Association acted as hosts to the Convention.

For the first time, formal Resolutions were brought before the Convention for consideration, but several had to be deferred as they were not properly or clearly enough worded. Those which were passed included a petition to the Provincial Government to resume the policy of establishing roadside tables, a proposal to increase dues from 10 cents per member, and a resolution to encourage the planting of the Almey crab-apple tree, selected for Canada's centenary. It was also agreed that a Resolutions Committee be set up to handle future Resolutions.

The new slate of officers elected showed only a few changes from the previous year. Mr. J.E. Tomkinson remained as President for a second term. Miss Jean MacDonald became Corresponding Secretary, and Mr. H.T. Selig and Mr. C.R. Wright were elected as Directors. It was pointed out that the Directors would serve for the coming year only and then retire.

The afternoon programme consisted of workshops, followed by a tour of Nantucket Gardens in Dartmouth and tea served by the Dartmouth Garden Clubs.

1963-1964:

In 1963, some 36 Flower Shows were held in the province, not counting County Exhibitions. These included a four-day Flower Exhibit at the Tatamagouche Festival, put on by ten clubs in co-operation.

In the fall of the year, Mr. R.S. Morton and Mr. J.E. Tomkinson went on a fact-finding tour of the New England States, with the objects of obtaining information about the garden club extension work done by state horticulturists, visiting U.S. garden clubs, and gathering information about their methods of training and the qualifications for flower show judging. It was learned that the garden clubs of each state are grouped within a State Federation which, in turn, is affiliated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs. Dues are paid to the State Federation, a portion going to the National Council. In Maine, for example, state assistance consisted at that time almost entirely of extension work in the form of radio and television broadcasts, booklets and literature on topics of help to gardeners.

At the fall Board Meeting, the first Resolutions Committee and a Publicity Committee were appointed, and the increase in membership dues to 20 cents per capita was endorsed, with a minimum total of \$2.00 per club.

The President, Mr. Tomkinson, introduced the idea of an Association Hand-book, to give individual clubs information about the Association's activities and help in their own club work.

The provincial Garden Quiz was set up, with Mr. Chris Wright as Chairman of the Committee to conduct the Quiz.

A Committee was appointed to investigate the establishment of flower judging schools.

Seven district meetings were held in various locations throughout the province, and at several of these meetings workshop sessions took place.

Mrs. B.C. Silver completed the task of compiling the history of the Association up to 1963, and copies were on sale at the 1964 Convention at a cost of 50 cents each. Mrs. Silver was appointed the first Historian of the Association, and was also nominated as the first Life Member, receiving her certificate at the 1964 Convention.

An important milestone was passed in 1964, when it was announced at the July Board Meeting that the first annual grant of \$100 had been received from the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Clare Ferguson suggested that an "Emblem" be designed for members, and a contest for a suitable motto was recommended by the Board.

The Annual Convention was held for the first time in Cape Breton, on July 25th, 1964 at North Sydney, with the North Sydney Garden Club acting as hosts. Another first was the idea of a theme for the Convention, "There's Magic in the Garden." In fact, this was a Convention full of "firsts", as the first provincial Quiz competition took place, with the winner being Glace Bay G.C., and the runner-up Rockingham G.C., only one half point behind. The winners were awarded the James Holmes Memorial Trophy, named in memory of the former director for Cape Breton district, who had passed away suddenly the previous month.

The new President elected was Mr. Gerald Lewis, of Sydney, with Mr. Arthur Hambleton as Vice-President. Miss Jean MacDonald became Recording as well as Corresponding Secretary. New District Directors were Mr. W. A. Prescott and Mrs. Ellen Morrison.

The President's Trophy was awarded to Weymouth G.C., but was not presented until October, 1964.

The Convention concluded with an enjoyable afternoon tea at the Nurses' Residence, Point Edward Hospital, by courtesy of Westmount G.C., and a tour of Ellerbrok's Nursery at Sydney River.

1964-1965:

In this very active year in its history, the Association became affiliated with the National Association of State Garden Clubs, which requested an exchange of ideas, and offered an annual bronze medal to the Association. It was decided to accept the medal, and in the first year it was awarded to Digby Horticultural Society for the most outstanding Flower Show in 1964.

A competition was held to secure a design for the Association Emblem, as mentioned in 1963-64. The Emblem was to be used by members to display on their properties. The competition was won by River Philip Garden Club, who submitted an attractive design of mayflowers (the provincial floral emblem) on a white background within a narrow green circle, with the lettering "Nova Scotia Association Garden Clubs Member" in green around the outside.

A revised Constitution and By-Laws were discussed at the Board Meetings and adopted at the Annual Meeting.

The Association was invited to send a representative to the Annual Convention of the Maine Federation of Garden Clubs at Bar Harbour in June, 1965, and as the President was unable to attend, the Vice-President, Mr. A. Hambleton, took his place. Following the Convention, 50 members of the Maine Federation paid an overnight visit to Yarmouth, where a tour of local gardens was arranged, and a meeting held with members of Western District garden clubs, at the Grand Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Silver also attended, and assisted in according the guests Nova Scotian hospitality.

A Flower Show Judging School was set up, with the aims of increasing the number of judges available, of ensuring that reasonable standards of

competence were attained by the judges, and that recognition would be given by means of certificates or pins to those who had passed the courses. The first School was held in Cape Breton during 1964-65, with 14 members taking part, under the direction of Mrs. E. Morrison.

Five District Meetings took place during the year, with demonstrations, workshops, tours and quiz contests providing varied fare at the meetings.

The Twelfth Annual Convention was held on Friday and Saturday, July 23-24, 1965, at the Agricultural College, Truro, the first since 1957 to be a two-day event. On the Friday evening, the winning slides in the first Colour Slide Contest held by the Association were shown. The slides were of garden views in Nova Scotia, in two categories, general views and close-ups.

With Canada's Centennial Year, 1967, only two years ahead, attention was turned to possible Centennial Projects, and Mrs. B.C. Silver was asked to investigate possibilities. In her report, she suggested that a campaign be mounted to increase the number of clubs to 100 by 1967, and that clubs be encouraged to carry out a tree planting program.

Nineteen clubs took part in the Quiz Contest, with the provincial winner being New Glasgow Horticultural Society, which won over Westmoor Horticultural Society in the finals at the Convention.

The President's Trophy was won by Weymouth Garden Club for the second year in succession.

The guest speaker at the Convention dinner was Hon. I.W. Akerley, Minister of Agriculture.

The new President elected was Mr. Arthur Hambleton, Halifax, with Vice-President Mr. William Prescott and Past President, Mr. Gerald Lewis. New Directors were Mrs. Helen Latta, Mrs. Grace Coates and Mr. R.K. Beckwith.

1965-66:

At the Fall Board Meeting, it was decided to form two new Districts, by splitting Central N.S. into Central N.S. and Eastern N.S., and Valley-South Shore into Valley and South Shore, making eight Districts in all. It was agreed that the Directors of the old Districts should look after the new Districts until new Directors were appointed.

It was also decided to divide the President's Trophy competition for the following year into two classes, one for work of a more permanent nature and the other for Floral Display, such as planting of flower beds. This was due to the difficulty in judging the work done by different clubs. A new Floral Trophy, in the form of a wooden shield, was purchased by the Association for the flower display competition. The first contest for this Trophy was judged for flower beds displayed during the summer of 1966, and the first winner was River Philip Garden Club.

For the same year, the President's Trophy was again won by Weymouth Garden Club, for the third year in succession. This Club had first transformed a dump area beside the old railway station into a beautiful garden, with trees, shrubs, flowers and seats, and then turned its attention to beautifying a

highway intersection, and assisting in setting up a new Public Library close to the intersection. Since the Trophy had been won three times in a row by the Weymouth Club, it was decided to donate it to them permanently.

At the Spring Board Meeting, it was decided to set up Awards of Merit, which would be in the form of certificates, to be presented to members who had done valuable work for the Association. The first two awards were presented at the Convention to Miss Jean MacDonald and Mr. Jud Chisholm.

A Committee was appointed to look into the feasibility of awarding a scholarship in Horticulture, as a Centennial project. The Committee set out its proposals in the form of a Resolution which was passed at the annual meeting. The Resolution stated that "as a Centennial Project, each Member Club and Society of the Association contribute the minimum sum of \$10.00 on or before March 31st, 1967 to provide a scholarship which shall be used to assist the third and fourth year studies of a worthy student from the provincial Agriculture College who desires to major in the field of Horticulture at some Canadian university". The administration of the Scholarship Fund was vested in a committee of five, including the Principal of the College.

A Committee was set up to look into the question of mileage payment for directors attending Board Meetings.

The Association Emblems were in production, at a cost of \$2.50 each to members.

The Cape Breton Judging School continued in progress, and Halifax District expected to start a course in the fall.

A special Association award for Flower Shows was proposed and discussed at Board Meetings.

Seven District meetings were held during the year, with varied and interesting programs.

The Convention was held for the first time in the Western District, at Weymouth on July 29th and 30th, 1966, and Weymouth Garden Club was the host club. The theme was "The Sea Around Us", and 186 members representing 27 clubs attended. The President of the Maine Federation of Garden Clubs, Mrs. J. Utterback, accepted the Association's invitation to attend the Convention, and addressed the meeting, thanking the Association for its reciprocal hospitality.

The guest speaker was Mr. J.A. Tiffin, Past President of the Ontario Horticultural Association, who had come to reside in Yarmouth County. New features of the Convention were a debate, on the subject of "Watering the Garden - Hose versus Hoe", with Mr. Bill Prescott favouring the hose and Mr. Arthur Hambleton speaking for the hoe, and group discussion sessions on various topics, such as conservation, the program library and Centennial projects.

The Association's awards were presented at the conclusion of the dinner for the first time. The National Council medal was presented from this year onwards to an individual who had made an outstanding contribution to gardening in the province. The award in 1966 was made to Mr. Layton Dillman, for his work in laying out the gardens in Dartmouth Park.

A Life Membership certificate was presented to Mr B.C. Silver.

The Quiz Contest was won by North Sydney Garden Club, with Westmoor Horticultural Society as runner-up.

The Slide Contest was again held, with three categories of slides.

Six resolutions were presented at the Convention, of which five were passed. The first was addressed to the C.B.C., and urged that body to extend the time devoted to home gardening on TV to at least 30 minutes each week. The second resolution requested the Provincial Government to enforce legislation regarding dumping of rubbish and litter on highways, and to enact legislation regarding the screening of scrap yards and rubbish dumps. The third resolution passed, urged that Municipal Authorities be encouraged to prevent needless cutting of trees and stripping of topsoil by building contractors and developers. The fourth resolution stressed the Association's support for conservation of Nova Scotia's natural assets, including all wild-life, with strong emphasis on a solution to the water pollution problem. The fifth resolution, concerning the Scholarship Fund, was mentioned earlier.

In 1966, there were 47 clubs and societies, with a total membership of 1,310.

Mr. Arthur Hambleton and Mr. William Prescott continued as President and first Vice-President, with Mr. C.C. Ferguson becoming Second Vice-President. The new Secretary was Mrs. Margaret Hambleton. New District Directors were Mr. W. Prescott, Dr. M. Jackson, Mrs. G. Finley, Mr. O. Murray and Mr. F. Carter.

1966-1967:

This was a very active year for the Association, as special efforts were made to celebrate Canada's Centennial Year in 1967. The Association's most successful Centennial project was the Scholarship in Horticulture. Funds totalling \$360 were contributed by the Clubs, and the Scholarship was awarded to Mr. Michael Keddy, of Kingston, a student of N.S. Agricultural College, to assist him in pursuing a two-year course in Horticulture at MacDonald College, Quebec.

Another special project was a Song Contest, in which entrants were asked to compose a gardening song to a familiar tune. The contest was won by Miss Emma Lewis, North Sydney, with her song "See the Gardens", written to the tune of "Clementine." The entries were published in a song-sheet, which has been used at Conventions and District meetings.

An Essay Contest for school children in Grades 7-9 was another Centennial project. The three prize-winners were all students of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Halifax. In another effort to encourage young people's interest in gardening, Junior Garden Clubs were formed in Glace Bay and Dominion.

At the Fall Board Meeting, it was decided that the Association should have special Quality Award cards for Flower Shows. Three cards would be given to each show, to be awarded for outstanding quality in individual flowers. Guidelines setting out the quality to be attained would be given to the judges.

The question of Directors' travelling expenses was brought up, and at this time was left to the Districts, as funds were not available.

The Cape Breton District Judging School was brought to a successful conclusion, with ten students becoming qualified as Flower Show judges in that area. During the year, new Judging Schools were set up in Halifax and Hebron areas.

As a result of representations from the President, the Provincial Government's annual grant was increased from \$100 to \$200.

A committee was formed to look into the question of providing Third Party Liability Insurance cover for visitors at Flower Shows. The committee obtained a proposal through Mr. R.K. Mann, Halifax, and canvassed the Clubs. As a result, the insurance was put into force, covering 15 clubs for 17 Flower Shows.

During the year, a record number of 13 District Meetings was held, with several Districts having two meetings, in fall and spring. Good attendances were recorded at the meetings, the largest being a crowd of 100 at the Cape Breton District Meeting at Dominion in May, 1967.

A Handbook for the use of District Directors and Club Secretaries was produced during the year, and copies were made available at the Annual Convention. The Handbook covered the topics of How to Organize a Garden Club, with Suggested By-Laws, and sections on Programmes and President, and Information on the N.S.A.G.C., in a question and answer format, including a list of Gardening Publications and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

The Annual Convention was held at St. Mary's University Library, Halifax, on July 21-22, 1967, with the Halifax District Clubs as hosts. The theme, in keeping with Centennial Year, was "One Hundred Years of Change", and a special feature was an interesting talk on "Gardening 1867", by Mrs. B.C. Silver, coupled with a look into the future "Gardening 2067", by Mr. Silver. Mrs. Silver was dressed for the occasion in a Victorian gown and picture hat.

Another special feature, was the introduction of the Awards Banquet, on Saturday evening, with the speaker for the occasion being Dr. Will R. Bird, the well-known author. The Banquet was followed by an evening's entertainment, including square dancing.

In the only resolution presented and passed at the annual meeting, the Association petitioned the Department of Highways to refrain from the indiscriminate use of brushkill to control weeds along the highways.

An amendment to the Constitution was introduced, to provide a new system for deciding the number of Directors for each District. Under the revised system, there would be one Director for a District having up to four Clubs, two Directors for a District with from five to eight Clubs, and so on.

At the Awards Banquet, a magnificent new silver Rose Bowl Trophy was presented to the Association by Leslie R. Fairn & Associates, Architects, Halifax, for permanent beautification competition, to replace the President's Trophy, which had been awarded permanently to Weymouth Garden Club. The presentation was made by Mr. Hugh Fairn.

The National Council Medal was awarded to Mr. Henry Cosnick, nurseryman, of Gardner Mines, for outstanding help to Garden Club members in that area.

The Quiz was won by Dartmouth Horticultural Society, with 17 points, in a

close race with New Glasgow Horticultural Society, $16\frac{1}{2}$ points. Twenty-two Clubs from 7 Districts took part in the contest.

A record number of 105 slides was received for the Slide Contest. The best slides were screened at the Convention.

The new President appointed for the following year was Mr. W.A. ("Bill") Prescott, of Amherst Garden Club, with Mr. R.K. Beckwith as First Vice-President, Mr. C.C. Ferguson, Second Vice-President, Mrs. A.E. Langley as Secretary, Mr. W. McGray as Treasurer, and Mr. A. Hambleton as Past President. New District Directors were Mrs. N. Thompson, Mrs. J.D.N. MacDonald, Mrs. A.P. Yeadon, Mr. C. McGray and Mrs. P. Barkhouse.

CHAPTER 5

STEADY PROGRESS, 1967-1973

1967-1968:

After all the flurry and excitement of Centennial Year, reaction set in, and 1967-1968 was a less active year for the Association, in terms of new projects at any rate. The regular activities of District Meetings, Executive and Board Meetings, Quiz Contests and Annual Convention continued with enthusiasm.

One new project was the purchase and sale to members of decals, to be used as stickers on windshields, windows, luggage, etc. Five thousand (5,000) decals were ordered, printed in the Association's colours of white and green. They were circular in shape, with the mayflower emblem in the centre and "Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs" printed around the outside edge. They were sold at ten cents (10¢) each, or three for twenty-five cents (25¢), (although some enterprising salesmen tried to sell them at two for 25¢!) About 600 were sold in the first year, though the sales did not go as well as expected, mainly due to a ban on the use of decals on the back windows of cars which was imposed about the same time as the Association's decals came on sale.

With an improvement in the Association's financial situation, due to the increased Government grant, it was decided to make an allowance for gasoline expenses to Directors who came to Board Meetings from distant parts of the province.

Mr. R.K. Beckwith of Digby, First Vice-President and Director for Western N.S., resigned on leaving the province to reside in the U.S., and was replaced by Miss J. MacDonald, New Glasgow, as First Vice-President and by Mrs. A. Hjelkrem, Hebron, as Director. A letter of thanks was written to Mr. Beckwith, who had been a very active Board member.

It was decided at the Spring Board Meeting that any Director who was taken sick or unable to travel and fulfil his or her duties, but was still interested in the Association's work, should be made an Honorary Director, so that he or she could attend meetings and participate.

At this meeting, there was discussion regarding an Honorary President, the name of Hon. R.L. Stanfield being mentioned. A motion to amend the Constitution to allow for this office being added was presented to the annual meeting, but as the proper procedure had not been followed no vote was taken.

The Halifax and Hebron Judging Schools proceeded well, with arrangements being made for pupils to act as assistant judges at flower shows.

Several District Meetings were held, the Quiz Contest being featured at most of them.

The Annual Convention was held at the old venue, the Agricultural College, Truro, on July 19-20, 1968, with the Association as hosts, and the theme "Man and His Garden." One of the outstanding features was a panel discussion on "Community Beautification" with panelists Chris Wright, architect, Gerald Milligan, nurseryman, Frank Fillmore, news writer and Reg Lang, Director of Community Planning, and Bob Mann as moderator.

Four resolutions were brought forward at the business meeting. Three of these were passed unanimously, the first commending the CBC for their radio and TV gardening programmes, the second thanking the Department of Agriculture and Marketing for their interest, co-operation and support, and the third asking the government to legislate against the manufacture of non-returnable bottles. A fourth resolution, which proposed that the name of the Association be changed to the Nova Scotia Horticultural Association and that the Constitution be amended to permit individual membership, was discussed at great length, and finally tabled. It was decided that the Board should set up a committee to study the matter further.

At the Awards Banquet on the Saturday evening the guest speaker was Mrs. John MacLean, President, N.S. Women's Institutes.

The recipient of the National Council Medal was Mr. Gordon Warren, Dartmouth, for his assistance to gardeners throughout the Maritime Provinces as the "Maritime Gardener" on radio over many years, and more recently on TV.

The Leslie R. Fairn & Associates Trophy for permanent beautification was awarded to Lyons Brook Garden Club, for transforming a community eyesore into a spot of beauty. The Floral Trophy was won by New Glasgow Horticultural Society for planting and caring for fourteen beds of annuals at various locations.

The Quiz Contest was won by Westmoor Horticultural Society, who defeated North Sydney Garden Club by the narrow margin of one point in the finals.

Life Membership certificates were presented to Mr. Jud Chisholm and Mr. Ken Beckwith, and Merit Award Certificates to Mr. Chris Wright, Mr. Jack Tomkinson, Dr. Milford Jackson and Mr. Arthur Hambleton.

There were no changes in the Executive for the coming year. New Directors were Mrs. F. Robb, Mr. G. Wallace, Mr. A. Hambleton and Mr. J. Harris. Mrs. A. Hambleton was appointed Historian, in place of Mrs. B.C. Silver, who retired from the position.

1968-1969:

This year saw the introduction of the popular Activities Contest, an annual competition among clubs which allows points for the various gardening activities carried out by the club as a whole or by individual members. It was decided to use the Leslie R. Fairn & Associates Trophy as the top award for the contest, and to discontinue the Permanent Beautification contest, which had become less popular. In addition, money prizes were awarded to the top clubs. The first winner of the Activities Contest was North Sydney Garden Club.

A new award, called the Gardener of the Year, was instituted, to be given each year to an outstanding Association member who has done good work for gardening in his or her area. The first winner of this award was Mr. George MacLean, of North Sydney.

Following the discussion at the 1968 Convention, a Committee was appointed to look into the question of changing the name of the Association.

Rules were set up to cover refunds of Convention registration money sent

in advance, to avoid future problems. The positions of Auditor and Chairmen of the Resolutions and Nominating Committees were added to the list of officers to be appointed at the Convention.

The resignation of Mrs. Barkhouse as South Shore Director was accepted, and as difficulties were encountered in obtaining a new Director, it was suggested that the Districts be re-aligned.

District Meetings were again held, but were fewer in number. Two of the Meetings were combined Meetings between two Districts.

The Annual Convention was held on July 18-19, 1969 at Gardiner Centre, Dominion, in Cape Breton, with Dominion Garden Club as hosts, and the theme "Wonderful World of Flowers." The special speaker was Mr. Ray Halward, of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, Ontario, who spoke on "Trees and Bushes for Planting in Nova Scotia."

The eight resolutions presented to the Annual Meeting were discussed and passed unanimously. Most of the resolutions were concerned with the ecology of the province: these suggested the prohibition of non-returnable bottles, completion of landscaping along the highways, banning the spraying programme against weeds along the highways; supported the 'Green Belt' legislation along highways, lakes, rivers and streams, and requested an increase in anti-litter signs and litter cans. Resolutions were also passed requesting radio and TV programmes and leaflets for junior gardeners.

At the Awards Banquet the guest speaker was Dr. Michael Laffin, M.L.A. The National Council Medal was awarded posthumously to Mr. Roscoe Fillmere, author of "Green Thumbs" and "The Growing Question", and other books helpful to gardeners in the Maritimes.

The Provincial Quiz winners were North Sydney Garden Club, with Halifax Horticultural Society as runners-up. The North Sydney Club also won the Floral Trophy.

Four classes of colour slides were judged in the Slide Contest, and a special prize was awarded for the Best Slide in Show to Mr. Clare Ferguson, New Glasgow.

An Award of Merit was presented to Mrs. Neil Thompson, Dominion, for her outstanding work as Convention Chairman.

Special mention must be made of the lively entertainment arranged by the Cape Breton Clubs for this Convention. On the Friday evening, an amusing "Hat Show" was presented by the ladies, and on Saturday evening there was a dance and a slide show by Mr. Henry Cosnick.

The new President for the following year was Miss Jean MacDonald, New Glasgow, with First Vice-President Mr. W.H. Armstrong, Dartmouth, and Second Vice-President Mr. C.C. Ferguson, New Glasgow. The Secretary was Mrs. E.J. Eastwood, the Treasurer Mr. G. Finley, and Past President Mr. W.A. Prescott. New Directors were Mrs. Y. Johnstone, Mrs. D. McInnis, Mr. W.D. Fowlie and Mrs. J.J. Holmes.

1969-1970:

Probably the most important feature of this year's activities was the work of the Committee set up in 1969 to consider changing the name of the Association. The Committee reported in May 1970 that a few suggestions had been received, such as "Nova Scotia Horticultural Association" or "Nova Scotia Gardening Association". A subsequent referendum of the Clubs conducted by mail showed a majority of 25 to 2 clubs in favour of not changing the name.

The Committee also studied the question of admitting individual members to the Association, and drafted an amendment to the Constitution permitting such members who were not members of garden clubs or horticultural societies to become Association members, on payment of annual dues of \$2.00 per member, or \$3.00 per family, to include subscription to the Landscape News, one copy per family. The amendment was passed at the Annual Meeting.

A further suggestion of the Committee's that the Association annual dues for ordinary members, who were garden club members, be changed from 20¢ with optional purchase of Landscape News for an extra 50¢, to 75¢ per person or \$1.00 per family, including Landscape News, was deferred.

An interesting event which took place in May, 1970, was the ceremonial planting of a "Friendship Tree" donated to the Association by the Carissa Garden Club, St. Augustine Beach, Florida. The planting of these trees in many parts of the world was the aim of the Carissa Club's World Gardening Programme. The Association decided that the tree should be planted in Halifax Public Gardens, where it would be seen by many people. The late Mr. George Power, then Superintendent of Parks and Gardens for the City of Halifax, was approached for ideas for a suitable tree, and suggested a variety of rowan or mountain ash which had been hybridized in the U.S.A. As the rowan also has connections with Scotland, this choice was deemed very appropriate. The tree was accepted by Miss Jean MacDonald, President, and planted by Mayor Allan O'Brien of Halifax, who also unveiled the suitably engraved plaque which was placed nearby. A short reception arranged by the Halifax District Clubs followed the ceremony.

The Association purchased a number of prize seals, to be offered to Clubs for use at their Flower Shows. Seals were donated by the Association to some of the smaller Clubs, to assist them in putting on their Shows.

Since many Clubs had requested material for programmes, steps were taken to provide this by preparing two sets of slides on Nova Scotia gardens from Slide Contest duplicates, and by setting up a film library committee to purchase and take charge of films. It was also proposed that a series of slide sets on individual gardening topics be prepared.

Liability insurance, which had previously only covered Flower Shows, was extended to the District Meetings and Annual Convention at no extra charge.

Suggestions for future action included a charter tour to Britain in May, 1972, in time for the Chelsea Flower Show, and the purchase of a die for striking bronze medals, to be presented to club members for outstanding work.

The Annual Convention took place on July 24-25, 1970, at the N.S. Agricultural College, Truro, with the theme "The World of Insects", which

provided a background for the programme. Several of the talks and workshop sessions dealt with insects, good and bad, and the problems and benefits they provide.

A record number of 17 resolutions were presented at the Annual Meeting. Some which were of similar nature were combined for voting purposes. The "conservation" resolutions passed included the proposed banning of non-returnable containers, concern over the exploitation of sand and gravel beaches and the unsightly condition of gravel pits, the suggested purification of effluent being discharged into Boat Harbour, Pictou County, the suggestion that future new industries have adequate safeguards against air and water pollution, and the clearing up of unsightly premises.

Other resolutions included one of thanks to the Department of Agriculture and Marketing for their support during the year, and complimentary resolutions to the Department of Highways for their Anti-Litter programme and the "Green Belt" legislation. Requests were made for programmes for youth groups to help preserve the natural beauty of the province, for the provision of more picnic tables and for a programme of ornamental planting in the interchanges of the 100 series highways.

At the Awards Banquet, the guest speaker was the Hon. Harvey A. Veniot, Minister of Agriculture and Marketing. A special award of a silver cup was made to Mr. Percy Wallace of Dartmouth, on his retirement from dahlia growing, in appreciation of his many years spent in improving dahlias, and his generous help to all gardeners. Mr. Wallace hybridized 18 named dahlias, including one named after himself, a signal honour.

The National Council Medal was awarded to Mrs. Mary Dauphinee, of Second Peninsula, Lunenburg Co., for her helpful advice to the many gardeners who visited her beautiful garden, and given in her column "Through the Garden Gate" in the 'Lunenburg Progress-Enterprise."

The Quiz Contest was won by Great Village Garden Club, with Lyons Brook Garden Club runners-up. In the Slide Contest, the prize for the best slide was won by Mr. W.H. Armstrong, Dartmouth.

The Activities Contest was won by Halifax Horticultural Society, who received the Leslie R. Fairn & Associates Trophy.

There were two "Gardeners of the Year", Clare Ferguson of New Glasgow and Arthur Hambleton of Halifax. Both were awarded "Golden" Shovels and cash prizes.

Awards of Merit were presented to Gerald Lewis, Victor Durkee, Wilfred Armstrong and Clare Ferguson, and a Life Membership to Jack Tomkinson.

A report on the activities at this Convention would be incomplete without mentioning the appearance of "Millie" Jackson, and "her" telephone conversation with "Blanche", which stopped the show at the Social Hour on Friday evening.

The only changes in the executive for the following year were the election of Dr. M.R. Jackson as Second Vice-President and Mr. Arthur Hambleton as Treasurer. New District Directors were Mr. W. McGray and Mrs. S. McGovern.

The Auditor was Mr. W.D. Fowlie.

1970-1971:

This year saw the introduction of the Association's own Bronze Medals, to be awarded annually for service to the gardening community. The medallion has the mayflower emblem in the centre, with the Association's name around the edge, and is engraved on the reverse side with the recipient's name and the year of awarding. The first four Medals were awarded to Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Sydney, Capt. T.H. Carroll, Halifax, Mrs. Alice Harris, Truro and Dr. A.E. Roland, Truro.

As a gesture of friendship, four All-America award winning rose bushes were presented to Mr. D.L. Parks, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, and were planted in the garden of his home in Halifax, in June, 1971. The bushes were presented by Miss Jean MacDonald, Association President, and Mr. Wilf Armstrong; Mr. Arthur Hambleton and Mr. R.S. Morton assisted in planting them.

At the Spring Board Meeting, Mr. R.S. Morton displayed new N.S.A.G.C. flower show entry tags, which had been designed to be used by any Club, and to take either the stick-on seals or ribbons. The tags were put on sale to Clubs at \$3.00 per 100.

The proposed trip to Europe in 1972 was discussed and publicized among Club members.

A discussion took place at the Fall Board Meeting as to why some Clubs were losing interest and attendance was falling. The total number of Clubs had dropped to thirty-nine (39), with 1,064 members. Many Clubs were finding it difficult to recruit new active members, and a Club which lost a few key officers could often fold up very quickly.

Amongst new ideas put forward, at Board Meetings, were suggestions for day-long clinics for members with specialized interests, either at District or Provincial level, a class for Club executives, a Gardeners' Week, and contacting business districts to encourage merchants to improve their properties.

An electric portable typewriter was purchased for the use of the Secretary.

The Halifax Judging School was completed with an examination held in September, 1970. Certificates were presented to six new judges at the Halifax District Meeting in October.

In response to requests from some members, the Convention was held on a later week-end, August 6-7, at the N.S. Agricultural College. The Halifax District Clubs were hosts, and the theme was "Cool, Clear Water." As can be seen from the Convention programme, many of the topics covered were connected with the role of water in the garden, as for example, the debate "Resolved that Rain Water is more Beneficial to Gardeners than Tap Water." Several of the speakers were lecturers from the College, and Mr. Gordon Warren also gave a talk.

Seven resolutions were dealt with at the Annual Meeting. New subjects raised were regret to the CBC at the loss of the Maritime Gardener TV programme, encouragement of the Provincial Government's programme to eradicate ragweed, a suggestion that the Provincial Government issue a monthly statement of the progress in controlling pollution, and stressing the importance of informing the public that pesticides should be used as per instructions on the container.

At the Awards Banquet, the National Council Medal was awarded to Mr. John MacLean of Sydney, for his work among the Clubs in his District. The popular choice for "Gardener of the Year" was Bill Prescott, of Amherst Garden Club, who was awarded a shield and cash prize.

The Activities Contest was won by North Sydney Garden Club; the Provincial Quiz was won by Forties Garden Club, with runners-up North Sydney Garden Club and Pictou and Westmoor Horticultural Societies.

In the Slide Contest, the prize for the Best Slide was won by Kathy Johnston, North Sydney, and the Floral Trophy was won by Amherst Garden Club.

The new President for the following year was Mr. Wilfred Armstrong, Dartmouth, with First Vice-President, Dr. Milford Jackson and Second Vice-President, Mr. Jack Harris, and Secretary, Mrs. Belle Holmes. The Past President was Miss Jean MacDonald and Executive Member-at-large was Mr. Bill Prescott. The only new Director was Mrs. Raymond Wilkie.

1971-1972:

The highlight of this season's activities was undoubtedly the trip to Britain and Europe undertaken by 46 members of the Association, under the able leadership of Dr. Milford Jackson, North Sydney, in May, 1972. The whole group flew to London, then 29 continued by train, ship and motor coach to Holland, Luxembourg and Belgium, viewing a floral display at Amsterdam en route. Thirty-seven (37) members went on a six-day trip from London to Scotland by motor coach, returning to London in time to view the Chelsea Flower Show before flying back to Nova Scotia.

Master Judging Certificates were prepared for presentation to experienced Flower Show Judges of many years' standing. It was proposed that these certificates would also be awarded in later years to Judging School graduates, after they had gained sufficient experience, by judging at least 10 Shows, in the sections for which they were qualified.

A portable public address system for use at District Meetings and the Annual Convention was purchased by the Association.

The title of the Film Library Committee was changed to Program Library, in order to include all program material except that requiring special equipment. A set of slides showing the steps in growing dahlias was provided by Wilfred Armstrong, as part of his President's Project. It was hoped to add similar sets on other topics, such as roses, glads, etc. Clare Ferguson was appointed permanent Custodian of the Program Library.

In conjunction with the Annual Convention, a Floral Bouquet contest was started, at the suggestion of Bill Prescott. Each Club was invited to enter a

basket of flowers, thus providing a lovely floral display for the Convention Hall. The contest winners were North Sydney, Pictou, Dartmouth and Great Village.

The Slide Contest and the Floral Trophy Contest were held in abeyance this year, due to lack of interest in the previous year.

The 19th Annual Convention was held on August 4-5, 1972, at the N.S. Agricultural College, with the Cape Breton Clubs as hosts. The theme of the Convention, which was "The Good Earth", was carried out in various talks on soil, organic gardening and fertilizers. The special speaker was Capt. Richard Steele, whose topic was "Rhododendrons and Azaleas in Nova Scotia."

Five resolutions were passed at the Annual Meeting. Two of these concerned the encouragement of school gardening and the drive to prohibit non-returnable bottles. The other three were courtesy resolutions, of thanks to the Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural College and the Convention Committee.

A new feature at the Annual Convention was the Past Presidents' Club. The immediate Past President, Miss Jean MacDonald, introduced the Association's former Presidents, of whom all except three were present at the 1972 Convention. Each of the Past Presidents' Club members gave a brief talk on his or her present activities.

At the Awards Banquet, the N.S.A.G.C. Bronze Medals were presented to Mr. Gordon Kinsman, Capt. Richard Steele and Dr. George Swaine.

Mr. Jesse B. Saunders, of West Paradise, near Lawrencetown, was awarded the National Council Medal, for his work over many years in connection with the Flower Section of the Annapolis County Exhibition, and his help to gardeners in that area.

Mrs. Rita McTimoney, from Westmount, C.B., was named "Gardener of the Year", the first lady to be accorded this honour.

North Sydney Garden Club were again winners of the Activities Contest, with Halifax Horticultural Society as close runners-up, and Hillcrest Landscape Club third.

The Provincial Quiz was won by Cobequid Garden Club.

There was no change in the Executive for the following season, Mr. Wilfred Armstrong remaining as President. The only new Director was Mrs. Vernon Eaton, Great Village.

1972-1973:

At the time of writing (January, 1973), the year is only half over and many of the Association's activities are still in the future. Preparations are already in hand for the 20th Annual Convention, to be held on August 3-4, 1973, at the N.S. Agricultural College, with the Pictou County Clubs acting as hosts. The very appropriate theme will be "Twenty Bloomin(g) Years in the Garden"!

The President's Project for the year is the printing of this History.

A policy was set out at the Fall Board Meeting for mileage payment for Board members coming from a distance.

It was agreed that all recipients of National Council of State Garden Clubs" Medals, both past and future, be given Honorary Life Membership in the Association.

The Slide Contest will again be held this year.

A second European trip is in the planning stages for 1974.

APPENDIX 1

LIST OF PRESIDENTS, 1955-1973

1955	Clare C. Ferguson
1956	Clare C. Ferguson
1957	William L. Forsyth
1958	Mrs. Muriel M. Gardner
1959	Mrs. Muriel M. Gardner
1960	Mrs. Marietta M. Silver
1960-1961	Lew H. Norris
1961-1962	Lew H. Norris
1962-1963	Jack E. Tomkinson
1963-1964	Jack E. Tomkinson
1964-1965	Gerald Lewis
1965-1966	Arthur Hambleton
1966-1967	Arthur Hambleton
1967-1968	William A. Prescott
1968-1969	William A. Prescott
1969-1970	Miss Jean MacDonald
1970-1971	Miss Jean MacDonald
1971-1972	Wilfred H. Armstrong
1972-1973	Wilfred H. Armstrong

APPENDIX II

LIST OF OFFICERS, 1954-1973

Note: In this list, the months and years for all terms of office up to July, 1960, are shown. After that date, all terms ran from July to July; therefore, only the years are given, except in the special circumstances noted.

- ARMSTRONG, Wilfred H., Dartmouth. Director, Halifax, 1962-1965. First Vice-President, 1969-1971. President, 1971- .
- BARKHOUSE, Honey (Mrs. Philip), New Ross. Director, South Shore, 1967-1968.
- BEATTIE, Gertrude (Mrs. Gordon), Pictou. Director, July, 1959-1961.
- *BECKWITH, R. Kenneth, Digby. Director, Western N.S., 1965-March, 1968 (resigned). First Vice-President, 1967-March, 1968 (resigned).
- BROWN, Ruth (Mrs.), Shelburne. Director, July, 1957-October, 1957 (resigned).
- CARTER, Francis C., Lower Sackville. Director, Halifax, 1966-1968.
- CHAMBERS, Jessie (Mrs. Andres), Brule. Convention Committee, July, 1954-January, 1955.
- CHISHOLM, Judson L., Great Village. Director, 1961-1962. Treasurer, 1962-1967.
- COATES, Grace (Mrs. George), Bedford. Director, Halifax, 1965-1967.
- COMEAU, Jacqueline (Mrs. Bernard J.), Meteghan River. Director, 1960-1962.
- EASTWOOD, Kathleen (Mrs. Edward J.), New Glasgow. Secretary, 1969-1971.
- EATON, Eileen (Mrs. Vernon), Great Village. Director, Central N.S., 1972- .
- FENTON, Ena (Mrs. Myron W.), Bedford. Convention Committee, July, 1954-January, 1955.
- FERGUSON, Clare C., New Glasgow. Convention Committee, July, 1954-January, 1955. Executive Committee Chairman, January, 1955-September, 1955. President, September, 1955-December, 1956. Past President, December, 1956-October, 1957. Director, October, 1957-July, 1958. Director, N. Eastern N.S., 1962-1963. Director, Central N.S., 1963-1966. Second Vice-President, 1966-1970. Chairman, Slide Library, 1966-1971. Custodian, Programme Library, 1971- .
- FINLEY, Gerald E., Truro. Treasurer, 1969-1970.
- FINLEY, Hazel (Mrs. Gerald E.), Truro. Director, Central N.S., 1966-1970.

*Deceased

- FORSYTH, William L., Halifax. Executive Committee, January, 1955-September, 1955. Vice-President, September, 1955-December, 1956. President, December, 1956-October, 1957. Past President, October, 1957-October, 1959.
- FOWLIE, William D., Armdale. Director, Halifax, 1969 . Auditor, 1970- . Chairman, Nominating Committee, 1970-1972.
- GARDNER, Muriel (Mrs. M. M.), Bridgewater. Director, July, 1957-October, 1957. President, October, 1957-October, 1959. Past President, October, 1959-July, 1960.
- GERTRIDGE, Mrs. Dean, Gaspereau. Director, South Shore-Valley, 1962-1963.
- *GORDON, Rev. C. Earle, Truro. Director, July, 1956-December, 1956. Vice-President, December, 1956-October, 1957.
- HAMBLETON, Arthur, Halifax. Second Vice-President, 1962-1964. Vice-President, 1964-1965. President, 1965-1967. Past President, 1967-1969. Director, Halifax, 1968-1970. Treasurer, 1970- .
- HABMLETON, Margaret (Mrs. Arthur), Halifax. Secretary, 1966-1967. Historian, 1968- .
- HARRIS, Jack, D. Bear River. Director, Western N.S., 1968- . Second Vice-President, 1971- . Chairman, Nominating Committee, 1972- .
- HJELKREM, Annik (Mrs. Ove), Hebron. Director, Western N.S., 1967-1971.
- *HOLMES, James J., Sydney. Director, Cape Breton, 1962-June, 1964. (deceased).
- HOLMES, Belle (Mrs. James J.), Dartmouth. Director, Halifax, 1969-1971. Secretary, 1971- .
- JACKSON, Dr. Milford R., North Sydney. Director, Cape Breton, 1966-1968. Chairman, Nominating Committee, 1969-1970. Second Vice-President, 1970-1971. First Vice-President, 1971 . Chairman, Awards Committee, 1970-1972.
- JANKOV, Nicholas V., Truro. Landscape Advisor, N.S. Dept. of Agriculture & Marketing, 1945-1964. Convention Committee, July, 1954-January, 1955. Executive Committee, January, 1955-September, 1955. Secretary-Treasurer, July, 1956-April, 1962 (resigned).
- JANKOV, Margaret (Mrs. Nicholas V.), Truro. Executive Committee, January, 1955-September, 1955. Secretary-Treasurer, September, 1955-July, 1956.
- JOHNSTONE, Yvonne (Mrs. Earle), North Sydney. Director, Cape Breton, 1969- .
- JOUDRIE, Cyril, Middleton. Director, July, 1958-July, 1959.
- KEDDY, Frances (Mrs. Hibbert), New Ross. Convention Committee, July, 1954-January, 1955. Director, 1961-1962.

*Deceased

- LANGLEY, Sine (Mrs. Calvin), Truro. Corresponding Secretary, 1962-1963. Secretary, 1967-1969.
- *LATTA, Helen (Mrs. Walter), River Hebert. Director, Northern N.S., 1965-1966.
- LEMOINE, Robert E., Halifax. Convention Committee, July, 1954-January, 1955.
- LEWIS, Gerald A., Sydney, Director, 1960-1962. First Vice-President, 1962-1964. President, 1964-1965. Past President, 1965-1967.
- McCUNN, Raymond F., River Philip. Vice-President, 1961-April, 1962. Acting President, April 1962-May, 1962.
- MacCUNN, Winnifred (Miss), Bridgewater. Director, July, 1957-October, 1957, October, 1958-July, 1960. Vice-President, October, 1957-October, 1958.
- MacDONALD, Dorothy (Mrs. Jock D.), Armdale. Director, 1961-1962. Recording Secretary, 1962-1964.
- MacDONALD, Jean (Miss), New Glasgow. Executive Secretary, 1963-1964. Recording and Corresponding Secretary, 1964-1965. Secretary, 1965-1966. First Vice-President, March, 1968-July, 1969. President, 1969-1971. Chairman, Resolutions Committee, 1969-1971. Past President, 1971- .
- MacDONALD, Marion (Mrs. J.D.N.), Middle Musquodoboit. Director, Halifax, 1967-1969.
- MacDONALD, William R., Sydney. Director, July, 1958-October, 1959. Vice-President, October, 1959-May, 1961 (resigned).
- McGOVERN, Shirley (Mrs. John), Lower Sackville. Director, Halifax, 1970- .
- McGRAY, Clarence, Hebron. Director, Western N.S., 1967-1968. Honorary Director, 1968-1969.
- McGRAY, Warren, Truro. Treasurer, 1967-1969. Director, Central N.S., 1970-1972.
- McINNES, Jenny (Mrs. Donald), Lyons Brook. Director, Eastern N.S., May, 1969-July, 1971.
- McNUTT, Lenore (Mrs. Carl), Truro. Director, July, 1959-July, 1961.
- MORRISON, Ellen (Mrs.), Glace Bay. Director, Cape Breton, 1964-1966.
- MORTON, Richard S., Truro. Assistant Horticulturist, N.S. Dept. of Agriculture & Marketing, 1953-1958. Landscape Specialist, N.S. Dept. of Agriculture & Marketing, 1958-1964. Horticulturist-Ornamentals, N.S. Dept. of Agriculture & Marketing, 1964- . Co-Editor, "Landscape News", 1958. Dept. of Agriculture Observer, July, 1959-July, 1962. Dept. of Agriculture Representative, 1962- . Chairman, Awards Committee, 1972- .
- MURRAY, Margaret (Mrs. George), Bridgewater. Executive Committee, January, 1955-September, 1955. Director, September, 1955-July, 1958.
- MURRAY, Olding, New Glasgow. Director, 1966-1968.

*Deceased

- NICHOLS, Lillian (Mrs. Harold), Digby. Director, July, 1958-July, 1960.
- NORRIS, Ir.-Commdr. Lew H., Chester. Director, July, 1959-July, 1960. President, 1960-March, 1962. (resigned).
- *OLAND, David F., Halifax. Director, July, 1959-July, 1961.
- POWELL, Alice (Mrs. H.W.), Weymouth. Director, Western N.S., 1962-1965.
- PRESCOTT, William A., Baie Verte, N.B. Director, Northern N.S., 1964-1965, 1966-Vice-President, 1965-1966. First Vice-President, 1966-1967. President, 1967-1969. Past President, 1969-1971. Chairman, Resolutions Committee, 1969-1971. Executive Member-at-Large, 1971- .
- REID, Matthew, Bible Hill. Convention Committee, July, 1954-January, 1955. Director, July, 1957-July, 1960.
- ROBB, Freda (Mrs. Donald), Westmount, C.B. Director, Cape Breton, 1968- .
- SELIG, H. Ted, Wilmot Station. Director, Valley-South Shore, 1963-1966. Director, Valley, 1966- .
- SILVER, Marietta (Mrs. B.C.), Bedford. Director, July, 1958-October, 1958. Vice-President, October, 1959-October, 1959. President, October, 1959-July, 1960. Past President, 1960-1964. Acting President, May, 1962-July, 1962. Historian, 1963-1968.
- THOMPSON, Clara (Mrs. Neil), Dominion. Director, Cape Breton, 1967-1969.
- TOMKINSON, Jack E., Pictou Landing. President, 1962-1964. Past President, 1964-1965. Chairman, Awards Committee, 1969-1970.
- WALLACE, George, Eureka. Director, Eastern N.S., July, 1968-May, 1969. Honorary Director, May, 1969-July, 1970.
- WILKIE, Hazel (Mrs. R.), Pictou. Director, Eastern N.S., 1971- .
- WRIGHT, Christopher R., Lower Sackville. Director, Halifax, 1963-1966.
- YEADON, Shirley (Mrs. Albert P.), Halifax. Director, Halifax, 1967-1969.
- ZINCK, Robert, Hantsport. Executive Committee, January, 1955-September, 1955. Director, September, 1955-July, 1957.

*Deceased

APPENDIX III

LIST OF DISBANDED CLUBS, 1957-1973

Legend:

C.I.A. - Civic Improvement Association	H.S. - Horticultural Society
C.C. - Community Club	L.C. - Landscape Club
G.C. - Garden Club	R.B.G. - Rural Beautification Group
H.I.C. - Home Improvement Club	V.L.A. - Veterans' Land Act
	W.I. - Women's Institute

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Amelia G.C.	Halifax	Deep Brook	Digby
Antigonish G.C.	Antigonish	Deerfield	Yarmouth
Antigonish H.S.	Antigonish		
Arichat G.C.	Richmond	Ellenvale G.C.	Halifax
Aspen G.C.	Guysborough	Enfield G.C.	
Avonport G.C.	Kings		
		Falmouth G.C.	Hants
Baccaro-Port		Fenwood G.C.	Halifax
Latour G.C.	Shelburne		
Baddeck G.C.	Victoria	Gaspereau G.C.	Kings
Balmoral Mills	Colchester	Glenholme G.C.	Colchester
Barrington		Goodwill C.G.	Colchester
Passage L.C.	Shelburne	Greenfield, G.C.	Queens
Basinview G.C.	Halifax	Green Thumbs G.C.	
Beaverbank R.B.G.	Halifax	(Caledonia)	Queens
Bedford V.L.A.	Halifax	Greenwich G.C.	Kings
Belle Cote R.B.G.	Inverness	Grindstone G.C.	Inverness
Belliveau's		Guysborough G.C.	Guysborough
Cove G.C.	Digby		
Big Bras d'Or G.C.	Victoria	Havre Boucher	
Border G.C.	Cumberland	G.C.	Antigonish
Bridgeville C.C.	Pictou	Heatherbell G.C.	Pictou
Bridgeview G.C.	Halifax	Heather G.C.	Halifax
Brightwood G.C.	Halifax	Hebron G.C.	Yarmouth
Brookvale G.C.	Halifax		
Brule Shore G.C.	Colchester		
		Inverness R.B.G.	Inverness
Cheticamp G.C.	Inverness	Joffre St. G.C.	Halifax
Churchill G.C.	Pictou		
Clementsvalle	Digby	Kennetcook G.C.	Hants
Concession G.C.	Digby	Kentville G.C.	Kings
Copper Lake G.C.	Antigonish	Kentville H.S.	Kings
Coxheath G.C.	Cape Breton		
Crichton Park H.S.	Halifax	Lake Charles G.C.	Halifax
Curry's Corner G.C.	Hants	Lake Vaughan G.C.	Yarmouth

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Lily-of-Valley G.C.	Halifax	Onslow V.L.A. G.C.	Colchester
Liverpool G.C.	Queens	Oxford G.C.	Cumberland
Liverpool H.S.	Queens		
Lorneville R.B.G.	Cumberland	Pansy G.C.	Halifax
Louisbourg Home & School C.C.	Cape Breton	Parrsboro	Cumberland
Lower Ohio C.C.	Shelburne	Petit de Grat H.I.C.	Richmond
Lower Ship Harbour G.C.	Halifax	Pinehurst C.I.A.	Halifax
Lunenburg G.C.	Lunenburg	Plymouth C.G.	Pictou
		Port Clyde G.C.	Shelburne
Maple Grove G.C. (Salmon River)	Colchester	Port Williams G.C.	Kings
Maple Leaf G.C.	Pictou	Pubnico Lower East	Yarmouth
Margaree Forks	Inverness		
Margaretsville G.C.	Annapolis	River Hebert G.C.	Cumberland
Marion MacDonald G.C.	Halifax	River John G.C.	Pictou
Martin's River G.C.	Lunenburg	Rockingham H.S.	Halifax
		Rose G.C.	Hants
Mayflower G.C.	Halifax	St. Anne's G.C.	Victoria
Medway G.C.	Shelburne	St. Bernard G.C.	Digby
Melrose G.C.	Guysborough	St. Peter's G.C.	Richmond
Melrose Ave. G.C.	Halifax	Sand Beach W.I.	Yarmouth
Merigomish G.C.	Pictou	Scotsburn G.C.	Pictou
Middle Musquodoboit	Halifax	Sheet Harbour Memorial Group	Halifax
Middle Sackville G.C.	Halifax	Shubenacadie G.C.	Hants
Milford G.C.	Hants	Silver's Hill G.C.	Halifax
Mountain View G.C.	Kings	Smith's Cove G.C.	Digby
Mount Hillview G.C.	Halifax	Soil Dusters G.C. (Pubnico Head)	Yarmouth
Mulgrave G.C.	Guysborough	Sonora G.C.	Guysborough
Murray Hill Drive	Halifax	South Bar G.C.	Cape Breton
New Annan G.C.	Colchester		
New Minas V.L.A.	Kings	South Side R.B.G.	Victoria
New Waterford G.C.	Cape Breton	South Street G.C.	Cape Breton
Nine Mile River W.I.	Hants	Stellarton G.C.	Pictou
Normandy Ave. G.C.	Colchester	Stewiacke East G.C.	Colchester
North West Arm G.C.	Cape Breton	Sydney, H.S.	Cape Breton
		Sydney River G.C.	Cape Breton
		Tracadie R.B.G.	Antigonish
		Tupperville R.B.G.	Annapolis
		Upper Kennetcook G.C.	Hants
		Upper Rawdon R.B.G.	Hants

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Veterans' G.C.	Pictou
Walton Drive G.C.	Halifax
Wedgeport G.C.	Yarmouth
Wentworth Sta. G.C.	Cumberland
West Kings G.C.	Kings
West New Annan Farm Forum Group	Cumberland
White Rock C.C.	Kings
Whitney Pier G.C.	Cape Breton
Woodlawn Heights G.C.	Halifax
Wolfville G.C.	Kings
Yarmouth North G.C.	Yarmouth

APPENDIX IV

LIST OF AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY:

Silver Rose Bowl presented to the Association by Mrs. M.M. Gardner, President, 1957-59, and awarded to Clubs for permanent beautification projects.

- 1958 - Mira Gut G.C.
- 1959 - Admiral Digby H.S.
- 1960 - River Philip G.C.
- 1961 - Riverport G.C.
- 1962 - Shelburne L.C.
- 1963 - Forties G.C.
- 1964 - Weymouth G.C.
- 1965 - Weymouth G.C.
- 1966 - Weymouth G.C.

Since Weymouth Garden Club had won the President's Trophy three times in succession, the Rose Bowl was awarded permanently to this Club.

JAMES HOLMES MEMORIAL TROPHY:

Silver Tray presented by the Association and named in memory of former Cape Breton District Director, James Holmes of Westmount. It is awarded to the Provincial Winner of the Garden Quiz Contest.

- 1964 - Glace Bay G.C.
- 1965 - New Glasgow H.S.
- 1966 - North Sydney G.C.
- 1967 - Dartmouth H.S.
- 1968 - Westmoor H.S.
- 1969 - North Sydney G.C.
- 1970 - Forties G.C.
- 1971 - Forties G.C.
- 1972 - Cobequid G.C.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Certificate presented by the Association to an individual member for long and honourable service.

1964 - Mrs. Marietta Silver

1965 - None

1966 - Mr. B.C. Silver

1967 - None

1968 - Mr. Judson L. Chisholm
Mr. R. Kenneth Beckwith

1969 - None

1970 - Mr. Jack E. Tomkinson

1971 - None

1972 - None

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS MEDAL:

Bronze Medal donated annually by National Council of State Garden Clubs of the U.S.A. to the N.S.A.G.C., and awarded by the Association to an individual, not necessarily an Association member, for outstanding work in gardening.

- 1965 - In the first year of presentation, the Medal was awarded to the Club having the most outstanding Flower Show in the previous year -Admiral Digby H.S.
- 1966 - Mr. Layton Dillman, Dartmouth, for outstanding work in laying out and constructing Dartmouth Park.
- 1967 - Mr. Henry Cosnick, Gardiner Mines, for outstanding help to Garden Club members in Cape Breton.
- 1968 - Mr. Gordon Warren, Dartmouth, for his help to gardeners throughout the Maritime Provinces as the "Maritime Gardener" on radio and T.V.
- 1969 - Posthumously awarded to Mr. Roscoe Fillmore, Dartmouth, author of "Green Thumbs" and "The Growing Question", and other books helpful to gardeners in the Maritimes.
- 1970 - Mrs. Mary Dauphinee, Second Peninsula, Lunenburg Co., for work among local Garden Clubs and writing "Over the Garden Wall" column in the "Lunenburg Enterprise."

- 1971 - Mr. John MacLean, Sydney, for his work among the Clubs in his District.
- 1972 - Mr. Jesse B. Saunders, West Paradise, near Lawrencetown, for his work over many years in connection with the 4-H Clubs and the Flower Section of the Annapolis County Exhibition, and help to gardeners in that area.

SLIDE CONTEST:

Certificates awarded annually by Association to First, Second and Third place winners in various classes. Also, from 1969 onwards, Prize for Best Slide in Show.

Note: Only First place winners in each Class are listed below.

1965 - General View - N.D. MacLeod, Normandy Avenue.

Close-up - F. Yuill, Normandy Avenue.

1966 - Class A, General View - C.C. Ferguson, New Glasgow

Class B, Close-up - W.H. Armstrong, Dartmouth

Class C, Flower Show - Miss J. Dunn, Halifax

1967 - Class 1, General View - W.H. Armstrong, Dartmouth

Class 2, Close-up - J.H. Ferguson, Kingston.

Class 3, Flower Show - Miss J. Dunn, Halifax.

1968 - Class 1, General View - K. Johnstone, North Sydney.

Class 2, Close-up - W.H. Armstrong, Dartmouth.

Class 3, Flower Show - W.H. Armstrong, Dartmouth.

1969 - Class 1, General View - C.C. Ferguson, New Glasgow.

Class 2, Close-up - E. MacKay, Bear River.

Class 3, Flower Show - C.C. Ferguson, New Glasgow.

Class 4, Fall Scenes - C.C. Ferguson, New Glasgow.

Best Slide in Show - C.C. Ferguson, New Glasgow.

1970 - Class 1, General View - W.D. Fowlie, Halifax.

Class 2, Close-up - W.H. Armstrong, Dartmouth.

Class 3, Flower Show - Dr. M. Jackson, North Sydney.

Class 4, Outside N.S. - J.D. Harris, Bear River.

Best Slide in Show - W.H. Armstrong, Dartmouth.

1971 - Class 1, General View - J.D. Harris, Bear River
Class 2, Close-up - J.D. Harris, Bear River
Class 3, Flower Show - Mrs. A. Perkins, Lower Sackville
Class 4, Outside N.S. - K. Johnston, North Sydney.

Best Slide in Show - K. Johnston, North Sydney.

1972 - Contest held in abeyance.

FLORAL TROPHY:

Decorative Wooden Shield presented by the Association for the best Temporary Floral Display (such as flower beds) made by a Club.

1966 - River Philip G.C.
1967 - Not awarded
1968 - New Glasgow H.S.
1969 - North Sydney G.C.
1970 - Bridgewater G.C.
1971 - Amherst G.C.
1972 - Contest held in abeyance.

MERIT AWARD:

Certificate presented by the Association to a member who has done valuable work for the Association. After 1970, replaced by N.S.A.G.C. Bronze Medals.

1966 - Miss Jean MacDonald
Mr. Judson L. Chisholm
1967 - No awards
1968 - Mr. Christopher R. Wright
Mr. Jack E. Tomkinson
Dr. Milford R. Jackson
Mr. Arthur Hambleton
1969 - Mrs. Clara Thompson
1970 - Mr. Gerald A. Lewis
Mr. Victor Durkee
Mr. Wilfred H. Armstrong
Mr. Clare C. Ferguson

LESLIE R. FAIRN & ASSOCIATES TROPHY

Silver Rose Bowl presented to the Association by Leslie R. Fairn & Associates Architects, Halifax. Awarded to winner of Permanent Beautification Contest in 1968. This Contest discontinued in 1969, and Trophy now awarded to winner of ACTIVITIES CONTEST, which replaced it. In Activities Contest, points are awarded to a Club for activities such as Flower Shows, meetings, community beautification, taking part in Association activities, and for individual members' efforts in judging Flower Shows, speaking at meetings, winning ribbons at other Flower Shows, etc.

Permanent Beautification - 1968 - Lyons Brook G.C.

Activities Contest - 1969 - North Sydney G.C.

1970 - Halifax H.S.

1971 - North Sydney G.C.

1972 - North Sydney G.C.

GARDENER OF THE YEAR:

Prize awarded annually by Association to a member who has done good work for gardening in his or her area.

1969 - Mr. George MacLean, North Sydney

1970 - Mr. Clare Ferguson, New Glasgow
Mr. Arthur Hambleton, Halifax

1971 - Mr. William A. Prescott, Baie Verte

1972 - Mrs. Rita McTimoney, Westmount, C. B.

N.S.A.G.C. BRONZE MEDALS:

Bronze Medals awarded annually by Association for contributions to horticulture, not confined to Club members.

1971 - Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Sydney
Capt. T.H. Carroll, Halifax
Mrs. Alice Harris, Truro
Dr. A. E. Roland, Truro

1972 - Mr. Gordon Kinsman, Truro
Capt. Richard Steele, Halifax
Dr. George Swaine, Kentville

FLORAL BOUQUET CONTEST:

Each Club invited to enter a basket of flowers to be judged at the Annual Convention.

1972 - North Sydney G.C., Pictou H.S., Dartmouth H.S., and Great Village G.C.

SPECIAL PRIZES AND AWARDS:

1965 - Prize presented to River Philip G.C. for submitting winning design for Provincial Garden Club Emblem.

1967 - Prize presented to Miss Emma Lewis, North Sydney, for the winning entry in the Song Contest, "See the Gardens."

1967 - School Essay Contest - prizes presented to: -

1st - Elizabeth Yeomans, Dorchester, N.B.

2nd - Karen George, Dartmouth

3rd - Ellen Donahoe, Halifax
(students of Convent of Sacred Heart, Halifax)

1967 - Centennial Fund Scholarship presented to Mr. Michael Keddy, Kingston, for study at MacDonald College.

1970 - Silver Cup awarded to Mr. Percy Wallace in appreciation of many years spent in hybridizing dahlias, and his generous help to gardeners. Mr. Wallace resides in Dartmouth.

APPENDIX V

EXTRACTS FROM AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING ACT

PART VII

ENCOURAGEMENT OF HORTICULTURE Chap. 3

74 The Governor in Council may appoint a person to be Provincial Horticulturist, who shall hold office during pleasure and shall be paid such salary as the Governor in Council from time to time determines. R. S., c. 5, s. 84. Provincial Horticulturist.

75 The Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister and under the direction of the Provincial Horticulturist, may annually, for the purpose of encouraging horticulture in the Province, expend such sums, not exceeding the amount voted for that purpose by the Legislature, as is deemed expedient in: Provincial Aid.

- (a) the collection of information in regard to horticulture;
- (b) the imparting of information and instruction on horticultural subjects;
- (c) the carrying on of such work or activities as may create interest in any of the various phases of horticulture;
- (d) the establishment, operation and care of such demonstrational plantings of a horticultural nature as may be considered desirable to carry into effect the intent and the purposes of this Part;
- (e) generally, in paying the expenses of and incidental to the promotion of horticulture in the Province. R. S., c. 5, s. 85.

Duties of Provincial Horticulturist.

76 The duties of the Provincial Horticulturist are:

- (a) to supervise or take part in the carrying out of any activities considered desirable to carry into effect the intent and purposes of this Part;
- (b) to supervise and give direction to the carrying out of the aims and objects of this Part;
- (c) to generally improve the horticulture of the Province;
- (d) to perform such other duties as the Governor in Council may from time to time prescribe. R. S., c. 5, s. 86.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES

Organization
of Horti-
cultural
Societies.

77 (1) A horticultural society may be organized in the Province subject to the following provisions.

(2) An application for permission to organize a society shall be made in writing to the Provincial Horticulturist and shall be signed by not less than twenty-five persons over the age of sixteen years, each of whom has subscribed one dollar to the funds of the society. Such money shall be paid to and be held by one of the members in trust for the Society.

(3) The application shall be filed with the Provincial Horticulturist, who shall transmit the same to the Minister who, if he approves thereof, shall declare the subscribers and such other persons as may thereafter become members of the society within the meaning of this Part and the Minister shall issue a certificate of organization accordingly.

(4) Every horticultural society shall take its name from the city, town, village or community where it is organized, provided that the name of the society shall be subject to the approval of the Minister.

(5) As soon as practicable after the formation of a society, a meeting of the subscribers and of such other persons as desire to become members shall be held at such time and place and after such notice as the Provincial Horticulturist directs.

(6) Within one week after the meeting, the secretary shall send to the Provincial Horticulturist a report of the meeting containing a statement of the names and addresses of the members of the society and a list of the officers of the society.

(7) The annual fee for each member of a horticultural society shall not be less than one dollar.

(8) The fiscal year of every horticultural society shall end on the thirty-first day of October in each year. R. S., c. 5, s. 87.

78 The objects of a horticultural society shall be to encourage interest and improvement in horticulture by: Objects

(a) holding meetings for instruction and discussions on subjects connected with the theory and practice of horticulture;

(b) encouraging the improvement of home and public grounds by planting of trees, shrubs, flowers and by otherwise promoting outdoor art and public beauty, by cooperating with municipal authorities for the

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preservation of natural beauty and for the beautification of public parks, highways, streets and boulevards, and to accept and administer grants for such purposes;

(c) importing and otherwise procuring and distributing seeds, plants, shrubs and trees of kinds desired by the members;

(d) interesting members and others in the study of horticulture by the holding of contests and competitions and such other means as may be considered proper;

(e) holding exhibitions and awarding premiums for the production of vegetables, plants, flowers, fruits, trees and shrubs;

(f) promoting the circulation of horticultural periodicals and other horticultural publications.
R. S., c. 5, s. 88.

Quorum.

79 At the organization meeting and at any regular meeting of a horticultural society ten members shall constitute a quorum. R. S., c. 5, s. 89.

Officers.

80 The officers of a horticultural society shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer and such number of directors as may be determined by the society but not more than ten. R. S., c. 5, s. 90.

Time of Annual meeting.

81 (1) Every society shall hold an annual meeting between November first and November fifteenth in each year at such time and place as the directors may determine.

Notice of meetings.

(2) At least one week's notice of every annual meeting shall be given by publication of the notice of the meeting in a newspaper having a general circulation in the district in which the society is formed or by mailing notices of the meeting to every member of the society at least one week before the meeting. R. S., c. 5, s. 91.

Annual Report.

82 At every annual meeting the directors shall present a report of the activities and accomplishments of the society during the preceding year together with a financial statement for the preceding year certified by auditors approved for that purpose by the Minister. R. S., c. 5, s. 92.

83 (1) General meetings of the society other than the annual meeting shall be called by the directors from time to time during each year. Other General meetings.

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(2) Notice of such general meetings shall be given as nearly as may be in the manner provided for the annual meeting.

(3) Meetings of the directors may be held at the call of the president or of the secretary-treasurer on three days' notice. R.S., C. 5, S. 93.

84 Out of any monies appropriated by the Legislature Annual
for the purpose, every society organized under this Part grants.
shall be entitled to an annual grant of fifteen dollars
provided:

(a) the society has held a minimum of four general meetings during the year;

(b) the secretary-treasurer, or some other person designated for the purpose by the society, has submitted a list of officers of the society, a list of members of the society and the audited financial statement of the society.

(c) the society has carried on an active program promoting some of the phases of horticultural work within the objects of such society and has not later than the twenty-fifth day of November made a report of the work of the preceding year to the Provincial Horticulturist;

(d) the Minister approves. R. S., c. 5, s. 94.

APPENDIX VI

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

(Adopted July, 1965, amended July, 1967 and July, 1970)

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs and herein referred to as the "Association."

ARTICLE II

OBJECTS:

Section 1: To co-operate with and co-ordinate the work of existing garden clubs, horticultural societies and rural beautification groups within the province of Nova Scotia.

- a. By furthering objectives common to all group members but requiring effort from a single body.
- b. By bringing clubs into closer relations of mutual helpfulness by association, conference and correspondence.
- c. By promoting liaison with Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing.
- d. By encouraging formation of new member groups in all parts of Nova Scotia.

Section 2: To promote the general landscape beautification of the province of Nova Scotia.

- a. By promoting community beautification.
- b. By encouraging the formation of horticultural groups which will promote interest in all phases of ornamental horticulture in their areas.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1: Group membership shall be open, upon acceptance of application and payment of annual dues as set forth in the constitution and By-laws, to any horticultural society, garden club or group having similar interests. Member groups must have a minimum membership of ten people.

Section 2: All members in good standing of horticultural societies and garden clubs and like groups that are members of the N.S.A.G.C. shall be known as Ordinary members. Ordinary members may attend all General Meetings of the Association, participate in discussion and debate, move resolutions from the floor and enjoy all other privileges of membership except that they shall have no vote at General Meetings unless they are attending as authorized voting delegates.

Section 3: Life Membership may be conferred on deserving individuals, who have given exceptional service to the Association, upon a three-quarters majority of the Board of Directors and approved at the Annual General Meeting. Life members shall have all privileges except voting privileges.

Section 4: Other groups interested in the objects of the Association may become affiliated by paying annual dues as set by the Board. Terms and conditions affecting these groups shall be set by the Board.

Section 5: Individual membership shall be open, upon acceptance of application and payment of annual dues as set forth in the Constitution and By-laws, to any individual person who is not a member of a horticultural society, garden club or group having similar interests. Individual members may attend all General Meetings of the Association, participate in discussion and debate, move resolutions from the floor and enjoy all other privileges of membership, except that they shall have no vote at General Meetings unless they are attending as authorized voting delegates. (Amendment July, 1970.)

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Section 1: Group membership annual fees shall be twenty cents per active member of that group. Minimum group annual membership fees shall be two dollars. Groups with membership in excess of one hundred may have a special fee set by the Board.

Section 2: Affiliated groups fees will be set by the Board.

Section 3: Life members shall not be required to pay dues.

Section 4: Dues are payable in advance on January 1st each year.

Section 5: The minimum annual fee for individual members shall be \$2.00 per person or \$3.00 per family. This fee shall include the subscription to the Landscape News, one copy per family in the case of family subscription. (Amendment July, 1970.)

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS:

Section 1: The Officers of the Association shall be:

President
Immediate Past President
First Vice-President
Second Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Department of Agriculture Representative

Section 2: These Officers shall constitute the executive body of the Association.

Section 3: The Executive shall meet as often as necessary during the year to conduct the minor business of the Association. Time and place of meeting to be set by the President with due notice being given.

Section 4: A quorum of the executive shall consist of three members, one of these must be the President, Vice-President or Past President, and two other members of the executive.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Section 1: The management of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The Board of Directors will consist of:

The Executive of the Association
A minimum of six district directors
Chairmen of Standing Committees.

Section 3: The Board shall meet at least twice a year and more often if necessary. Date and place of meeting to be set by the Executive, with a minimum of two weeks notice being given.

Section 4: A quorum of the Board shall consist of the President, or failing this, one of the Vice-Presidents (senior one to have precedence), or failing this, the Past President, one other member of the executive and three directors representing different districts.

ARTICLE VII

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Section 1: The Association shall hold an annual general business meeting to be referred to as the "Convention." Time and place to be set by the Board.

Section 2: All member groups of the Association in good standing shall be allowed two voting delegates during the Convention. Any number of Club members may attend the Convention.

Section 3: The members of the Board shall be considered as voting delegates at the Convention.

Section 4: The time and place of the Convention and a tentative program shall be sent to the secretaries of all member groups in good standing, one month in advance of the Convention.

Section 5: The nominating committee shall present a list of officers and directors at the Convention. This report will be posted at the convention room at 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the meeting.

Section 6: Further nominations may be received by the Secretary of the Association until 10:30 a.m. on the day of the Convention. These nominations must be in writing and contain the signatures of at least four (4) persons who shall be bona fide members of two (2) or more member clubs or societies, together with a signed deposition that the nominee is willing to serve in the position for which nominated. If and when this occurs, the vote shall be by ballot.

Section 7: An audited report of all receipts and expenditures of the Association shall be presented at the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE:

Members of the Board of Directors and other officials of the Association shall be elected or appointed as follows:

Section 1: Officers of the Association shall be appointed by a majority vote of those voting delegates attending the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The President shall hold office for a term of two (2) years, all other officers shall hold office for a period of one year or until their successors are elected. Candidates for the offices of president or vice-presidents must have served a minimum of one year on the Board of Directors.

Section 2: District Directors shall be appointed by a majority of those voting delegates attending the Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall hold office for a period of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. One half of the complement of the directors required shall be elected each year. Vacancies will be filled by the Board until such time as a general election is held.

Section 3: The number of District Directors required in each District shall be contingent upon the number of member clubs in that District, and shall be appointed on the following basis:

Up to and including 4 member clubs or societies - 1 Director

From 5 to 8 member clubs or societies inclusive - 2 Directors

From 9 to 12 member clubs or societies inclusive - 3 Directors

From 13 to 16 member clubs or societies inclusive - 4 Directors

There shall always be at least eight (8) Districts. Additional Districts may be defined at the discretion of the Board. (Amendment July, 1967.)

Section 4: The Historian shall be appointed by the Board and hold office at its discretion.

Section 5: The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture Representative shall be appointed by the Horticulture and Biology Branch of the Department of Agriculture and hold office until replaced.

Section 6: The new slate of officers shall assume office at 12:00 midnight on the day of the Convention.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES:

Section 1: Resolutions committee to be classified as a Standing Committee, the Chairman of which to be appointed at the Convention yearly, and to have at least one member of the Board on the Committee. Resolutions to be in the hands of the committee by March 31. Accepted resolutions in appropriate form to be sent to all clubs two months prior to the Convention.

Section 2: The Chairman of the nominating committee is to be appointed at the Convention. This committee shall bring forth names to fill the complete slate of the Board. The names of new District Directors shall have been approved by the various district meetings prior to nomination. The report of the nominating committee shall be forwarded to all clubs in good standing at least four weeks prior to the Convention.

Section 3: Other special, standing or other committees shall be appointed at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE X

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws or special rules of order of this Association.

ARTICLE XI

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

Section 1: President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, the Executive and the Board. Shall countersign all cheques drawn against the funds of the Association. Shall present a report to the Convention and perform other duties incidental to the office.

Section 2: First Vice-President shall assist the president in the work of the Association. In the absence of the president, shall perform the duties relevant to that office. Upon resignation or removal of the president, shall become president for the remainder of the term of office. Shall assist the district directors in their duties.

Section 3: Second Vice-President shall assist the President and First Vice-President in the work of the Association. In the absence of the President and First Vice-President, shall perform the duties relevant to the office of the President. Shall assist the district directors in their duties.

Section 4: Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Association. Shall keep accurate minutes of all Association, Executive and Board of Directors meetings. Shall be custodian of all books and records of the Association except those specifically relevant to the office of the Treasurer.

Section 5: Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Association and deposit them to its credit in a chartered bank. Shall keep the accounts of the Association and pay all moneys as authorized. With the President, shall act as signing officer in respect to all Association expenditures. Shall present an audited report at the Convention and interim reports at Executive and Board meetings.

Section 6: Directors shall administer the Association objects within their districts. Shall organize and chair meetings. Present a written report for the Convention meetings. Shall assist the nominating committee with prospective names from their district. Shall organize committees when necessary for district activities.

Section 7: The historian shall keep a record of events of the year and enter them in the historian's book.

Section 8: The Department Representative shall assist the officers of the Association in their business, functioning as the fieldman for the Association.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of those voting delegates attending the Annual General Meeting providing that the proposed Amendment has been filed with the Secretary of the Association at least twelve (12) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting and circulated to all member clubs and societies at least eight (8) weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

APPENDIX VII

LIST OF CONVENTIONS

1954 - 1st Convention

Dates: Tuesday, July 27 and Wednesday, July 28
Location: N. S. Agricultural College, Truro
Attendance: 128 from 33 clubs
Funds: Nil

1955 - 2nd Convention

Dates: Tuesday, July 26 and Wednesday, July 27
Location: N. S. Agricultural College, Truro
Attendance: 153 from 35 clubs
Funds: \$ 2.63

1956 - 3rd Convention

Date: Monday, July 9
Location: N. S. Agricultural College, Truro
Attendance: 134 from 36 clubs
Funds: \$47.18

1957 - 4th Convention

Dates: Tuesday, July 30 and Wednesday, July 31
Location: N. S. Agricultural College, Truro
Attendance: 118 from 20 clubs
Funds: \$33.14

1958 - 5th Convention

Date: Wednesday, July 23
Location: Cornwallis Inn, Kentville
Attendance: 143 from 28 clubs
Funds: \$34.04

1959 - 6th Convention

Date: Saturday, July 18
Location: Community Hall, Collingwood, Cumberland County
Attendance: 117 from 27 clubs
Funds: \$63.60

1960 - 7th Convention

Date: Saturday, July 16
Location: N. S. Agricultural College, Truro
Attendance: 117 from 29 clubs
Funds: \$115.17

1961 - 8th Convention

Date: Saturday, July 15
Location: Fort Cumberland Hotel, Amherst
Host: Amherst Garden Club
Attendance: 98 from 27 clubs
Funds: \$148.76

1962 - 9th Convention

Date: Saturday, July 21
Location: Legion Hall, New Glasgow
Host: New Glasgow Horticultural Society
Attendance: 105
Funds: \$108.75

1963 - 10th Convention

Date: Saturday, July 20
Location: St. Matthias Church Hall, Halifax
Host: Halifax County Horticultural Association
Attendance: 120
Funds: \$364.59

1964 - 11th Convention

Date: Saturday, July 25
Location: Thompson High School, North Sydney
Host: North Sydney Garden Club
Attendance: 134
Theme: "There's Magic in the Garden"
Funds: Landscape News \$196.72
General Fund 238.37
Total \$435.09

1965 - 12th Convention

Dates: Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24
Location: N. S. Agricultural College, Truro
Host: N.S.A.G.C.
Attendance: 132
Funds: Landscape News: \$146.99
General Fund 315.79
Total \$462.78

1966 - 13th Convention

Dates: Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30
Location: Weymouth Consolidated School, Weymouth
Host: Weymouth Garden Club
Attendance: 186 from 27 clubs
Theme: "The Sea Around Us"
Funds: Landscape News \$153.94
General Fund 295.79
Total \$449.73

1967 - 14th Convention

Dates: Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22
Location: St. Mary's University Library, Halifax
Host: Halifax District Clubs
Attendance: 164 from 27 clubs
Theme: "One Hundred Years of Change"
Funds: Landscape News \$116.29
General Fund 630.59
Total \$746.88

1968 - 15th Convention

Dates: Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20
Location: N.S. Agricultural College, Truro
Host: N.S.A.G.C.
Attendance: 136
Theme: "Man and His Garden"
Funds: Landscape News \$195.17
General Fund 707.79
Total \$902.96

1969 - 16th Convention

Dates: Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19
Location: Gardiner Centre, Dominion, C.B.
Host: Dominion Garden Club
Attendance: 140 from 18 clubs
Theme: "Wonderful World of Flowers"
Funds: Landscape News \$378.05
General Fund 588.69
Total \$966.74

1970 - 17th Convention

Dates: Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25
Location: N. S. Agricultural College, Truro
Host: N.S.A.G.C.
Attendance: 153
Theme: "The World of Insects"
Funds: Landscape News \$444.71
General Fund 440.48
Total \$885.19

1971 - 18th Convention

Dates: Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7
Location: N. S. Agricultural College, Truro
Host: Halifax District Clubs
Attendance: 117
Theme: "Cool, Clear Water"
Funds: Landscape News \$379.42
General Fund 574.75
Total \$954.17

1972 - 19th Convention

Dates: Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5
Location: N. S. Agricultural College, Truro
Host: Cape Breton District Clubs
Attendance: 168
Theme: "The Good Earth"
Funds: Landscape News \$ 560.94
General Fund 589.37
Total \$ 1,150.31

1973 -20th Convention

Dates: Friday, August 3 and Saturday, August 4
Location: N. S. Agricultural College, Truro
Host: Pictou County Clubs
Theme: "Twenty Bloomin' Years in the Garden"

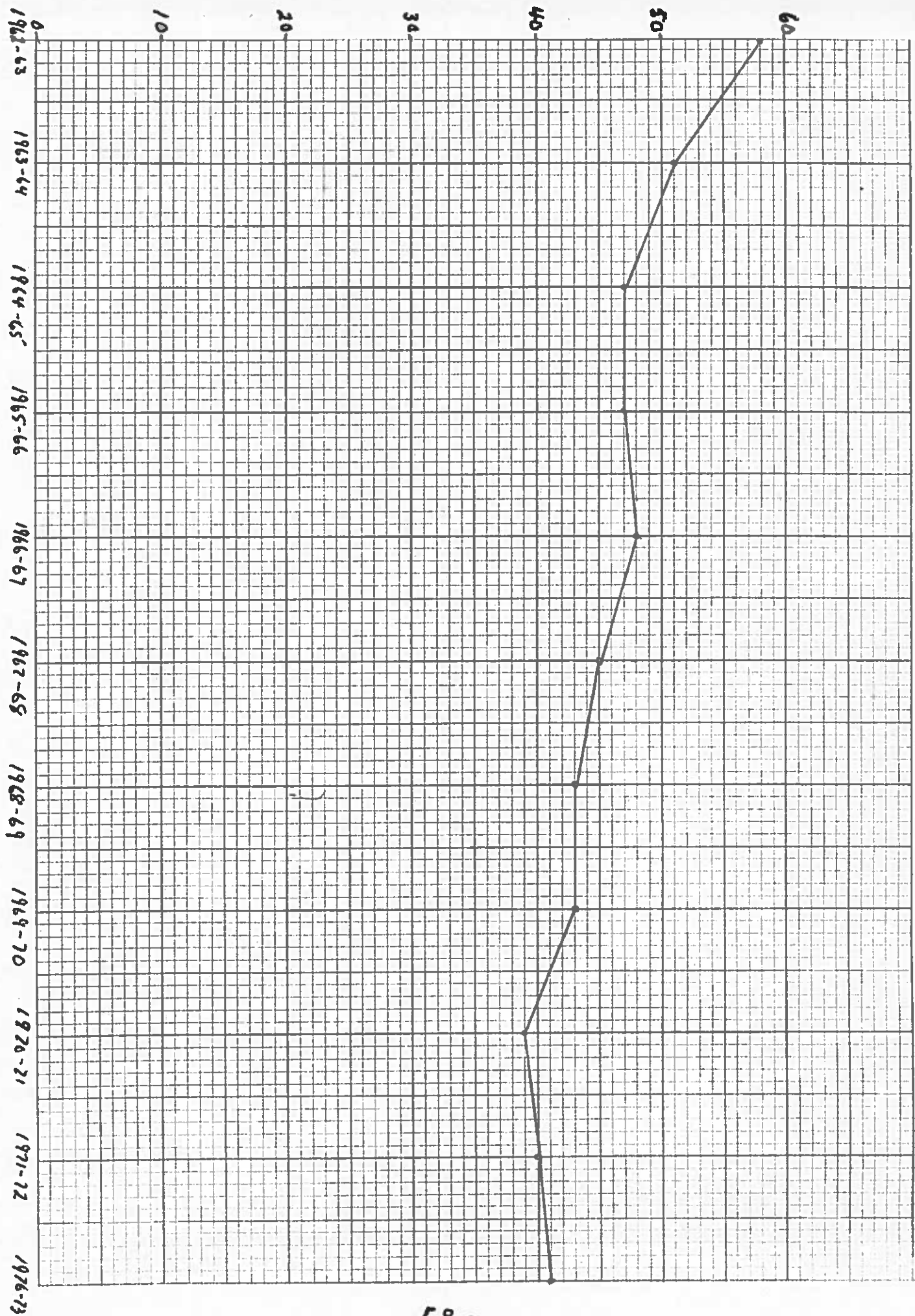
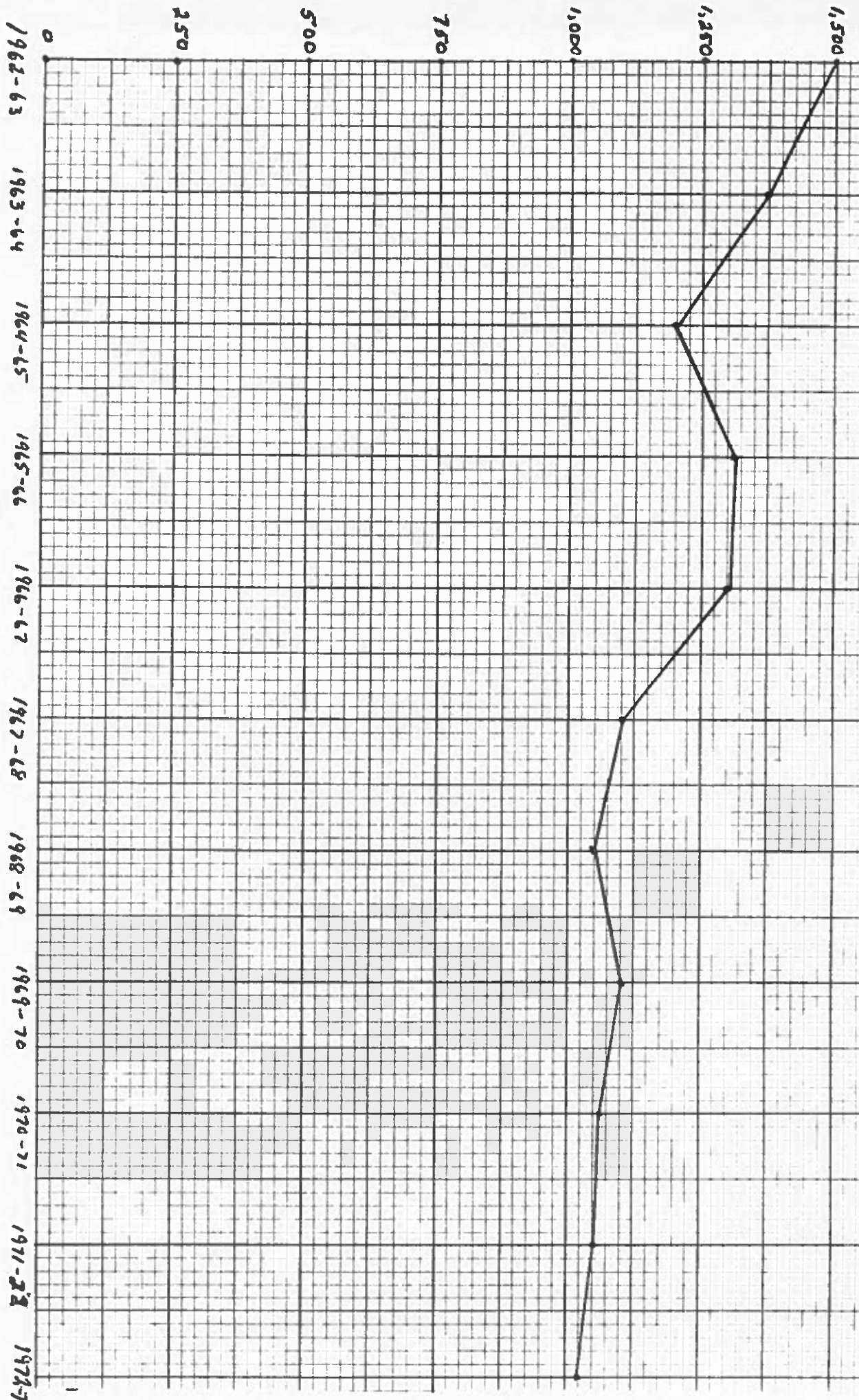


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OFFICIAL SONG OF
NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION
OF GARDEN CLUBS

SEE THE GARDENS

TUNE: Clementine

In the Springtime see the gardens
Daffodils and tulips bright,
Pansies, squills and English daisies,
O they are a lovely sight.

In the summer see the roses,
Red and yellow, pink and white,
Climbers, Teas and Floribundas
O they are a lovely sight.

Chorus:

See the gardens, see the gardens,
How we weed and mulch and hoe,
How we chase the bugs and hoppers,
How we watch the flowers grow.

In the autumn see the dahlias
Flaunting colors that delight,
See the mums, phlox, glads and asters,
O they are a lovely sight.

In the winter when the gardens
Sleep beneath a blanket white,
See the house plants in the windows,
O they are a lovely sight.

Chorus:

See the gardens in the Springtime,
In the summer and the fall,
See the house plants in the windows,
How we gardeners love them all!

-- Miss Emma Lewis
North Sydney Garden Club

