



**History Update 2000-2004**

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## ***Introduction***

We are now well into the new millennium, looking forward to exploring more of the universe and traveling further into space. As knowledge of the outer limits becomes more available to us, our own world grows smaller. A disaster happening half way around the world is news to us almost instantly and we relate to the people there. In the same way information about new products and ways to improve and change our way of life is at our fingertips. Travel is within reach of those who wish to see the world, and new ideas are born as new vistas are viewed. For some arm chair travel is a more relaxing way to escape the stresses of the day. For others it is very relaxing to be able to plan their outdoor living area around their home, and to relax in the beauties they create there.

For them gardening is still popular and growing. Garden Centers are popping up everywhere and advice is free for the asking. The home gardener delights in finding a new plant and putting it in a special place in his yard. As well much pleasure is derived from sharing a special plant with a friend and seeing the enjoyment it brings to that person. It is because of this that Garden Clubs are still finding a spot in the community. First of all gardening is more fun when it is shared, both for the friendship and for the sharing of materials and information. Clubs can and do work together to help one another and to help in the beautification of their community, by planting , composting, recycling, encouraging neighbors, and community officials, and setting examples of good community leadership in property improvement.

It is very difficult to condense five years activities, projects, talks, tours, into a small package. It is hard to stretch your imagination to visualize all the amazing projects and the flowers and shrubs that have been planted in our province. It is certainly a more beautiful place because of the dedication of Nova Scotia gardeners. The one thing that comes thru in all the reports is that clubs enjoy what they are doing and that fun is an important part of the program. In a world full of hatred and distrust, let us bring some beauty and fun into our little corner and hope it becomes contagious enough to reach out to those less fortunate.

### *Changes in the Department of Agriculture & Marketing*

In June of 2000 the Plant Industry Branch, as it was known, was disbanded and those who had been working in the Horticulture Division were no longer employees of the Department of Agriculture. This meant that the liaison that had existed with the Department of Agriculture was severed and the NSAGC became an independent group without any assistance from the government. The extension workers, education programs, workshops etc. were lost, despite letters and objections from the many groups that this closure touched.

#### *Will to Live*

I think of all things that show a zest  
For life, the dandelion beats the rest.  
The little winged seeds from its white fluff ball  
Settle and grow with no urging at all.  
Settle in most unlikely places  
And soon there's a crop of dandelion faces.  
They are man's worst pest, but a child's playthings.  
Sometimes I wish I had light down wings,  
Like a dandelion seed, and could settle at will  
On a velvety lawn or a sun- spread hill,  
And live with the eagerness and zest,  
Of the wanton little dandelion pest.

Mary Triplet



***Clubs in the NSAGC as of April 1, 2004***

**Cape Breton District #1**

Glace Bay G.C.  
New Waterford G.C.  
North Sydney G.C.  
Westmount G.C.

**Eastern District #2**

New Glasgow  
Horticultural Society  
Pictou G. C.  
Westville & Area G.C.  
Guysborough G.C.  
St. Mary's G.C.

**Central District #3**

Cobequid G.C.  
Clifton G.C.  
Hilden G.C.  
Great Village G.C.  
Bible Hill G.C.  
Stewiacke G.C.  
Village G.C.  
Country G.C.  
Valley Weeders G.C.  
Wentworth Valley G.C.  
Stewiacke Gardening Soc.  
Cottage Country G.C.  
Debert G.C.

**Halifax District # 4**

Bedford Hort. Society  
Dartmouth Hort. Society  
Eastern Shore Hort.  
Society  
Halifax-Westmoor  
Horticultural Society  
Fall River G.C.

**Valley District #5**

Haliburton G.C.  
Wilmot G.C.  
Valley Gardeners G.C.  
Mount Denson G.C.  
Forties G.C.  
Charing Cross G.C.

**South Shore District # 6**

Basin Gardening Assoc.  
Bridgewater G.C.  
Riverport G.C.  
Mahone Bay G.C.  
Lunenburg G.C.  
Shelburne G.C.  
Chester G.C.  
Queens G.C.

**Western District #7**

Champlain G.C.  
Clements G.C.

Admiral Digby Hort.  
Society  
Clare G.C.  
Weymouth G.C.  
Yarmouth G.C.  
Pubnico G.C.  
Bridgetown G.C.

**Plant Societies**

Rhododendron Society  
Dahlia Society  
Orchid Society  
1<sup>st</sup>. African Violet Society

**New Clubs And Clubs**

**Disbanded**

Inverness G.C. - new  
Fall River G.C. - new  
Middle River G.C. -  
disbanded  
Big Pond - disbanded  
Witney Pier G.C. were  
members for a couple of  
years

**2 New Clubs in 2004**

Parrsboro G.C.-  
Hants N .Late Bloomers -  
Westmount Park G.C. -  
Now a community club.  
St. Margaret's Bay G.C.  
Independent

Year	# Of Clubs	Membership
2000	49	1454
2001	52	1497
2002		1558
2004	49	1632

Can anyone remember their first Garden Club Meeting, how awkward it was to sit there not knowing most people around you and afraid you would be asked some skill testing question? You sat there like a *bump on a log*.

As the meeting progressed you had to fill in the missing pieces of events or discussions of previous meetings you knew nothing about, so you sat like a *bump on a log*.

The program was very nice and informative, but you felt intimidated by others asking intelligent questions and you were reluctant to ask any.

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When everyone adjourned for lunch, it seemed half the members had jobs to do and the others seemed preoccupied talking to their friends about some gardening problems, so you sat there like a *bump on a log*.

This may not have been the way in which you were introduced into a garden Club , but all too often this happens to many gardeners trying to join a garden club, and the larger the group the greater the chance of becoming a *bump on a log*.

Every garden club member should make an extra effort to introduce themselves to any new members at a meeting and offer them a place within your circle of friends, make them feel welcome and at ease. Bring them up to speed on any issues brought up, and be sure to take them around the room over refreshments and introduce them to others them to other members, and extend a welcome to them to get involved in the clubs activities, this will only make your club stronger.

After all, in the tree of life are we not just *bumps on a log*.

***Executive – NSAGC***

	<b>2000-2001</b>	<b>2001-2002</b>	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>2003-2004</b>	<b>2004-2005</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	Allison Magee	Allison Magee	Vernon Oickle	Vernon Oickle	June Robertson
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Vernon Oickle	Vernon Oickle	June Robertson	June Robertson	Doug Beaman
<b>Past Chair</b>	Sheldon Langille	Sheldon Langille	Allison Magee	Allison Magee	Vernon Oickle
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Ann Painter	Ann Painter	Ann Painter	Ann Painter	Ann Painter
<b>Executive Secretary</b>	Dick Morton	Dick Morton	Dick Morton	Dick Morton	.....
<b>Treasurer</b>	Yvonne Johnstone	Yvonne Johnstone	Yvonne Johnstone	Yvonne Johnstone	Yvonne Johnstone

***Board of Directors 2001-2002***

***District Responsibility:***

<u>Cape Breton</u>	June Robertson, Yvonne Johnstone,	Georges River C.B. North Sydney
<u>Central</u>	Art Chisholm, Vera Stewart Dick Morton,	Great Village Hilden Bible Hill
<u>Eastern</u>	Nancy Levo,	Green Hill, Pictou Co.
<u>Halifax</u>	Sheldon Langille,	Dartmouth
<u>South Shore</u>	Sandy Brown , Vernon Oickle,	Milton Bridgewater
<u>Valley</u>	Allison Magee,	Berwick
<u>Western</u>	Arthur Henderson, Yvonne Inkster,	Weymouth Sandy Cove

### ***Committee Chairpersons 2000-2001***

<u>Newsletter</u>	Arthur Haskins,	Great Village
<u>Tags &amp; Seals</u>	Chip Inkster,	Sandy Cove
<u>Historian</u>	Barbara Morton,	Bible Hill
<u>Photo Contest</u>	Myra Hunter-Duvar,	Chester Basin
<u>Awards</u>	June Robertson,	Georges River, C.B.
<u>Handbook</u>	Yvonne Johnson,	North Sydney
<u>Nominating</u>	Sheldon Langille,	Dartmouth
<u>Assessments &amp; Officers List</u>	Dick Morton,	Bible Hill
<u>District Activities</u>	Art Henderson,	Weymouth
<u>Auditor</u>	Dr. Milford Jackson,	North Sydney

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<u>South Shore</u>	Vernon Oickle, Bridgetown
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<u>Judges Training</u>	Arthur Haskins	Great Village

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<u>Central</u>	Ruth Graham, Upper Stewiacke
<u>Eastern</u>	Nancy Levo, Green Hill, Pictou Co.
<u>Halifax</u>	Elisabeth Jackson, Dartmouth
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<u>Directors at Large</u>	Dick Morton, Bible Hill Chip Inkster, Sandy Cove

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<u>Eastern</u>	Ruby Kaiser, Sherbrooke
<u>Central</u>	Ruth Graham, Upper Stewiacke
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<u>Photo Contest</u>	John MacGrath, Kingston
<u>Future Projects</u>	Allison Magee, Berwick

### ***Highlights of N.S.A.G.C. Board Meetings 2000- 2005***

- The Department of Agriculture laid off the Plant Industry Department employees, severing the liaison with the Provincial Government.
- The Constitution was revised. Voting cards were introduced to the annual meeting.
- Clubs received a list of flower shows, special events that were being held in the province.
- Board met twice a year, with several executive meetings as well.
- Futures Committee, Allison Magee, June Robertson, Doug Beaman, Elisabeth Jackson, and Chip Inkster were set up to bring in new ideas for the association.
- An outside speaker Liz Primo, was brought in for the 2005 Convention.
- Established a web site.
- Celebrated the 50th year of the Association.
- Carpet bedding of the 50<sup>th</sup> year of gardening was displayed on the grounds of the NSAC.
- A new District Council was formed in the Central District.
- N.S.A.G.C. continues to provide third party liability insurance, tags and seals at cost, newsletters and support for conventions.

- New chairperson for the photo contest, John McGrath Rules for the photo contest and the gardener of the year appeared in the Newsletter
- Dick Morton gave up his job as executive Secretary and the work was divided up with Elisabeth Jackson looking after events list, Yvonne Johnstone doing the assessments, and Ann Painter doing the mailing jobs.
- A new handbook for the NSAGC was produced by Arthur Henderson.
- Approval for two judging schools, one in the Valley under Allison Magee, and one in Cape Breton under Yvonne Johnstone.
- In 2004 a survey was conducted regarding improvements for the Newsletter.
- At 2001 Annual meeting it was decided to eliminate the yearbook judging. Certificates are given to those displaying their books at convention.
- “Cultivating Garden Friends” was published in 2001 to cover the History of Gardening in N.S. FROM 1850-2000

### ***Futures Projects Committee***

A committee consisting of Allison Magee, June Robertson, Doug Beaman, Elisabeth Jackson, and Chip Inkster was formed to come up with some new ideas to be put in place by the NSAGC. Three things are being considered, a one time special speaker for Convention, a workshop that can be given in each district once organized and the development of a web-site. These things have been put in place and hopefully will prove valuable to the club members.

### *Retiring Board Members*

The following directors have retired in the past five years. They have volunteered their time unselfishly to help with the work of the NSAGC.

Sheldon Langille	1979- 1981, 1995-2002
Arthur Chisholm	1989- 2002
Vera Stewart	1994 -2002
Myra Hunter- Duvar	1998- 2003
Allison Magee	1998- 2004
Nancy Levo	1997-2002
Sandy Brown	1999-2001

### *At Dawn*

I slipped into the garden,  
Almost before 'twas light,  
As the lazy sun arose—  
I glimpsed a charming sight—  
Red Poppy flung her cape aside ,  
Shook out her silken skirt:  
The way she danced with a young breeze  
Told me she was a flirt!

Mary C. Shaw



## ***Conventions and Annual Meetings***

### **Convention 2000**

Conventions have been held for over 50 years in Nova Scotia, and each one has held different attractions for club members. For a number of years the Convention was held yearly in Truro, which was central, and the facilities at the AC were very convenient.

At the first convention there was a group from the Forties that attended, but were omitted from the book "Cultivating Garden Friends". In a letter from Frances Keddy she says "Three cars went from here (Forties). I think it was fifteen people. Several of us stayed at Harry Ross's rooming house "Sheiri Hall" I think was the name of it. My brother worked for the Ross's so he made reservations for us."

In the past few years with the liaison with the Government severed the location has been moved from one district to another. It is an excellent opportunity for people in the area to attend a convention and be exposed to the workings of the NSAGC It also an opportunity for Board Members to visit places they may not have visited before. It is a time to get enthused about gardening, to renew old friendships, learn new gardening tips to try out at home and pass on to friends.

### **Convention 2000**

June 15, 16, 17

Rodds Grand Hotel, Yarmouth  
"Gardening by the Sea"

The Yarmouth Garden Club accepted the hosting of the 2000 Convention as an opportunity to showcase gardening in the southern most part of the province and they did just that. The garden tours were most impressive and gardeners from other areas of the province got the chance to see some new and exciting plants that may not be hardy in their own gardens.

All members of the association should be impressed with the organization and planning that went into this convention, which showed in the finished product. The Thursday evening program began with a plant sale and official opening by the mayor of Yarmouth and the county wardens. Mrs. Green Thumb, Yarmouth version followed. Marjorie Williston was the guest speaker for the evening.

Friday began with the NSAGC annual meeting followed by workshops -Judy Raynard on "Keeping Garden Records"; Jack Sibley "Blueberries"; Mary Guptil "Woodland Plants" ; "Heritage Seeds"; and "Flower Arranging" The evening included a tour of Yarmouth Light and Ralph Burrill's Garden . The evening closed with Tea at the Manor Inn.

Saturday began with a workshop by Carla Allen; "Herbs in Yarmouth" ;Ralph Burrill on Rhododendrons. Jamie Ellison spoke on "Alpine Gardening" and Sandra McGregor "Organic Gardening" The afternoon featured speakers Glen Carver: "Shaping Trees" Jeff Morton ;"Ornamental Grasses" ; Jill Cooper-Robinson.

The Convention closed with a banquet followed by presentation of Gardener of the Year Award to Annie Wilson, Windsor, and the photo Contest winners. Speaker was Peter Lockett and entertainment was by the Shantymen. An interesting addition to the convention was banners from the clubs which were hung in the hall.

### **Convention 2001**

Valley Gardeners -Host

"Spring Into Summer"

Old Orchard Inn, Wolfville, May 4-5

Friday afternoon began with a Tour to Kingstec Community College, Kings County Museum, and a Home on the North Mountain.



Following the welcome in the evening, there were two presentations: John Horton, "Dissolving Pictures" and Leta Totten "Garden Exercises". The evening closed with entertainment by Mike Charlton and a social time.

The Annual meeting began the Saturday morning program. There were presentations following this: Tim Amos "Garden Design": Jamie Ellison "New Plant Material". Peter Harvey conducted the Quiz. Following Lunch there were more speakers: Kari Hjelkrem : Gini Prouix " N.S. Wild Flowers"; Bev McPhail "New Bedding and Container Plants "; Alex Wilson "Butterflies and Gardens" Allison Wilson ; Dr. Mariene Snyder "Genetic Manipulation , Pro and Con".

The banquet included the presentation of "Gardener of the Year" award to Marjorie Fowler of Halifax, and the winners of the photo contest. Speaker was Clary Croft who is best known for his work with the Dr. Helen Creighton collection, which he cataloged for the Public Archives of N.S.

Sunday morning there was a presentation on the Irving Botanical Garden in Wolfville which closed the Convention for another year.

### **Convention 2002**

June 14, 15

Glengarry Hotel, Truro,

Wentworth Garden Club, Host

"Gardening for the Short Season"

The Wentworth Garden Club welcomed Garden clubbers on June 14th& 15th to the NSAGC Convention 2002 at the Glengarry Hotel in Truro. This quite new club took on the big job of organizing the convention with lots of enthusiasm, and produced a very interesting two days. A tour included the Alumni Gardens at the NSAC and interesting parts of the Grounds at the Agricultural College. The evening program began with a show and tell period, followed by the club team quiz, and prizes being awarded. Guest

speakers the next day included Carol Goodwin, "Gardening for the Short Season", Peter Romkey -"Growing Native Plants" and Arthur Haskins "Hostas". Robin Jones and Terry Crocker talked on "Water gardening for the Short Season" and Jeff Morton spoke on "Healthy Soil". Kathy Rodgers of Wittenburg Nurseries did a Garden Decorating workshop.

The evening ended with an awards banquet and speech by Bernard Jackson, author and creator of the large rock garden at the NSAGC. Gardener of the Year award was given to Yvonne Johnstone, of North Sydney. Plaques were awarded to retiring board members as thanks for their work on behalf of the board; Vera Stewart, Hilden; Arthur Chisholm, Great Village; and Sheldon Langille, Dartmouth. Several vendors added to the program for the weekend.

### **Convention 2003**

Cape Breton District Garden Clubs Present

"Gardening Is Golden "

Welcome To the 5th Annual Convention at The Inverary Inn, Baddeck

The Inverary Inn on the BrasD'Or Lakes was the setting for the 50<sup>th</sup>.Anniversary of Garden Clubbing in N.S. 31 garden clubs with 150 members and 11 non-members registered. The clubs from Cape Breton had planned an interesting program with a Scottish flair. As people arrived they could go on a walking tour of the area and gather at 5pm for a Barbeque Buffet. The official opening was at 7pm. Following the formal opening, Yvonne Johnstone and Dick Morton recalled 50 years of Garden Clubbing in Nova Scotia. They had both been thru many of the ups and downs of the Organization and were able to recall many interesting incidents. The entertainment for the evening was the Mira Fiddlers, who kept everyone's toes tapping in time to the Scottish Fiddle tunes.

Following breakfast on Saturday morning, the business meeting was chaired by June Robertson. Interesting programs followed, Janice Morrison from Morrison Greenhouses spoke on planting window boxes, followed by Hands on Workshop from Goodwin's

Nursery. After lunch Larry Buck told us how to start out Right Gardening, and Freda Robb directed the Quiz. Jeff Tanner gave us some tips on Organic gardening and a Physiotherapist showed some exercises to do to keep supple in the garden. There were lots of prizes to be awarded and David McCorquodale talked about changes in our Backyard Birds.

Many of the clubs displayed their scrapbooks, and the photo contest was on display with the winners wearing ribbons. A big plant sale preceded the Banquet at which Dr. Robert Morgan was the guest speaker. Gardener of the Year was awarded to George Graham from the Stewiacke Valley Garden Club. Many other prizes were given out. The evening ended with Bridgewater extending an invitation to come to Bridgewater for the next Convention in 2004.

### **Convention 2004**

June 4<sup>th</sup>. & 5<sup>th</sup>

South Shore, Bridgewater

“Gardening by the LaHave”

The Auberge’s Wandlyn Inn in Bridgewater was the site for the 2004 Convention hosted by the Bridgewater Gardening Club. The South Shore Garden Clubs under the leadership of Vivian Tanner presented a well planned and interesting convention. A tour by bus to the Village Nursery was well attended by all present on Friday afternoon. The bus was bulging with plants on the return trip to the hotel.

Coral Kincaid speaking “All about Daylilies” got things off to a good start in the evening. This was followed by musical entertainment and a social hour. Saturday morning started with the annual business meeting for the NSAGC. This was followed by talks on making Willow Fences by Heather Sanft and a session on Garden Style with Jenny Sanison. Mary Brown showed us how to make hanging baskets, Svenja Dec had everyone keen to get going with her many interesting wreaths made from all kinds of items from nature. Kevin Wentzell talked about a recycling facility, and the Quiz was enjoyed by all.

Following the Banquet, awards were presented to the photo winners and to the Gardener of the Year. Captain Dick Steele of Bayport Nursery spoke on Rhododendrons. An amazing person at 90 years of age, he passed on many interesting tips. Following presentation of numerous prizes to the audience, the 2005 Convention was announced as being held at Sherbrooke, Guysborough Co.

The floral competition was in three categories, with one entry per club.

1. "Water's Edge"- fresh flowers and driftwood
2. "Two Bridges" - two identical containers using identical flowers & foliage.
3. "Tidal Waters" - A floating arrangement in a glass bowl using fresh flowers.

### ***District Meetings***

For ease of identification by the Association, the province is divided into seven districts, Eastern, Halifax, South Shore, Western, Valley, Central and Cape Breton Each district has a director or directors (depending on size and number of clubs), who are responsible to convey information from the board to the clubs in their area. During the past five years the districts have continued to have meetings at least once a year, usually in the spring. The time and length of meeting varies with the district, and can be a day long event with a noon meal, or simply be an evening meeting.

Wherever possible the chairman of the Board attends these meetings, as well as the District Director. The District Director may help with the planning of these meetings and may be chairman. These meetings are a time for clubs to get to know one another, and to exchange gardening information. It is a chance for smaller clubs to hear a special speaker. Each clubs gives a report; there are quizzes, displays, and often sale tables and venders from the community.

## ***District Councils***

### **Cape Breton District Council**

The Cape Breton District Council continues to be active, meeting regularly to co-ordinate activity dates and plan District Meetings. On June 6&7, 2003 they planned the Convention which was held at the Invenary Inn in Baddeck.

### **Halifax District Council**

In the Halifax area the presidents and secretaries of the clubs in the Halifax district get together to plan district meetings and any activities that involve all the clubs. The council has been active in the past five years having planned a district meeting each year. The money that comes from the district meeting is divided between the club hosting the meeting and the district council.

### **Central District Council**

A meeting to form a District Council was held on March 20, 2003 at the Bible Hill Fire Hall. Two representatives from each club in the district were invited to attend. A council was formed with the main goal to be to co-ordinate area events and disseminate information from the NSAGC to the clubs in this Central District Two meetings a year have been held , in the spring and in the fall.

Projects so far have included preparing a list of speakers that are willing to speak which sent to the clubs. A list of plant sales and special events, as well as the presidents and secretaries was also sent to the clubs. On Saturday, Oct 23, 2004, Peter Romkey was guest speaker to the clubs of the area , speaking on indigenous plants of N.S. and a tour by slides , of the Irving Centre at Wolfville

## ***N.S.A.G.C. Programs and Contests***

### **Gardener of the Year**

This is the only award given by the N.S.A.G.C. each year, therefore it is open to garden club members as well as non members. Each club is allowed one nomination. The gardener of the year should have a garden and demonstrate the ability to grow plants well, including flower gardens, vegetable gardens, container gardens, houseplants and or water gardens. The nominee should also promote gardening; i.e. lecturing or demonstrating how to garden, arrange flowers etc. The person should, if a club member be active - helping with flower shows, plant sales, district meetings, attending conventions and or serving as a judge. Also include other garden related activities, breeding plants, composting, maintaining a public garden etc.

### ***Gardeners of the Year***

2000	Annie Wilson	Falmouth
2001	Marjorie Fowler	Halifax
2002	Yvonne Johnstone	North Sydney
2003	George Graham	Upper Stewiacke
2004	June Robertson	Georges River, C.B.

### **Tags and Seals**

Chip Inkster of Sandy Cove, Digby Co., N.S. has been in charge of buying and selling tags and seals for those clubs who wish to use them in their shows. She has set up a booth at each of the conventions, and the majority of the tags and seals have been picked up there. Truly a time and money saver “my time wrapping, and the Association’s money for mailing” Chip Inkster.

### **Insurance**

The N.S.A.G.C. has a third party liability insurance policy with Zive Insurance Company of Halifax, which covers the liability of clubs holding events in which the public are involved.

### **Yearbooks**

The year book contest was discontinued. Clubs are encouraged to bring their yearbooks to Convention to be put on display. The books are a good record of the activities of the club and give others ideas for programs that they can use in their group. A certificate is given to all those entering their book in appreciation of the work the club have done to compile this information.

### **Landscape News**

Arthur Haskins has been the editor of the Landscape news over the past five years. There were some changes to the newsletter with the focus to increase communication between N.S.A.G.C. and the Garden Cubs, Horticultural Societies and Specialty Garden Groups. It has been published four times a year, and is sent in bulk to be distributed to all the members.

Publication has been:

November 1 <sup>st</sup>	For Dec.-Newsletter
February 1 <sup>st</sup>	For March newsletter
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	For May Newsletter
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	For the September newsletter

This seems to have worked well, and individual members like to have their own copy, and are certainly less expensive than individual mailings. Clubs are encouraged to send reports to him about their activities, flower shows, plant sales, district meetings, special

people in the club and any special events. One copy is devoted mostly to convention. The paper can only be as good as the information he receives.

### **"New" Web- Site**

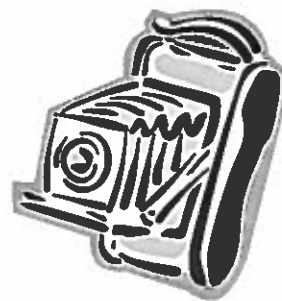
A new web site was launched in February 2005 at [www.nsagc.com](http://www.nsagc.com). It is hoped that this new vehicle will aid in bringing better communication from the NSAGC to clubs, and allow the clubs to share their gardening events with each other. There will also be a spot where members can chat with other gardeners and share information about gardening. This is an exciting new means for communication and should prove to be very helpful to both the clubs and the NSAGC. Elisabeth Jackson, Dartmouth has been instrumental in setting up this site and keeping it updated. A few clubs have their own website Pictou, Yarmouth, North Sydney.

### **East Coast Gardener**

Carla Allen who has been Editorial Coordinator for the East Coast Gardener, has left the paper because of a change in ownership. She will still be writing for five newspapers, and plans to set up her own web site where she will be doing articles of interest to the horticultural field. The paper will be published again in late spring, under the new management. Carla was a big supporter of the gardening events in this province and we wish her all the best in her new endeavor.

### ***Photo Contest***

The photo contest is open to amateur photographers residing in N.S. Each contestant must be either a member of NSAGC or belong to a member's family. Only 1 entry per contestant per class is allowed. Photos are to be judged on originality, composition, proper focus and exposure. Contestants could enter in 1- 2 different categories in 2004.





- Myra Hunter- Duvar, Chester was in charge of the contest until 2004 when John McGrath of Greenwood took over.
- The NSAGC would like to recognize the contributions of Jim Spurrell of Jim Spurrell Photography (Kingston) and event sponsor Lee Valley Tools for making this event possible.

Class #1 Spring #1 Myra Hunter-Duvar #2 Michelle Doon #3 Victoria B.	Class #2 Summer #1 Christine Boardman #2 Ivan Hunter-Duvar #3 Joan Thibault	Class #3 Autumn #1 Victoria B.-Buckley #2 Gail Wiles #3 Ruth Peppard
Class #4 Winter #1 Marie Meister #2 Myrtle Adams #3 J.E. Magee	Class #5 Windowbox #1 Michelle Doon #2 Myra Hunter-Duvar #3 Victoria B.-Buckley	Class #6 Container #1 Victoria B.-Buckley Gail Wiles Ruth Peppard
Class #7 Roadside Flowers #1 Erica Crowell #2 Gail Wiles #3 Nancy Guest	Class #8 Garden Critters #1 Erica Crowell #2 Marie Meister #3 Victoris B.-Buckley	Class #9 Work of Art #1 Don Guest #2 Myra Hunter-Duvar #3 Nancy Guest
Class #10 Close -Up Rose) #1 Mary Magee #2 Allison Magee #3 Michelle Doon	Class #11 Close-Up (other than Rose) #1 Michelle Doon #2 Nancy Fitch #3 Erica Crowell	Class #12 Public Gardens #1 Joan Thibault #2 Mary Magee #3 Marie Meister
<u>Best overall 2000</u> #! Christine Boardman Summer Class # 2	#2 Marie Meister Winter class #4	#3 Michelle Doon Close-up Class #11
<u>2002 Best overall</u> #1 Erica Crowell	<u>2003 Best overall</u> #1 Brenda Hiltz	<u>2004 Best overall</u> #1 Cathy Johnstone
<u>Winners in 2004</u> Class #1 Spring #! Diana Hatt #2 Erica Crowell #3 Sharon Voutier	Class #2 Summer #1 Myra Hunter-Duvar #2 Brenda Hiltz #3 Beth Henderson	Class #3 Autumn #1 Kathy Johnstone #2 Erica Crowell #3 Beth Henderson
Class #4 Winter #1 Kathy Johnstone #2 Grace Wile #3 Derek Crosley	Class #5 Window #1 Susan Voutier #2 Diana Hatt #3 Louise Lively	Class #6 Garden Statuary #! Louise Lively #2 Myra hunter-Duvar #3 Erica Crowell

<p><b>Class #7 Roadside Flowers</b>                  #1 Sharon Voutier                  #2 Erica Crowell                  #3 Myra Hunter-Duvar</p>	<p><b>Class #8 Garden Critters</b>                  #1 Derek Crosley                  #2 Brenda Hiltz                  #3 Sharon Voutier</p>	<p><b>Class #9 Work of Art</b>                  #1 Myra Hunter-Duvar                  #2 Brenda Hiltz                  #3 Diana Hatt</p>
<p><b>Class #10 Close up</b>                  #1 Derek Crosley                  #2 Myra Hunter-Duvar                  #3 Beth Henderson</p>	<p><b>Class #11</b>                  #1 Kathy Johnstone                  #2 Erica Crowell                  #3 Sharon Voutier</p>	<p><b>Class #12</b>                  #1 Erica Crowell                  #2 Christine Boardman                  #3 Derek Crosley</p>
<p><b><u>Best in Show - Top 3</u></b>                  #1 Kathy Johnstone                  (Cape Breton) Class #3                  Autumn</p>	<p>#2 Derek Crosley                  (Chester Basin)                  Class #8 Garden Critters</p>	<p>#3 Sharon Voutier                  (Cape Breton)                  Class #7 Roadside</p>
<p><b><u>Honorable mention</u></b>                  Louise Lively Class #3</p>	<p>Brenda Hiltz Class #12                  Grace Wile Class #6</p>	<p>Keith Hammons                  Class #11                  Erica Crowell Class #4</p>

## *Tea*

“If you are cold, tea will warm you,  
 if you are too heated, it will cool you:  
 if you are depressed, it will cheer you:  
 if you are exhausted , it will calm you.”

William Gladstone



### ***Judging School***

There are 33 NSAGC Certified judges on our judges list, with a further 10 grand fathered in on a list not certified by NSAGC, but recognized as being capable to judge. A record sheet has been sent out at the end of each season since the judging school was completed. Judges certification will be based on a five year cycle, records kept every year of their assignments and reassessed every five years and their certification renewed if appropriate. We may have to look at a refresher course at some time, perhaps a one day workshop and discussion. (Arthur Haskins report 2001)

A judging school was offered to all clubs in 2001, which would be held in the Valley. It would be a three year program. The Valley Gardeners has provided a thousand dollars to help fund another school. A letter was sent to the clubs, but there was not enough response to go forward with a school at that time. At the present time two judging schools are being set up, one in Cape Breton under Yvonne Johnstone with seven candidates, and one in the Valley under Allison Magee.

### ***Flower Shows***

Flower shows are a way for clubs to show the public their expertise in growing beautiful flower specimens, and arranging them in artistic fashion. There usually is a cup of tea and a light lunch to add to the atmosphere.

Clubs make their own syllabus, decide they layout of their hall, find a judge or judges, clerks and ribbons. Sometimes local nurseries have displays or have material for sale.

#### **Cape Breton**

- Glace Bay G.C., Westmount G.C., North Sydney G.C., New Waterford G.C.

Rose Show: July - North Sydney Mall

#### **Central & Eastern**

- Village G. C., Musquodoboit Valley Weeders, St. Mary's

### **Halifax- Dartmouth Hort. Society**

- 2004 The Provincial Rose Show 'Halifax- Westmoor Horticultural Society celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Rose show in Halifax
- 2004 Fifty Years of plant sales with Halifax- Westmoor Hort. Society

### **Valley Clubs**

- Charing Cross G.C., Wilmot G.C., Forties, G.C.

### **South Shore**

- Chester G.C. Lunenburg, Basin Gardeners Assoc., Bridgewater,
- Shelburne G.C., South Shore Exhibition, Riverport,
- 2003 "64<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower Show & Tea" held in Chester

### **Western**

- Yarmouth, Clements, Champlain, Weymouth, Clare, Pubnico

### **Exhibitions**

- Pictou Garden Club, Forties, Musquodoboit Valley Weeders, Stewiacke Valley G.C
- Glace Bay, and North Sydney entered flowers in Exhibitions.

### **Specialty Clubs**

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|------------------------|---|
| Orchid Society         | Flower Show - spring                          |
| African Violet Society | Annual plant and bake sale - May              |
| Dahlia Society         | Tuber sale, Mic Mac Mall, Dartmouth, - May    |
| Dahlia Society         | Dahlia Show, Bedford Place Mall, - Sept.      |
| Rhododendron Society   | Flower Show , Museum of Natural History - May |
|                        | Plant sale, Museum of Natural History – May   |

## ***Plant Sales***

Plant sales are a popular means of raising money for clubs. It gives the clubs a chance to be in the public eye and to encourage new membership. Material for the sales for the most part comes from the members own gardens. The money raised is used to finance community projects.

The following clubs had plant sales in the past five years.

Glance Bay, Westmount, North Sydney, Bridgewater G.C., Queens G.C. , Shelburne, Riverport G.C., Mount Denson G.C., Cottage Country G.C., Great Village, Charing Cross , Haliburton G.C., Mount Denson, Forties, Wilmot, Valley Gardeners, Halifax-Westmoor, Eastern Shore G.C. , Hilden, Bible Hill G.C. Great Village G.C., Musquodoboit Valley Weeders, Debert, Clifton, Stewiacke Valley G.C. New Waterford, Mahone Bay Garden Society, Lunenburg G.C. Basin Gardeners Assoc., Stewiacke Valley G.C. Village G.C., Valley Weeders G.C. New Glasgow Hort. Soc., Westville & Area G.C., Eastern Shore G.C.

## ***Community Projects***

Every active Garden Club or Horticultural Society has over their history been involved in a project to improve the beautification of their community. These projects take many forms, flower beds, planting shrubs, trees, bulbs, restoring old cemeteries, fixing up around public buildings, encouraging children to plant , and by example improving the community.

Some of the projects involving clubs in the past five years are:

- Haliburton G.C. helped with the design & planting of a garden at the Windsor Elms Nursing Home and Haliburton Place.
- Forties G.C. had a children's garden project, and gave prizes.
- Pictou G.C. honored junior gardeners Grades 2-5 who took part in a nasturtium growing contest over the summer months.

- North Sydney G.C. had student plant flower seeds in their classes and then transplant them to the park
- Wilmot G.C. - support community gardens at Middleton Hospital, the Riverside Park, The Middleton Baptist Church Family Life Centre, the Stronach Park in Kingston.
- Musquodoboit Valley Weeders planted community gardens by Braeside, the Bicentennial Theater, & Enterprizers Building
- Debert G.C. looked after several flower beds shrubs
- Fund raising thru Vesey's bulb sales, several clubs.
- Spring planting of annuals in three public areas of Bible Hill. Buying trees for the schools, seed program for the elementary and pre-schoolers.
  - Assisted in the Flower Show at the provincial exhibition.
- Great Village G.C. paid for 1/3 of cost of floodlight at war memorial, and plant flowers.
- Bought molds and made stepping stones and bowls.
- Wentworth planted a tree in memory of member who had passed away.
- Hanging baskets made and hung in North Sydney, Inverness, and Charing Cross
- Crocus Garden at the Bridgewater Tourist Bureau
- Maintain flower beds at Crockett Park & Upper Stewiacke Museum
- Family Fun day for children and adults - Clifton G.C.
- Several clubs supported the Rock Garden at the NSAC & the Historic Gardens at Annapolis Royal
- Provided programs at VON adult daycare. Donated books and magazines to local libraries.
- Tea for seniors.
- Filled an old dory with bulb and annuals, North Sydney G.C.
- Bible Hill G.C. gave donation towards the trough gardens at the NSAC rock garden and towards restoration at the Holy Well Park , which was badly damaged by Hurricane Juan.

- North Sydney arrange flowers once a week, for people in palliative care at the North Sydney Hospital
- Nearly all the clubs supported and looked after community projects.
- Valley Gardeners plant and maintain Valley Regional Courtyard.
- N. Sydney planted daffodils in their “Field of Hope” in aid of cancer
- Ken Beatty was the guest speaker at the Big Pond Fire Hall

### *Anniversaries*

Riverport	50 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary	July	2001
Historic Gardens	20 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary	August 15,	2002
Great Village	50 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary	Jan. 24	2002
Forties	50 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary	July 19 <sup>th</sup>	2002
Champlain	50 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary	2002	
Charing Cross	50 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary	Sept. 13,	2003
Pictou	65 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary	2004	
Halifax-Westmoor	50 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary	2004	
Marjorie & John Fowler	55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	June 7,	2003
Chip and Rob Inkster	60 <sup>th</sup> . Anniversary	March 27,	2005

### *Bursaries*

1. Valley Gardeners G.C. – awards two bursaries in the horticulture and landscaping programs at Kingstec Community College in the amount of \$1000.00 each. Mt. Denson G.C. And Haliburton G.C. also gave a bursary to Kingstec.
2. Wilmot awarded a bursary to student from Kings West studying at Kingstec.
3. Dartmouth Hort. Soc. Gave a \$500 bursary to NSAC student in second yr.
4. Bible Hill, Wentworth, Great Village and Stewiacke Valley G.C. each gave a \$250.00 bursary to a NSAC student in second year Horticulture.
5. New Waterford donated a \$ 200.00 bursary to Breton Education Center.  
Westmount gave \$200.00 to Riverview Rural High School for a scholarship.

Wilmot G.C. formed a bursary committee in 2003 to allocate alternately to a deserving student of West Kings and Middleton high School who wishes to pursue a career in Agriculture.

### ***Club Events***

- Basin Gardeners Assoc. - Strawberry Tea and Garden Tours
- Mahone Bay Garden Soc. & Lunenburg G.C. - A day workshop with Bob Osbourne from Cornhill Nursery, N.B.
- Riverport – Kasseeklatch (coffee Party)
- Corn boil
- Floral displays around town, Guysborough G.C
- Musquodoboit Valley Weeders entered in the Festival of Trees decorated in honor of “The 100 Birthday of the Queen Mum”.(2001)
- Bible Hill G.C. entered Festival of Trees in Bible Hill for 2003 & 2004. They had a centre piece workshop for the community in late November –50 people attended
- North Sydney had a Christmas centre piece and wreath making for 100 people.
- Several clubs made wreaths for Christmas.
- Christmas Tree lighting and carol sing.(Wentworth and Hilden)
- Decorating Recreation Center for Festival of Colors Pork Supper and Christmas Craft sale– Wentworth Valley G. C.
- Planting flowers at the hospital, Hilden Fire Hall, Hilden United Church, planted a pansy with each Primary student, flower boxes on the patio of the Veterans Wing at the hospital.
- Flower beds at Crockett Park and Stewiacke Valley Museum
- Plant a row for Food bank, several clubs
- Hilden club planted flowers and shrubs at the Colchester Hospital
- Buying products in bulk ie. Manure compost, kelp, fertilizer
- Taking part in “Coal Dust Days” New Waterford Club.
- Several clubs have floats in local parades and exhibitions
- Mahone Bay made improvements to the Aquatic gardens



- Inverness had a workshop presentation “Gardening for Beginners”

### ***Club Programs***

A active club will provide programs for their members that will stimulate interest and be educational. Planning programs for the year gives members an overview of what is ahead and gives the program committee a good chance to obtain speakers or have members plan programs among themselves. The following are some programs used by clubs.

- Plant Exchanges And Plant Auctions Among Club Members
- Seed Swap, Perennial & Plant Exchange
- Speakers
- Dividing Perennials
- Exhibiting Flowers & Vegetables
- Photographs of The Garden
- Flower Arranging
- Coping With Drought
- How To Grow Garlic
- Natural, Native Gardens To Attract Birds And Butterflies
- Raised Beds
- Osborne On Roses
- Wreath Making (Several Clubs)
- Slides On Trip to Newfoundland With Capt. Dick Steele
- Questions And Answers Among Members
- Greenhouse Management,
- Soil Management
- Making Herb Flavored Oils And Vinegars Drying Herbs, And Potpourri
- Forcing Bulbs
- Sharing Recipes
- Landscaping

- Propagation
- Talk on Iris, Lilacs, Daylilies, Orchid, Dahlias
- Garden Videos
- Chinese Auction
- Designing Hanging Baskets
- Composting and Recycling
- Bring & Buy
- House Plants Care And Exchange
- Pot Luck Dinners And Fun Time

### ***Bus Trips and Garden Tours***

- Many of the clubs have enjoyed trips to special gardens near to home or at a distance. Some of those trips are recorded here.
- Shelburne G.C. – Open garden tours open spring thru fall.
- Mount Denson toured Carol Harvey’s Daylily Gardens.
- Several clubs toured the Irving Center at Wolfville
- Tour of Fred Walsh’s Garden in South Berwick
- Several clubs visited local gardens.
- Visited the Saturday Market in Annapolis Royal
- Dartmouth member organized a garden tour in support of Crohn’s disease
- A Tour of properties in Chester by Wentworth Valley G.C.
- Visit to Levo’s gardens in Green Hill, Raspberry Bay Stone in Bass River, Rock garden at NSAGC
- Great Village had a tour of Jost Vineyards & Ross’s nursery, Tatamagouche,
- 2002 “Gardens of Glace Bay Tour”, Central clubs tour to Cornhill Nursery in NB
- 2003 Bus tour to Annapolis Valley & Irving Center by Bible Hill, Hilden clubs
- 2004 Bus tour to Dartmouth area by Bible Hill, Hilden and Wentworth clubs.
- 2004 Bus tour to Bunchberry Nursery and 3 gardens in Annapolis Royal by Valley Gardeners

- Queens club toured Pine View Farms, Basin Gardeners visited the Historic Gardens at Annapolis Royal
- Bridgewater toured Windhorse Farms and opened some of their gardens to the public.
- Pictou Garden Club celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> year with a public tour of four gardens in and around Pictou ending with a tea at the Hector Center., and launched their own web-site.

### *Special Plant Societies*

#### **Dahlia Society of Nova Scotia**

Each year the Dahlia Society holds a popular tuber sale and a large Dahlia show in the Bedford Place Mall. In 2000 their project for the year was a dahlia display bed located at the Veterans Hospital. In Sept 2000 three vehicles loaded with cut dahlia blooms began the long trip to Arlington Virginia to compete in the American Dahlia Society National Show where they won prizes and surprised the other exhibitors. This fall 2005, they will again be hosting the 39<sup>th</sup>. ADS show in Halifax. Upwards of 3000 dahlia blooms from several states and provinces will fill the ballroom of the Westin N.S. Hotel in Halifax. In April 2002 East Coast Gardener announced the winner of the Derrill Hart Award for the best B sized dahlia was developed by Dorothy and Walter Jones of Dartmouth.

#### **The First Halifax African Violet Society**

The African Violet Show and sale is held each year at the NS Museum of Natural History, on Summer Street, Halifax in the early part of May.

### **Atlantic Rhododendron and Horticultural Society**

They have an annual plant sale. In 2004 it was held at Le Marchant St. Thomas School, Halifax. There is always a wonderful selection of plant material to tempt you. Besides Rhododendrons and azaleas there are trees, shrubs, conifers, and perennials.

### **Orchid Society**

The Orchid Society have a Spring Show each year when they bring in a special judge .It is held at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, Halifax. As well they hold shows in Bridgewater and Wolfville. Their regular meeting is held at the NS Museum of Natural History and includes special speakers on orchids and their culture.

### **NSAC Rock Garden**

The Friends of the Gardens at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Bible Hill are working to complete the ½ acre rock garden on the college grounds. A labor of love of Bernard Jackson, and the Friends of the Gardens, many of them garden club members from the surrounding area. It has taken 450 ton of rock to finish the garden and approximately 700 plants and 1500 dwarf bulbs have been planted. It is expected that in excess of 1000 labeled species, varieties or cultivars will grace the garden when it is finished. It contains a scree, dry stream bed, rock gully, rock troughs, cliff face and numerous southern and northern exposures. It is a most interesting addition to the campus of the NSAC and well worth a visit.

### ***“Cultivating Garden Friends”***

In conjunction with the Millennium, the board authorized the Historian Barbara Morton, to make application through Ottawa for a grant of funds known as the “Millennium Project” This included broadening from the development of NSAGC to Gardening in

N.S. N.S .Application was made to the Canadian Millennium project, but when that was not accepted, as the number of submissions was greater than anticipated, funding was looked for elsewhere. An application was submitted and approved by the Agri-Food Industry Development and approx. \$4000.00 was allocated to complete this project. Completion deadline was March 31/2001, when the money was received. \$1000 was also allocated from the Board to cover costs in publishing this book. \$800.00 of this was returned to the NSAGC as not being used. 500 books were printed and to date about 150 are still available. The returns from the books more than covered the cost and it is hoped that some History that would have been lost has been saved. It is a good way to learn of the people who worked hard to make our province a more beautiful place, and to appreciate the dedication many people gave to this beautification program. It is also a record of all the clubs that have been active since 1953, prize winners, awards, stories from gardeners and groups that have been affiliated over the years.

### *Communities in Bloom*

Following the demise of Rural Beautification, a new program began called Communities in Bloom. This program is Canada wide and can involve communities of any size. In 2002 Sherbrooke, N.S. received four blooms for their Heritage Conservation in the category 1-1000 residents. Each year several communities from the province compete in this program.

### *Canada Blooms*

The Toronto Flower & Garden Show is six acres of fully landscaped gardens, the country's largest standard judged flower show and many workshop and seminars presented by the most knowledgeable experts in Canada. A number of people from N.S. have attended this show and were very impressed.

### *In Memoriam*

2002 - Mickie Fulton, secretary of the Stewiacke G.C.

Nov. 11, 2003 - Dr. Milford Jackson, North Sydney G.C.

With the death of Dr. Milford Jackson, the NSAGC and gardeners everywhere lost a valued friend and colleague. A member of the North Sydney G.C., he became a director of the NSAGC in 1966. He held many positions including president in 1973. Milford's contributions to the board were many. He brought a love of gardening, a desire to give knowledge to others, and a gracious manner which put people at ease. On three occasions he and Dorothy were tour guides for members of the NSAGC to Europe, always ending at the Chelsea flower Show. He may best be remembered by those attending Conventions for his skits as "Millie and "Farmer Clem" which brought much delight to the audience. He was honored with the "1984 Gardener of the Year Award". He will be greatly missed.

June 2004 - Dr. Diane Deveau, Clare Garden Club

Dr. Deveau was secretary of the Clare Garden Club for a number of years. She was in the Judging Class of the NSAGC. And was an avid gardener and will be sadly missed by her club.

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004 - Ruth Draper, Mt. Denson Garden Club

May 2003 - Jerry Draper, Mt. Denson Garden Club

Jerry and Ruth were charter members of the Mt. Denson Garden Club, an avid gardeners. They had a great attitude and knowledge of the benefits of gardening. Ruth was a judge and as well participated in many flower shows where she entered her roses and flower arrangements. They will be sadly missed by their Garden Club.

2004 Wilfred Armstrong Nov. 16, 2004

Wilfred Armstrong of Granville Beach was an early supporter of the NSAGC. While living in Dartmouth he was a member of the Creighton Park Garden Club. At this time he grew gladiolus and took a keen interest in gardening. Following retirement he moved to Granville Beach to his old home where he furthered his interest in horticulture especially rhododendrons. He was instrumental in the development of the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens, designing the rose and perennial gardens. He was later made a Life Member of the Gardens Committee. He became an early member of the NSAGC holding several offices, District Director 1961-65 Vice-President 1969-70, President 1971-72, Quiz 1979-91. He was a qualified Judge and was often seen at Flower Shows. Those who knew Wilf valued his friendship and learned much from his knowledge of plants.