

SCOTIA GARDENER

Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs

Summer 2023



Message from the NSAGC Chair

Greetings, gardening friends,

To say the least, this summer has been full of challenges for many gardeners. Our NSAGC Facebook group has been full of stories of triumphs and tragedies. It's a great place to share your experiences and to seek advice.

The upcoming change of season will bring the cooler nights and sunny days that make perfect weather for gardening. So don't delay, get into your gardens and enjoy them.

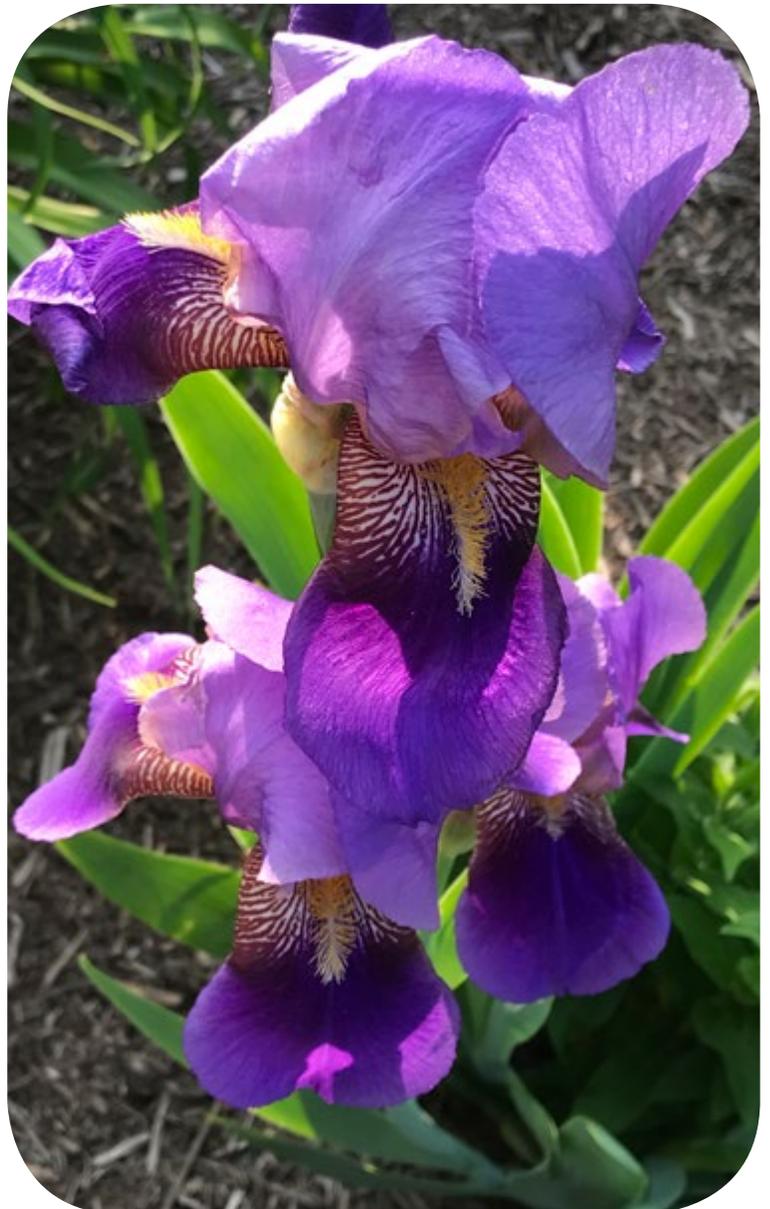
With the end of summer on the horizon, many clubs are starting to meet again after a summer break, why not invite a friend, neighbour or new community member along. Also be sure and let us know of your events so they can be included on our website calendar.

On a business note, membership application for the year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, can now be completed on our website: www.nsagc.com Select the Garden Clubs tab, then scroll down to 'Online Forms.' Fees must be paid on or before February 28, 2024, to keep your membership current.

Mark your calendars for the NSAGC 2024 Annual Convention, June 7-9, in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The theme of the Convention is "Back to Our Roots."

Wishing you all a safe and fruitful fall,

Deb Bowes-Lyon
chairperson@nsagc.com



Haliburton Garden Club Heads Plant Shopping

by Catherine MacDonald



On the 15th of July, 14 enthusiastic members of the Haliburton Garden Club boarded our community bus and headed out on a gray and foggy morning to explore the gardens at Harbour Breezes Daylilies. The owner, Allan Banks, grows lilies and Japanese irises. The irises were in full bloom and spectacular. There were a few varieties of lilies also in bloom but full bloom was not expected for a few weeks. However, everyone seemed able to find a bloom or plant that suited their fancy. Our very accommodating bus driver organized space at the back of the bus and in the luggage compartment to hold our plants.

Our second stop was at a small greenhouse up the road from Allan's property. Once again, treasures were found! The owner had a sale table, which was very popular. Lunch followed at The Mermaid Eatery, a German-themed restaurant which proved excellent. Most of



Photos by Catherine MacDonald

us had dessert as an apple strudel had just come out of the oven.

Our final stop was at Bloom, a family-owned business on Hammonds Plains Road. Cathy Oulton, the owner, was on site as was another employee who fielded gardening questions. We were provided with delicious pastries from a local bakery along with a beverage.

It didn't take long for happy gardeners to have shopping success again. As we prepared to board the bus, Cathy presented each gardener with a plant and a gift card, valued from \$5 to \$25.

As we travelled back to Windsor, the general consensus was that it had been a day well spent. We appreciated this trip as we have worked hard this spring promoting gardening in our communities.

Eastern Shore Garden Club Enjoys an Active Summer

by Diane Lucas

For the Eastern Shore Garden Club (ESGC) June meeting, our guest speaker was Rosmarie Lohnes, President and CEO of Helping Nature Heal Inc., services since 2001. Rosmarie's presentation was given via Zoom and was titled "Erosion Mitigation with Ecological Landscaping." Rosmarie discussed how her company uses native plants and natural materials to prevent erosion and to help nature by improving vegetation for birds, invertebrates and all living things in intertidal zones.

Also at the June meeting, our members Donna Jones and Holly MacNevin were recognized as ESGC Members of the Year for their outstanding dedication to the club.

In July, our co-president, Darlene Hart, organized a garden tour in the Truro area and invited members from other clubs in HRM to join in the fun. The tour began at Heather and Norm Patton's fabulous private garden, then on to the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus Rock Garden. We enjoyed a picnic in Victoria Park and then finished the tour at Darwin Carr's impressive garden in Old Barns. Darwin worked at



Donna Jones (left) and Holly MacNevin (right)
Photo by Linda Disbrowe

the Dalhousie Rock Garden for 34 years.

In August, our co-president, Diane Lucas, organized a tour of three Butterflyway gardens that she and her team work on. They were Diane's native garden, a Butterflyway garden in Bennett Park, Mineville, and a small garden along the Gaetz Brook Greenway Trail in Chezzetcook.



A Monarch butterfly rests in Diane Lucas' garden
Photo by Diane Lucas

Eastern Shore Garden Club (continued from previous page)



Members enjoying Patton's garden (above and below left) and the lovely views at Darwin's (below right and bottom right)

Climbing through the Dal Rock Garden (bottom left)

Photos by Diane Lucas and Darlene Hart



Eastern Shore Garden Club (continued from previous page)



Diane Lucas' garden (left) and members in Bennett Park (below)

Photos by Diane Lucas and Darlene Hart



Fall River Garden Club's Summer Gardens

by Bob McDiarmid

Here is my summary of this year's summer gardens and I'm sure this just about sums it up, for most, if not all of us!

- Tulips as good as they have ever been.
- Daylilies good.
- Garlic good.
- Rhubarb good.
- Slugs at all time high.
- Striped cucumber beetles disappointed as the cucumbers family had already been consumed coming out of ground.
- Cucumbers (third planting) in pots are just coming now.
- Pollinators appear to be on sabbatical.
- Prolific weed growth held soil in place on inclined garden during deluge.
- Tomatoes have a race to the top of plants with

septoria and early blight running neck and neck.

- Chipmunks rank Sungold cherry tomatoes as their favourite.
- Japanese beetles were starving till they found much of what I grow.
- Asiatic lily beetle is still active but provides some joy upon killing them.
- The only Monarch was an antique Mercury Monarch car driving by.
- As the Maple Leafs say...wait till next year.
- Watering was not required this summer!

On another note, our club had two more benches built by another member. We have noticed over the past that more and more people were using the existing ones, so we felt there was a need for a couple more, especially in the wooded area of Jamieson Park, the largest of the community gardens we maintain.



Walkers in Jamieson Park enjoying a break on a hand-made bench provided by the Fall River Garden Club.

Photo by Cheryl Corkum

Queens Garden Club Celebrates the Dogwoods of Liverpool

by Krista Doody



I just love it when community members have a passion and come to share it with us. In June our very own Queens General Hospital pharmacist, Eden, shared her new passion for monarch butterflies. Just last year she discovered, through a friend, the magic of watching the process of the monarch, right through to releasing them into the environment with nothing more than some milkweed and a tent. It's almost impossible to believe that these beautiful butterflies that we see in our gardens are the fourth generation of butterflies coming right from Mexico!

Eden is happy to share the magic of the butterflies with her family and friends. She especially enjoys the fact that kids like being a part of the magic and are happy to share in the process as opposed to being glued to their technology. Eden is still working on expanding her brood of butterflies and making the process more effective and efficient. Ever-so-thoughtful Emily brought along some milkweed from her garden to share as door prizes.

Should you ever be in Liverpool in June and July, you'll have to take note of the beautiful dogwoods in people's yards. They are truly spectacular. and

steeped in history with former mayor and avid gardener, Chris Clarke. He brought dogwoods to the town and encouraged people to plant them in order to beautify Liverpool. It worked!

That morphed into a Dogwood Festival Tea in July in conjunction with the Queens Garden Club and the Mersey Band as a fundraiser. COVID put a halt to the annual fundraiser for three years and this year was the first since 2019 and what a festival it was! Band members and garden club members contributed sandwiches and squares as well as a sale table with gardening related items. It was held in the Trinity Church Hall on Church Street and the Hall looked spectacular. Tickets (\$10) were sold out quickly at the door as were the items on the sale table. While people were happily chatting and eating, they enjoyed a slide show of people's gardens focussing on dogwoods. Dogwoods bloom for about a month and it could take up to seven years for one to bloom. The happy couple in the picture (next page) were from out of town and were pleased with their purchase. Sadly this year there weren't any dogwoods for sale and, as we plan for next year, who knows!

Queens Garden Club (continued from the previous page)





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Pictou and Area Garden Club Promotes Community Beautification

by Lauren Forbes

After the regular monthly meeting in May, the last meeting before the summer break until fall, the Pictou and Area Garden Club (PAGC) held its annual spring plant sale at the Pictou North Colchester Exhibition grounds. The best sale in the history of the club—a whopping \$4,800 was raised and twelve new members signed up to join the club! This past summer proved to be a busy one and we look forward to meeting again this September.

Several PAGC members attended the NSAGC annual convention in June 2023 and they did not miss any time working in their own gardens that weekend as welcome rain began midafternoon June 2 and torrential rain on Saturday June 3. There were forest fires burning the previous few weeks and smoke was detected in the Bedford area from nearby forest fires. The seven ladies who attended had fun, found it very informative and enjoyed the various presentations, vendors and lunch.

The Club held two workshops this summer by Heather Mattie. The Cement Towel Plant Holders workshops were hosted at Harbour Light Campground on June 17.

After rescheduling due to a rain event, garden club members gathered at the property of club member Linda Morden on the evening of July 14. Linda challenged the group to name all the plants in her gardens from A to Z and gave out first prize to member Ericka Rauh.

On the evening of July 19 club members old and new met at the Green Hill property of avid gardener Don Jeffery. A longtime member of the Lismore Garden Club, Don wowed the crowd with a fabulous walk about his manicured property. Many well established shrubs, flowers and trees were on display and of great interest was the incredible vegetable garden compound behind Don's house, containing both a conventional in-ground garden along with

many raised beds.

A small gathering at the Scammell Garden on the afternoon of July 24 allowed everyone to celebrate the completion of the new pergola project. Mayor Jim Ryan thanked PAGC member Helen Scammell who generously funded the entire endeavor. Although still waiting for the removal of the dilapidated lighthouse, club members arrived to spruce up the Scammell Garden flower beds on June 13. Member Dawn Westhaver provided direction to the group as they tidied up the bed and planted some new annuals for the summer. We hope the town can sort out the electrical issue with Nova Scotia Power so that the old structure can be removed and the bed newly refurbished for the 2024 season.



Member and Past President Joy Sinclair stands next to her incredible castor bean plant!

Photo provided by Lauren Forbes

On July 29 when several members attended a garden tour at Gerry Farrell's in Braeshore. This was truly a labor of love for him and his wife. So many shrubs, annuals, perennials wrapped this property with color, fragrance and visual appeal. From daylilies, asiatic lilies, orientals, hostas, astilbes, hydrangeas, weeping spruce, umbrella pine, echinacea, elderberry—just to name a few.

All 40 floral baskets owned by the town of Pictou were again sponsored by local businesses allowing us to achieve yet another incredibly successful year. Many of the businesses involved in the program last year (our first) were quick to jump back on board with the remainder picked up by several new local enterprises. At a cost of \$40 each, all the funds raised were donated in full back to the town to help them continue to improve and grow their beautification program. This project has provided an excellent opportunity to publicly promote our club.

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Pictou and Area Garden Club (continued from previous page)

This was our second year distributing our new brochures and this year we decided to print them in color. Placed in Forge Home and Garden, The Green Thumb, The Flower Basket, West River Greenhouses and Pictou Home Hardware, they were again very well received and in several locations were almost completely gone by the end of July. A lovely note was received via our PAGC email from Kim Morgan, President of South Schuylkill Garden Club, Pennsylvania. She picked up one of our brochures while here on vacation this summer and “wanted to say hi to a fellow garden club”!

“Lady Slippers Photo Goes Viral” was the headline in the New Glasgow News recently. The story stated the image was viewed more than 80,000 times on Facebook. Lifetime member Beth Henderson submitted her photo of four yellow lady slippers, double the number of the previous year. The intention of Beth’s posting this was to encourage fellow gardeners and members of her club to attend the NSAGC convention as she believed it had lots of interesting components to make a fun weekend.

A few years ago, Beth purchased a yellow lady slipper from a vendor at a south shore convention to surprise her husband, as there are pink and white ones in their woods.

The PAGC Facebook administrator, Heather Mattie, has enabled followers to post items of interest. This photo garnered more than 4,000 likes and 200 comments from as far away as Minnesota.

Heather, the club social media member, contacted the newspaper and, as a result, an entire page was



Photo by Beth Henderson

devoted to a story of Beth’s gardens. It not only included a photo of the four yellow lady slippers but was a great article to promote the club which has grown to more than 100 members in the past year.

Speaking about promotion, the same photo was submitted to the Halifax Chronicle Herald and from one photo the club had not only county coverage but provincial as well. Who would have guessed?

Lismore and District Garden Club Planning District Two Regional Rally

by Donnie Butler

This is proving to be a busy year for the Lismore and District Garden Club. We are hosting the District Two Regional Rally. We began planning for that event in February. This actually has invigorated the club.

We took part in a community yard sale in June by having a successful plant sale. In July we toured sites of interest in the Annapolis Valley for our annual tour.

In September we held our annual vegetarian meal. This is always a great social event.

That's it for now!

Clements Garden Club Members Travel Near and Far

by Ginny Blayney

Our yearly fundraiser plant sale in June did well again.

At the end of June Ginny Blayney and Gail Wilson took an impromptu trip to Kingsbrae Gardens in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, where they enjoyed the gardens during a break in the rain.

On June 17 our club had the pleasure of a tour around the Pinegrove Park near Liverpool, led by Christopher Clarke and Gini Proulx. We had a lovely lunch at Lane's Privateer Inn.

Ginny Blayney traveled to NFLD on a road trip with her daughter in July. And again in July to the UK, visiting Audley End House and gardens and the Beth Chatto Gardens:

August is our annual potluck and this year we enjoyed the beautiful gardens and spectacular view at the home of George Chisholm in Bear River.

For our September meeting we travelled up the Valley to visit the Tangled Garden and the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens in Wolfville. Lunch was taken at the Church Café.

Members have been taking part in the preparations for the 2024 Convention which will be held in Yarmouth next June.

Also, Regan Henshaw-White is a very active member of our club and we would like to wish her warm and sincere congratulations on her wedding in August!

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Kingsbrae Gardens, St. Andrews, NB
Photo by Ginny Blayney

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Clements Garden Club members enjoying Pinegrove Park and Cosby's Garden Centre in Liverpool.
Photos by Denise Rice

Clements Garden Club (continued from previous page)



Beth Chatto Gardens in the UK
Photo by Ginny Blayney



**Photo by Mary Landry, NSAGC Photo Contest 2023
First in Class "Garden Art"**

St. Margaret's Bay Gardening Club Sees the Bright Side

by Paula Fredericks

After a very busy spring, St. Margaret's Bay Gardening Club members took a break from meetings to spend time in their own gardens. It was an opportunity to dodge raindrops, soak up a bit of sun and harvest a huge crop of Japanese beetles. We shooed deer, chased bunnies, pulled pesky weeds and replanted our veggies, sometimes more than once! Hostas grew inches every day and magnolias wowed us. We navigated driveway disintegration but on the brighter side, didn't have to dip into rainbarrels to water our gardens. While those barrels overflowed, the days flew—an all-too-short season. Seriously, though, in spite of challenges, it was a good summer in so many ways. Lots of things thrived and our hydrangeas, cone flowers, brown-eyed Susans and some terrific sunflowers are starting right now.

Our club member Reisa Muir proposed a new initiative and visited seven gardens to create a series of terrific slideshows that will take us on a visual journey at the beginning of each club meeting this year. The first three-minute clip takes us to the gorgeous garden of Glenda Sharples. Each month we'll see a new batch of inspiration as we arrive and get settled for our presentations.

We must thank our Crossroads Garden team for keeping the garden looking beautiful—always a highlight in the Bay community. (You'll find it in front of 5229 St. Margaret's Bay Road, corner of Sonny's Road at the Peggy's Cove lights.) A team of dedicated gardeners organized by Ann Nielsen meets twice a week to keep things looking lovely. And just last Sunday, we were treated to a tour of the Sound Living property of Megan Andrus and Joe Hood in Middle Sackville. Go to [facebook.com/soundlivingns](https://www.facebook.com/soundlivingns) and you'll be as inspired as we were!

On the September 20 at 7 p.m. we kick off the 2023-24 season at St. Luke's in Upper Tantallon. We welcome returning and new members, always, for \$20/yr or \$25 for a family. You can also visit for \$5. Many folks bring cash donations each month for the SMB Food Bank. We personally deliver donations to Ruth Minnikin, the manager there.

To be a gardener is to be an optimist by nature! We are feeling very positive about the upcoming season and look forward the events in planning stages—our holiday decorating workshop and Seedy Saturday 2024—to name just two. We hope you'll have time to join us!



Sunflowers at "Sound Living"



Walipini at "Sound Living"



Rudbeckia in Paula's garden.
Photos provided by Paula Fredericks

Dartmouth Horticultural Society Celebrates 65 Years!

by Eileen Pease and Avis Faulkner

Our 65th Anniversary Celebration: To celebrate our 65th Anniversary, we held a potluck picnic at the Cole Harbour Heritage Farm on August 13, 2023. Members signed up ahead of time to bring appetizers, main courses, salads and punch. We were also fortunate to have Adria Jackson who played her harp and sang beautifully.

For the week before the event, we watched the weather forecast almost every hour as the forecast for Sunday gradually lightened from steady rain, fog and thunderstorms to possible showers and possible thunderstorms. Finally, we decided it was a go, even though we had a heavy shower 90 minutes before we were due to start at 5 p.m. One of our members, Makayla Cole, is a staff member at the Farm. She allowed us to squeeze into the tea room, so that we had dry seats and tables for our meal.

Later the wind dropped and the sun came out, so several people sat at the picnic tables outside. Our harpist was protected by an open tent and we enjoyed listening to the music.

Plant Sale: Once again, we were able to hold our plant sale at the St. Vincent de Paul church hall on Flying Cloud Drive in Dartmouth. Our members contributed over 1500 plants, which were laid out on designated tables such as perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables, hostas, etc. Linda Mosher led a great group of volunteers who handled organizing the plants, pricing them, setting up the tables, manning the tables, assisting buyers, keeping a steady flow of plants and finally collecting the payments. And, of course, this included clean up afterwards plus donating the few remaining plants to farms and gardens that could use them. The plant sale is our major fundraiser and our net proceeds set a new record this year.

Our Monthly Meetings: For our January meeting, Avis Faulkner, our President, and Linda Connolly, our Program Committee Chair, organized an excellent planning meeting.

Individual members were asked to write on a card their answer to: *As a member of DHS what did you/ do you hope to experience from attending meetings and participating in activities?*

The answer cards were reviewed, categorized and the total numbers tallied in order of frequency:

- Gaining information or new skills about gardening in NS
- Participating in garden tours and activities with others
- Interacting with others having similar interests
- Making new friends and having fun
- Assisting local gardens or gardeners, and feeling part of a group which makes positive impact on community

This may be summarized by the comment on one card: *Education and friendship with like-minded people, with an opportunity to GROW!*

Linda has done a great job finding excellent speakers (sometimes our own members) and she also arranged the following workshops which were well attended:

- Flower arranging in a Pumpkin
- Creating a Christmas Wreath
- Stained Glass Stepping Stones

Eileen Pease



Open Gardens: For the first time since the Covid 19 pandemic started, our club members were delighted to have an opportunity to visit the gardens of other members in July and August. Over one dozen members opened their garden for several hours on different days. Many had not done this before so we had a nice variety of gardens to explore mainly in Dartmouth and Cole Harbour.

Club volunteers who support the Moir Garden and Cole Harbour Heritage Farm hosted an open garden each month.

The folks at Evergreen House/Dartmouth Heritage Museum who have been building a garden overlooking Halifax Harbour also opened their garden.

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Dartmouth Horticultural Society

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We are very grateful to Susan Hazelwood for coordinating the schedule and juggling the many changes. We were pleased to see members of the Bedford Garden Club join us on this series of tours, as they have shared their gardens with us in the past.

Facebook Activity: In 2023 we have seen a marked increase of information-sharing through our Facebook page, thanks to the efforts of Tina Small. In addition to regularly posting meeting information, pictures and upcoming speaker presentations, Tina has taken a lot of her own photos. She has also sought photos from members who volunteer in Moir Garden and Cole Harbour Farm, at the NSAGC Convention, during our plant sale and open garden tours.

Members were encouraged to send her short articles on gardening or NS gardens for re-posting or on gardening events in their local area. There has been a wide and very positive response from members and the general public, all followers, to Tina's hard work. We received particularly heart-warming notes from the family and friends of our late Life Member Audrey Moir (d. 2020) on the article posted about the history of the Moir Garden. Several new members have joined as a direct result of reading about us on our Facebook page. Laura Chisholm has volunteered to assist Tina during the coming year, so we look forward to it being a continued source of gardening information for our local community.

Avis Faulkner



Club members enjoying the 65th anniversary of the Dartmouth Horticultural Society
Photos provided by Tina Small



Dartmouth Horticultural Society

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These Dartmouth Horticultural Society photo collages record the life cycle of their plant sale from beginning to end. This is obviously a very well organized event with a huge selection of plants and happy customers.

Photos provided by Tina Small

Mount Denson Garden Club Steps Up to Help

by Carla Scholten



Mount Denson Garden Club members getting their hands dirty

Photos by Tracey Martin

As I write this, the threat of another storm is looming. The weather this summer has been a challenging one for making plans and holding events. Hants County was hit hard mid-July by rain and community trauma. Club members responded to the call for help from fellow club members whose gardens and plants were significantly affected by flooding.

Being a member of this club has so many benefits. In addition to meeting new friends, we often exchange plants and discuss common interests. Recently, we were gifted with an abundance of seed and were able to distribute them to community agencies, members and individuals who grow to help support those experiencing food insecurity. Donations of micro tomato plants and greenhouse plastic were also shared with members.

Club members do not meet regularly through the summer. We were fortunate, though, to get together for a concrete leaf workshop, hosted by Nicole Burke and instructed by Tracey Martin. It was great to see our gardening friends being creative and getting their hands dirty!

This year, we again applied and were successful in receiving a West Hants Municipality Grant. We appreciate these funds to assist with some of our operating expenses including office supplies, soil, compost and garden tools.

The Mount Denson Garden Club Bursary Committee is pleased to announce the recipient of our \$500 Norma Sweet Memorial Bursary this year. Gus Barker is a second-year student in the NSCC Horticultural Program. Our recipient last year was not able to return to study and so we were able to award another student; Ava Copas is a second-year student at Acadia University studying Environment and Sustainability.

Our fall plant sale has been re-scheduled to Sunday, September 24 from 10-2 at the Avon Community Farmers Market. If you happen to be in the Windsor area for the Garlic Festival (September 23), why don't you stay another day and drop by! We'd love to meet you!

Prospect Area Garden Club Enjoys Open Garden Season

by Tara Moore, President



In May the club toured members Donna and John Silver's beautiful gardens. Many rhododendrons and unique evergreens. Followed by a delicious potluck.



In June we had our annual plant sale and set up a booth at the PRCC community gathering to promote the Garden Club.



In August we gathered at members Joan and Ron Cleaveley's garden for our annual daylily social. This year we also added greenhouse/garden tours of others in our community. Everyone has a green thumb and lots of great ideas were shared.



In July some members went on a road trip visiting Pheasant Gardens, Charlie the Tree Guy, Masstown market and toured the Dalhousie Ag gardens in Bible Hill. We had lots of fun exploring and bringing new plants/trees home to plant.

Photos provided by Tara Moore

Garden Tour Etiquette

Many of us look forward to the pleasure of enjoying other people's gardens. Whether we are visiting a public garden or participating in a private garden tour, not everyone remembers to follow garden tour etiquette! The following points of garden etiquette are based on an article by Debbie Symonds (Dartmouth Horticultural Society) that appeared in the June 2014 edition of the *Scotia Gardener*. It is a great reminder for all of us!

-  Unless invited by the gardener, do not presume that you can walk through a property unless, of course, the gardener is participating in a public tour or the garden is part of a nursery.
-  If this is a guided tour, please listen when the gardener is speaking. Please wait to speak until there is a lull in the conversation.
-  Never deadhead or weed someone else's garden. Look, but don't touch. You never know if you are destroying someone's valuable hybridizing experiments!
-  Stay out of garden beds and stay on paths—even if it's a perfect photo opportunity. Much time and money are spent on mulch and edging the bed so please take care.
-  Unless the gardener has given permission, do not take photos in the garden.
-  If there are seeds remaining on plants, there's probably a good reason. Never remove seeds from a garden.
-  Turn off your cell phone before you enter the garden.
-  Please never ask a gardener to dig up a plant or provide you with a cutting. Most gardeners will respond to your enthusiasm by offering to save a piece for you when they divide it later.
-  Asking a gardener what they paid for a plant is a no-no. If the gardener offers the information, accept it graciously and don't brag that you bought the plant cheaper somewhere else.
-  Do not park in the gardener's driveway unless the driveway is part of a nursery. Park on the street and ensure that you don't block any of the neighboring driveways.
-  Do not become a peeping Tom. You are visiting the garden, not the home.
-  Do not ask the gardener if you can use their washroom.
-  If you must bring your children, keep a close eye on them. Do not let them wander in the gardens.
-  Don't smoke or vape. Wait until the tour or visit is over.
-  If you're hungry or thirsty, eat and drink in your vehicle. Any recycle or garbage bins are for the gardener's personal use.
-  Don't pull markers out of the ground so that you can read the name of a plant. If you can't see the tag, ask the gardener.
-  The only dog permitted in a garden tour is a guide dog and only if the gardener has given permission. No other dogs are allowed.

What You Need to Know about NSAGC and the Registry of Joint Stock Companies

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The Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs is registered with Joint Stocks and, therefore, the member clubs are as well. Our registration number is 1282925 and it is publicly available on the Joint Stocks Web Site (<https://rjsc.novascotia.ca/home>). You are free to use the number when asked for it.

If you are in need of a letter on NSAGC letterhead confirming that you are a member in good standing of NSAGC and/or your status with Joint Stocks, please send me an email at: treasurer@nsagc.com or give me a call at 902-469-3661. Whoever you are applying to will specify the information that they need to process your application. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Susan Hazelwood, NSAGC Treasurer
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A gorgeous Buddleia bloom, saturated in deep blue purple, curves elegantly to tempt a passing butterfly.



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A Note from the Editor

Hello, Nova Scotia gardeners,

The summer of 2023 brought our province heat, humidity and, for some of us, high waters. The community cenotaph garden, planted by my local garden club members in June, was almost totally washed away by flood waters from the swollen Sackville River in Bedford. The power of rushing water is beyond anything we could imagine. We can always plant another garden in the spring but many communities will have substantial work to recover from the damage incurred to homes, roads and landscapes.

What we all needed to cope this summer was a good sense of humour. Thank you, Bob McDiarmid, for your amusing writeup for the Fall River Garden Club—it will provide a much needed chuckle for our readers.

For the first time this year, I planted milkweed and followed with interest its rapid growth, beautiful blooms and seed pods. Butterflies like the milkweed and so do I!

Please mail your club news and photos for the next issue of the newsletter (deadline November 15) to: newsletter@nsagc.com

Have a lovely, quiet autumn,
Emily Walker



Stages in the life cycle of a milkweed

Photos by Emily Walker

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