

# SCOTIA GARDENER

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## Message from the NSAGC Chair

Dear Gardening Friends,

It's early June and we have just wrapped up the first NSAGC Convention since 2019. By all accounts, it was a great success!

This year's celebration was held in Truro, hosted by Central District Three. Cathy Newton and her team did an excellent job organizing this event and securing a superb lineup of speakers. I'm certain I speak for all who attended that we are tremendously grateful for your hard work. Bravo!

For a variety of reasons, this past year, the NSAGC has seen several members retire from their volunteer positions on the Board. I want each of you to know that your time spent with us and the work you did was greatly appreciated. I wish you well in all your future endeavours.

Earlier this spring, I must confess, I was feeling concerned about the future of the NSAGC. Our organization was faced with several vacant, or soon-to-be vacant positions and few prospects for filling them. However, following the Annual General Meeting on June 11, 2022, I am pleased to announce that dedicated members stepped forward to volunteer and we now have a full slate of officers with the lone exception of a District Director for Central District Three North.

On behalf of the NSAGC, I would like to say, "Thank You!" to all the candidates for making the commitment to serve on the NSAGC Board and to represent the Garden Clubs in your respective Districts. The Association truly would not, nor could not, exist without your participation. Welcome aboard!

I'm aware that many of the garden clubs across the province are faced with these same challenges and I encourage you, the membership, to look within and ask yourselves what you can do to support your club. Then, raise your hand and volunteer for a role in the leadership of the organization.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."—Helen Keller

As we roll into summer, I wish you all health, happiness, and a successful gardening season.

Kathy d'Entremont



## NSAGC Convention 2022 Highlights in Photos



From left to right, Pamela MacLean, Past President, retiring Directors Bibiane Lessard, Sharon Bryson, Liz Hill and Sue Gilmour  
Photo provided by Liz Hill



Learning how we gardeners can help foster and protect our precious bird population in Nova Scotia. Photo by Emily Walker



(above) The for-sale plant corner was very popular.  
(below) Speakers were both entertaining and informative.  
Photos by Emily Walker

(right) Arthur Haskins' amazing creation drew a great deal of admiration!  
Photo by Kathy d'Entremont



## NSAGC 2022 Awards and Welcomes

by Pamela MacLean, Nomination Chair

I am happy to report that we have the following new district directors and Board members. "Acting" beside a name indicates the person accepted the position after nominations had ceased. They will be accepted at the next Annual General Meeting. Welcome, everyone, and thank you for taking on these positions.

### District Directors

- 1 Cape Breton: Glynis Thomas
- 2 Eastern: Anne Gratton
- 3 Central north: vacant
- 3 Central south: Brenda Gasser (acting)
- 4 Halifax: Nancy MacCara
- 5 Valley: Melissa Weir
- 6 South Shore: Michele Stevens
- 7 Western: Ro Allen (acting)

### Board Members

- Treasurer: Susan Hazlewood  
Website Content: Susan Hazlewood  
Photo Contest: Sharon Bryson

### Awards

Congratulations to each and every garden club member. You are all heroes in my books! Volunteering is the best thing you can do for your club and for the NSAGC Board. Here are the 2022 awards:

#### Garden Hero of the Year 2022

- Isle Madame Garden Club:  
Lillian O'Hearn
- Pictou and Area Garden Club:  
Dawn Westhaver

#### Outstanding Garden Club Member 2022

- Mount Denson Garden Club: Norma Sweet
- Lunenburg Garden Club: Kathy Kirkpatrick
- Mahone Bay Garden Club: Jacqueline Avery
- Pictou and Area Garden Club: Linda Morden
- Bridgewater Garden Club: Charles Berry

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Photos by Susan Neehook

## Queen's Garden Club Enjoying an Up-Beat Spring

by Krista Doody

Is it just me or has this spring been wetter and colder than usual? As I am writing this the daffodils are just starting to bloom and a huge, pink azalea in my front garden was the first to bloom this year. The bees seem to like the azalea and I can't help but wonder if the bees belong to Deb's hives in Port Medway?!

We didn't miss a beat in our monthly meetings this spring. Did you know that Liverpool has its very own "Quiz Master"? We were entertained by Greg with annual garden trivia in February. I am not good at trivia but Greg makes the games easy and so much fun. We played three games of 15 true or false questions each, so even if you don't know an answer, you can guess and maybe even be lucky enough to choose the correct answer. It's a fun way to learn new fun facts about gardening and even be a little competitive with your table partner. There are always prizes for the winners and Greg has promised to return again next year. He has over 1000 questions ready to go for us and I'm sure we wouldn't remember even if questions were repeated!

In March club member William gave a presentation on how he makes his very own sea salt. He scoops the salt water right off the rocks on his property into plastic bottles. He makes the process sound so easy! I'm sure there were learning curves and lots of trials and errors along the way. He had even brought a sample as a door prize.

Next to present were Betsy and Bob from Bear Cove Resources who have been collecting seaweed from the shores along the South Shore to make fertilizer with all the proper permits for 29 years. Perhaps you have seen them at a Farmers' Market or a craft show. Betsy explained the process of how to get the seaweed from the shore into the bags that are for sale. Storm-Cast is a soil amendment produced through the controlled breakdown of stranded seaweeds and companion organisms mixed with shell and sand from wave action (called wrack). Composted seaweed is useful throughout the growing season and is excellent for all applications, including top-dressing. This time I was the lucky winner of a bag of indoor fertilizer (which

needs to be pasteurized) and my plants are very happy! We are hoping to plan a trip to their facility and even fill a garbage bag with seaweed for our gardens. They have put a lot of hard work and research into creating this fantastic product that is available right at our doorstep. If you see them in your area, remember to stop by and say hello.

We recently purchased a laptop that now belongs to the club and at our last meeting we watched a DVD on perennial vegetables. We had another indoor plant exchange amongst ourselves and it's always a fun way to share house plants that you love and to try some new ones too!

Our plant sale was held at a new location this year. We teamed up with the Museum and held the sale on their grounds on May 28. We hoped to give the Museum some exposure and that people would visit the sale and then pop into the Museum as well. Traditionally the sale was held in conjunction with the Liverpool Farmers' Market. We all contributed and had a variety of shrubs, perennials, as well as some annuals, vegetables, seeds and house plants available for sale.

I recently heard from a friend who belongs to a Garden Club in Saint John that they are organizing a Garden Tour bus trip to NS, including a stop at the Annapolis Royal Historical Gardens. It will be interesting to hear where they stopped and what they saw. Perhaps we should organize a reciprocal tour to NB!

In the meantime, I know I will be using every single day it's not raining to work in my garden. After all, I've been waiting for months to be able to get out there!

I hope you all enjoy the spring!



Queen's Garden Club members enjoying a garden tour at their May meeting.

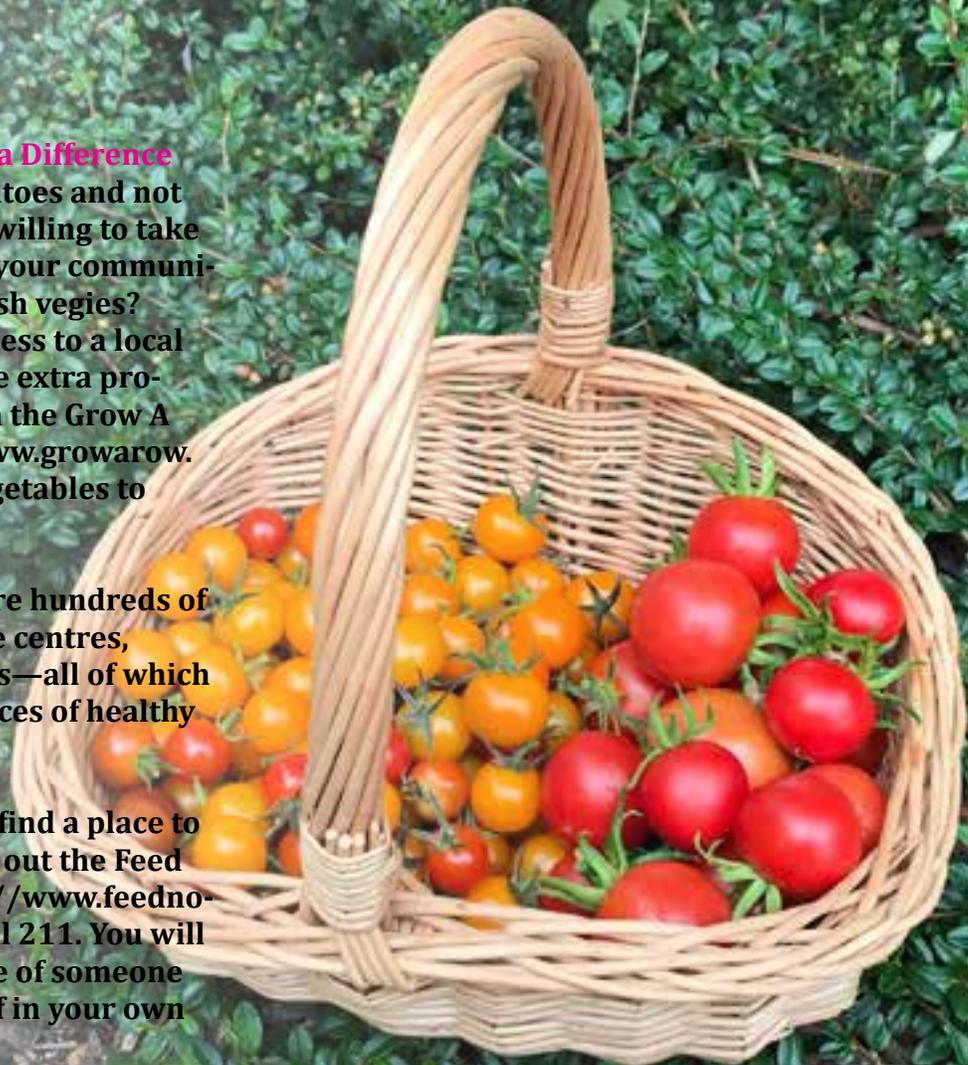
Photos contributed by Krista Doody

### **Veggie Gardeners Can Make a Difference**

Do you have too many tomatoes and not enough friends and family willing to take them off your hands? Or is your community garden bursting with fresh veggies? Consider donating your excess to a local food bank. If you don't have extra produce, you can participate in the Grow A Row movement <https://www.growarow.org> by planting a row of vegetables to donate.

Across Nova Scotia, there are hundreds of food banks, family resource centres, shelters and meal programs—all of which are always looking for sources of healthy food for their clients.

If you don't know where to find a place to take your extra food, check out the Feed Nova Scotia web site <https://www.feednovascotia.ca/find-food> or call 211. You will make a difference in the life of someone less fortunate than yourself in your own community!



## Hants North Late Bloomers Garden Club Marks the Year of the Garden

by Geoff MacDonald

As part of 2022's Year of the Garden, all members of the Hants North Late Bloomers Garden Club purchased a red tree to plant in our own yards. We sourced two types of trees from a local vendor—the Eastern Red Bud and the Red Flowering Dogwood. In addition, for each member purchasing a tree, the club also purchased a tree which we planted at the Rising Tides New Horizons Centre, located in Noel. We currently assist the Centre in the maintenance of their garden and felt this would be a perfect spot to plant our club tree—right in the centre of our geographically large club coverage area.



On Saturday June 4, the Hants North Late Bloomers held their annual plant and bake sale at the Rising Tides New Horizons Centre in Noel from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This was the first time we have been able to hold a sale since 2019. The sale offered a large selection of plants from the gardens of all members. We also had a wide variety of fresh baked goods and held a draw on a garden basket, which contained a large number of items donated by members of the club.

We had a beautiful day for the sale and it was wonderful to see some of our friends and neighbours come out to support us. A great day was had by all and we enjoyed being able to help everyone with their plant selections and answer any questions they had.

(left to right) Kaye Lingard (Treasurer), Cheryl McLellan (Vice-President), Geoff MacDonald (Secretary), Janet Rose (President) and Janet Patterson (Past-President).



Hants North Late Bloomers Garden Club homemade goodies sale table—yummy!

Photos by Liz Hill



At their recent plant sale, Hants North Late Bloomers Garden Club provided a large selection of healthy plants.

## Chester Garden Club Continues to Contribute to the Community

by Jayne Campbell

The Chester Garden Club held their annual plant sale this year after a two-year break. Several vendors were available and our members were busy preparing and selling their garden plants to the customers between the showers. Great day! Great fun!

We have also been very active the past month overseeing the changes to the Parade Square as well as mulching and weeding in the Cove Garden.



Photos contributed by Jayne Campbell



The work of the Chester Garden Club shine through in both of these photos.



Photos contributed by Jayne Campbell

## Lunenburg and Area Garden Club Selling in the Rain

by Pauline Morehouse, President, Lunenburg and Area Garden Club



**Our Lunenburg and Area Garden Club held a Plant Sale on May 28. Whew! Did it rain! The committee decided we should get an early start since we had over 200 plants and some tents to set up. At 6:30 a.m. there we were in the pouring rain setting up for our sale. Yup, it turned up to be too early. By 7:30 a.m. we were squishing in our boots and ready to sell. More plants arrived over the next hour.**

**At 9 a.m. many people and cars arrived on the scene. It was amazing! The variety of plants and the special, eye-catching garden trinkets made this the best sale to date. A huge thank you to the committee and all the volunteers who supported this event.**

**Photo provided by Pauline Morehouse**

## Bedford Horticultural Society Getting Back to Normal

By Marlene Grigg, Secretary

What a beautiful spring we've had! I don't know about everyone else but my housework and other responsibilities have fallen behind. I cannot stay inside on these lovely days.

I'm sure everyone will agree that it's good to see each other in person after two long years. Our priority as the executive of BHS has been to reestablish our normal routine while ensuring that we comply with government mandates and keep everyone as safe as possible. There were lots of lively discussions on how best to do this, as I imagine there were in other clubs. We've had two in-person meetings with speakers since the fall newsletter; two socials – a Christmas Potluck and a Spring Desert Party complete with a trivia contest; and one workshop where we made Christmas centrepieces.

BHS holds an annual plant sale to raise money for a bursary that is awarded to a local student in a horticultural program. During the pandemic our members put on their creative hats and found ways to sell plants and raise money for the bursary. This year we were able to hold a more festive event (everyone loves plant sales) and raise more money for the bursary.



This photo shows one of the first blooms on a special magnolia tree. The Bedford Horticultural Society planted a tree to thank Neville MacKay for contributing his time and talent to an NSAGC event held in Bedford a couple years ago. Neville requested that the tree be planted in the gardens of Ivany Place, the Bedford campus of Northwood's seniors' residences.



Allan Banks of Harbour Breezes Daylilies gave an interesting presentation on Japanese Irises at the BHS April meeting. Everyone learned a lot and enjoyed gazing at stunning photos of gorgeous irises.  
Photos: Emily Walker

## Parrsboro Garden Club Learns the Secrets of a Market Gardener

by Suzanne Gauthier

We met in March to strategize for the coming months. April had us staying safely home, then in May we met for our annual members' plant and seed exchange. The first Saturday in June we participated very successfully in the plant sale fundraiser at the Band Hall after a two-year hiatus.

Monday, June 6, our garden tour and lunch program took place. A group of eight of us met at Andy Buckland's market garden in Athol at 10:30 a.m. Andy's Greens has been a popular vendor at the Parrsboro Farmers' Market for the past few summers. We discovered some of his secrets in growing luscious greens that are both bug and chemical free: row covers and black silage tarp.

Andy began gardening on his parents' ten-acre property after completing an electrical engineering degree in England and finding that the urge to be outside was too strong to resist. He relocated to Athol and grows his vegetables in no-till soil, which he enriches with compost from his greens.

The row covers remain on most of his produce until he harvests, except for some of the taller plants like kale and spinach, which grow under covered hoops. Andy re-plants to grow three yields of the early crops like radishes and lettuce, maximizing the use of his limited garden space.

In his two small greenhouses Andy grows tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. He attaches string to the roof beams, clips the base of the plant and twines the plants upward. By careful pruning, the tomatoes grow to the ceiling and produce massive crops. While he would like to use heirloom varieties, he sticks to hybrid seeds bought locally since those are more pest resistant and provide a better rate of germination.

To save labour and to prevent erosion and soil compacting, he covers all his beds with black silage tarp over the winter. This hastens the breakdown of any plant matter such as weeds left in the ground and also heats up the soil much more quickly in the spring. Earth worms thrive under the tarps and speed up the decomposition of plants.

Andy can sometimes plant as early as mid April using this method, though it was later this year. All the labour is done by hand, by himself. He has recently begun using a wheeled seed spreader and uses a traditional Dutch hoe for weeding. The root crops are picked on Wednesday; tomatoes, cucumbers, beans and peas on Thursday; lettuce and tender crops on Friday; and all are put in his cold storage room for optimum freshness for the Saturday market. Andy's electrical engineering degree (continued on next page)



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came in handy for installing the air conditioning to preserve the freshness of his produce. He keeps meticulous records of what he planted where and when which he consults every spring to plan for the next crops.

The videos of Jean-Martin Fortier, a Quebecois gardener, have been inspiring to Andy, a great role model for him as he started out. Andy heavily endorses Jean-Martin's methods.

Upon our return to the Fundy Geological Museum, Suzanne Gauthier gave a brief outdoor talk on edible wild plants in the vicinity. Afterward we joined other members for lunch at Harbourview Restaurant. A very informative morning was enjoyed by all.

Parrsboro Club members enjoying a tour of Andy Buckland's garden.

Photos by Suzanne Gauthier



### Looking Back...at the 50s

1956 The third convention of the Association was held with the star speaker "The Maritime Gardener", Gordon C. Warren. Later in the year William Forsyth of Halifax was elected President.

1957 The Association launched a magazine "Landscape News" published six times a year. Its purpose was to maintain communication between the Association and clubs throughout the province.

1958 President Mrs. Muriel Gardner instituted a competition for the Best Community Project. The prize was a beautiful silver rose bowl—the President's Trophy. The first winner of the President's Trophy was the Sylvan Garden Club of Mira Gut in Cape Breton for their renovation of the Community Hall and their repairing and beautifying of the Baptist Cemetery.

1959

- There were 69 active garden clubs with about 2000 members. Tasks for this year included compiling a list of nurseries offering discounts to garden club members and publishing this list in *Landscape News*.
- The River Philip Garden Club hosted the 1959 convention in Collingwood.
- The President's Trophy was won by the Admiral Digby Horticultural Society.

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## Mount Denson Garden Club Hosts a Fun Plant Sale

By Carla Scholten, Secretary, Mount Denson Garden Club

Since March 2022, the Mount Denson Garden Club has been so happy to be able to meet monthly with invited speakers and tours. We've enjoyed sharing information and socializing again with gardening friends. Our membership has grown to 42 members and our Facebook page has also seen an increase in followers.

In March, Ken Byrka from Revival Seeds brought along some seeds and spoke to members about their history, heritage seeds and seed saving. Revival Seeds provided us with Flanders Poppies and we were given permission to plant these at the base of the Windsor War Cenotaph. We were happy to see them germinate after such a hot spell in May.

Our members and guests enjoyed two tours in April. Baldwin Nurseries walked us through their beautiful, extensive selection of native plant offerings. Susan featured plants that are deer resistant and graciously answered our questions. One of our members was excited to win the draw for a red maple tree!

The tour of Avon Valley Floral greenhouses was held just before their first shipment out and so the greenhouses were full of many ready planters and others in varied stages of growth. It seems the popular colors for planters this year is yellow and orange! We were also treated to a tour of the cut flower fridge room where it was interesting to see how flowers were stored and kept fresh for distribution to florists. We heard the interesting history of the business and the evolution of current practices.

In late May, volunteer members had a work party to tidy the four Memorial Gardens at Riverbank Cemetery in Hantsport. This is an annual project with an additional planting of annuals which was done in June. The gardens provide a beautiful space for cemetery visitors.

Members really pulled together for a very successful Plant Sale on June 5. Plants were potted up two weeks earlier at the Club Garden and additional plants were donated by members from their gardens. The buyers often expressed how impressed they were by how large and healthy our selection was. A special thank you to our two youth members

who did so much of the heavy lifting! We want to develop young gardeners so, during the sale, children were invited to join in to plant their own bean or sunflower seeds to take home.

Our Spring Fundraiser Draw was also a huge success with excellent donated prizes including a magnolia tree, a rustic art metal woodpecker, a concrete garden mushroom and a \$50 gift certificate to a local nursery. Proceeds support a \$500 bursary for a local student of a horticulture-related program.

Recently, Domenic Padula, from Hants West Food Action Council, gave us information about programs to tackle food insecurity in the area and ways that we can help. Members learned about the soup program and free market where local people can take food that is offered in locations around the community. There are also community gardens in six locations in the area where people who need it can go and pick food for their table. With the rising costs of food, rent and gas, so many people in our community have difficulty making ends meet. This program eases some of that insecurity and we can help.

Two of our members were fortunate enough to be supported by the Club to be delegates at the NSAGC Convention in Truro. Those delegates will definitely share information with the members. Thank you to all the organizers of this event and we look forward to next year! Congratulations to our member, Norma Sweet, for having received the "Outstanding Member Award" recognizing her work, time and dedication to the Mount Denson Garden Club and the promotion of gardening throughout the community.

Upcoming events for June-August for our club include: tour of Tangled Gardens, hike and social time with neighbouring Haliburton Club, tour of two members' gardens, and bus trip to Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens with lunch and stops at local nurseries.

We wish you all an enjoyable summer and happy gardening.

The Mount Denson Garden Club has been enjoying the spring with a tour of Avon Flower Floral and a fun as well as successful plant sale. Congratulations to the club's outstanding member, Norma Sweet!



Tour of Avon Valley Floral



Lori at the potting table



Potting party for our plant sale with Tracey and Mike hard at work



Nicole at the children's planting workshop

Photos provided by Carla Scholten

## The NSAGC Website Welcomes Your Input

by Susan Hazelwood, Web Content Manager



The new NSAGC website—NSAGC.com—has been very active since its launch in January.

The Events Calendar and Garden Clubs map have been updated with information from the 2022 Membership Assessment forms. Please check your club out and let us know of any errors or omissions.

The Events Calendar (right side of screen) lists all club meeting dates and times, special events such as plant sales, as well as important NSAGC dates. The Garden Clubs map may be found under the Public tab.

Some of you have been in touch with changes or corrections to club information, which is much appreciated. The map and calendar are valuable resources for people wanting to join garden clubs in their areas, as well as existing garden club members who would like to attend other club's events. We are interested in hearing from you if you have special events planned for this gardening season so that we can add them to the calendar.

The Nurseries map lists garden centres across the province and may be accessed under the Public tab. The map has been very popular and will continue to be once gardeners are on the road seeking out new treasures for their gardens! Please get in touch via the Contact Us form if you have other garden centres that should be included.

If your garden club has a website, please consider linking to the NSAGC site from your website to provide instant access to great information and valuable resources.

If you have any suggestions, please let us know by using the Contact Us button.



Photo: Susan Neehook

## Does Your Club Need Any Tags and Seals?

by Susan Hazelwood, Treasurer

If your club is holding a flower show, NSAGC has tags to help with the judging and seals to show the winners.

We have seals for 1st prize, 2nd prize, 3rd prize, Honorable Mention and Best in Show. We also have a cardboard Quality Award marker.

Tags and seal are ten cents each, plus postage if they need to be mailed to you. The exception is the Quality Award, which is free of charge. If you are

able to have your order picked up at the convention or at the treasurer's home, you will save the cost of postage.

To place an order, please send an email to: [treasurer@nsagc.com](mailto:treasurer@nsagc.com) with the number of each item that you would like. You will receive an email back with the total cost and payment details. You can pay with a cheque, cash (if picking up) or e-transfer.



Photo: Susan Neehook

## Photo Contest 2022

by Deb Bowes-Lyon, Vice Chair

Thanks to all our great garden photographers who participated in this year's photo contest. The 2022 contest had 10 classes. There were a total of 89 photos entered over the 10 classes. As always, the photos entered were exceptional. It was a real challenge to pick the winners.

The photos were judged by Dan Froese, a professional photographer. He chose the top three in each class and the top three overall. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three overall photos, \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

### Class 1

- 1 - Susan Donkervoort
- 2 - Dan Gray
- 3 - Sharon Bryson

### Class 2

- 1 - Dan Gray
- 2 - Melissa Weir
- 3 - Jennifer Hill

### Class 3

- 1 - Dan Gray
- 2 - Judy Keating
- 3 - Elizabeth Hill

### Class 4

- 1 - Elizabeth Hill
- 2 - Melissa Weir
- 3 - Dan Gray

### Class 5

- 1 - Bill Reader
- 2 - Melissa Weir
- 3 - Elizabeth Hill

### Class 6

- 1 - Bill Reader
- 2 - Elizabeth Hill
- 3 - Hazel Lee

### Class 7

- 1 - Bill Reader
- 2 - Melissa Weir
- 3 - Sharon Bryson

### Class 8

- 1 - Bill Reader
- 2 - Elizabeth Hill
- 3 - Jennifer Hill

### Class 9

- 1 - Melissa Weir
- 2 - Jennifer Hill
- 3 - Elizabeth Hill

### Class 10

- 1 - Elizabeth Hill
- 2 - Susan Stevenson
- 3 - Susan Donkervoort

### Overall Winners

- 1 - Bill Reader (Hummingbird Feeder) Class 6
- 2 - Elizabeth Hill (Water on Leaf) Class 4
- 3 - Dan Gray (Close-Up) Class 2

- **Class 1**      **Life in the Garden**
- **Class 2**      **Close-ups**
- **Class 3**      **Colour**
- **Class 4**      **Water in the Garden**
- **Class 5**      **Vegetables or Fruit**
- **Class 6**      **Garden Art**
- **Class 7**      **Flowering Trees or Shrubs**
- **Class 8**      **Fall Scene**
- **Class 9**      **Landscape**
- **Class 10**    **Nature in Winter**



# Outstanding Natural Beauty



Photo by Katie Lynds

## This and That

Submitted by club members



Susan Neehook from the Chester Garden Club sent in the photo above of a ladder that was stored behind her garage at her home in Gold River for the winter.

Red breasted robins began to build their nests on each rung of the ladder. Unfortunately, predators found the nests and the eggs were destroyed. One nest, however, built close to the ladder, was well hidden and now is full of baby robins!



Bonie Conrad writes: Summer is a great time to sit back with a book...and what better books than those about gardening! Here is a list of some of my dog-eared favourites:

- ✿ *In the Garden Thoughts on Changing Seasons*—Marjorie Harris
- ✿ *The Gin and Tonic Gardener: Confessions of a Reformed Compulsive Gardener*—Janice Wells
- ✿ *Meditations from my Garden: Growing my Soul*—Delia Halverson
- ✿ *Crazy about Gardening: Reflections on the Sweet Seductions of a Garden*—Des Kennedy.
- ✿ *Easy Garden Planning*—Marjorie Willison
- ✿ *Flowering Shrubs and small Trees*—Isabel Zucker
- ✿ *A Celebration of Gardens*—Roy Strong

From Emily Walker:

Britain has been struggling with diseased boxwoods during the last few years. Now it looks like Canada has the same problem. I took the photo opposite in May in a garden in London, Ontario.

Unfortunately our boxwood trees here in Nova Scotia are now at risk. Already, some people in my neighbourhood in Bedford are removing affected plants.

Apparently there is no treatment once the disease strikes. Boxwood has been such a well behaved and dependable shrub, it will be a blow to lose any of them to disease.



Photo: Emily Walker

## A Note from the Editor

Did spring seem to come out of nowhere this year? It seemed that one day the daffodil blooms were dancing in the wind and the following day the trees were lush and green. Suddenly the rhodos were vibrant with colour. And, as I write this, today is June 21, summer solstice, the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

Good memories were made this month as gardeners gathered in Truro for the NSAGC 2022 Convention. It was truly enjoyable to be in the company of fellow club members from all over the province. I am already looking forward to the convention next year in Halifax.

Big events have been taking place this spring—plant sales! By all accounts they were highly successful with lineups of people eagerly awaiting the chance to buy those special plants from their local

garden clubs.

As always, thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue of the *Scotia Gardener*. I hope you liked the photo of the bird's nest filled with blue eggs (page 18)—it was taken by my teenage great-niece! Robins built a nest in a small tree in her family's back yard and she was quick to snap this remarkable photo of it.

Please mail your club news and photos for the upcoming summer issue of the newsletter to: [newsletter@nsagc.com](mailto:newsletter@nsagc.com)

The warm days of summer stretch ahead as a pleasant prospect. I hope you enjoy all of them. See you in September.

Emily Walker



Thanks to Susan Neehook, Chester Garden Club, for sending along several beautiful photos. This one really makes us smile!

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## Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs Board Current Openings

Members of the executive and the directors of the NSAGC enjoy the experience of expanding their horizons through meeting and working with gardeners throughout Nova Scotia. They also have an interest in encouraging and supporting the gardening community in their area.

The following positions are currently available with others opening in the early summer:

**Director, District 3, Central North**

Contact any Board member for details if you are interested in filling one of these positions or know of someone who is, please contact Pamela MacLean at: [pamela.maclean@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.maclean@gmail.com)

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