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Newsletter of the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs

Fall 2022



Message from the NSAGC Chair

Dear Gardening Friends,

Another summer has flown past, and we are enjoying an exceptionally warm second summer. It is hard to know what impact it will have ecologically, but I cannot complain. Winter will be upon us soon enough.

At the fall meeting of the NSAGC Board we welcomed your new District Directors to the group. It was decided that since all were unfamiliar with the inner workings of the NSAGC, we would provide a special training session on November 5, in Truro.

Following the training, many of the Directors expressed that they were much more understanding of their role in the organization and more prepared to perform their duties. If the director for your district has not yet reached out to your club, I expect they will very soon. Please invite them to a meeting of your membership and welcome them warmly.

As part of the District Directors' education, the Past-Chair, Pamela MacLean, presented an overview of the extensive history of the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs. It was indeed educational for all who were present. I encourage all Scotia Gardener readers to explore "Our History" on the NSAGC website and guarantee that you will be impressed by the many accomplishments of the NSAGC over the years.

By the time of publication of this newsletter most of you will be busy preparing for the upcoming festive times. Whatever your plans may be, I wish you all a safe and merry Holiday Season and a New Year filled with good health and good fortune.

Kathy d'Entremont

Queens Garden Club Enjoys Learning from Local Experts

by Krista Doody

We have so many wonderfully talented and knowledgeable people on the South Shore and we are very fortunate that they are willing to spend some time with our members and share their expertise!

On a beautiful fall evening in September our club members took a trip to see Connie at Century Homestead Farm and Floral in Hebbville. We started with a magnificent tour of their gardens. In 2015, they began with a small hoop house and a few garden beds. Since then they have been expanding the farm every year. They now have two hoop houses, two greenhouses for growing directly in the soil, a greenhouse for seed starting and potted crops and five large beds to allow for crop rotation. My favourite was the moveable chicken coop that they back into one of the greenhouses in the winter and let the chickens do their thing. In 2019, the farm was named “Century Homestead Farm and Floral” after the name of the road they are on, Century Drive. You may have seen Connie at the Bridgewater Farmers’ Market where she sells several different varieties of garlic for eating and planting, tomatoes, leeks, onions, peppers, carrots and other vegetables, along with beautiful floral arrangements and handmade seasonal wreaths.

Each member was asked to bring a teacup to make an arrangement with. The sheer variety of teacups that our members brought was a delight! Connie had so many different cut flowers in buckets available for us to choose from, as well as greenery with different textures and smells. It is actually quite amazing how many flowers it takes to fill a teacup. Connie herself certainly is very talented and while we were labouring over our tiny teacups, she created a beautiful arrangement in white and purple, while at the same time helping us with ours.

Alyssa Boulanger, a certified herbalist from Maritime Medica in Dublin Shore, shared an interesting and informative presentation in October about plants and also weeds (aka dandelion!) that we may have in our gardens and their medicinal purposes. She grows so many of these plants in her own gardens and makes teas and tinctures for healing remedies of so many ailments. She shared with us best growing practices and while she made it all

sound so simple and easy, it is quite clear that she has an amazing amount of knowledge and information that has taken years to acquire. We hope to be able to view her gardens next year. She brought along three of her delicious tea blends as door prizes and I was the lucky winner of one called “Sun Dance” for clarity, uplift and support. She grows many herbs and plants from seed sourced as locally and organically as possible. We’re all looking forward to the on-line store.

I had my first experience with Japanese beetles in my garden this year. They seemed to be particularly fond of my four very large rose bushes. Thanks to a tip from a club member, I went out every evening with a plastic container filled with soapy water and scooped them in. Luckily they were very compliant and allowed themselves to be scooped! Several people in my neighbourhood had bait traps hanging in their yards. Home Hardware sold out as fast as they came in and it seems not everyone had the bugs in their gardens. We should all be on the lookout for them because they are here. (continued on next page)



This beetle can quickly skeletonize a leaf. It preys on over 300 species, including rose bushes, grapevines and birch trees.

Photo provided by Krista Doody

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A family from New Jersey had to deal with the spotted lanternfly this summer and we need to keep an eye open for them as well. While they are a pretty looking bug, they are extremely destructive by sucking the sap out of the trees, which ultimately kills the tree. If they are in New Jersey, they will be here in no time.

It seemed strange this year to be thinking about Christmas planters and wreaths while the annuals in my outside urns were still blooming beautifully. This year I had red begonias that didn't let me down. My yellow magnolia had blooms at the end of September—I hope that's not a bad sign for its spring bloom next year. At the end of the day, there's nothing I can do about it and I will have to wait to see what happens.

The Queens Garden Club wishes you all the very best for the New Year and we look forward to reading about all your winter adventures!



Spotted lanternfly—pretty but very destructive! Let's hope we can keep it out of our area.



Queens Garden Club members filled refreshment containers—from tankards to teacups—with colourful flowers.

Dartmouth Garden Club: Stronger than Ever

by Linda Mosher, Treasurer

2022 has been quite the year for gardeners, allowing us to garden well into fall.

After two years of video meetings, Dartmouth Horticultural Society (DHS) began in-person meetings in April at our new location in the St. Vincent de Paul Church Hall. It was wonderful for members to reconnect with one another and exchange stories of gardening during Covid. Members were encouraged to wear masks and maintain distancing but, as time has passed, each person determines his/her own comfort level.

Time changes everything and, realizing that most gardeners now access information via the web and social media, we made the decision to dispose of our book library, offering them for sale first to our members and later at our plant sale. We chose to maintain our magazine subscriptions for at least another year.

DHS continues to provide a bursary to a student in the agricultural programme at Dalhousie. This year's recipient was John MacDonald, who is doing research on honey bees!

Many speakers on varied topics have filled our year so far, including "Seed Starting" (Penny Irving), "The Master Garden Programme" (Jim Sharpe), an update on the Monarch Butterfly Project in Dartmouth (Vanessa Burchill and her mom), "A Plant

Collector's Favourite Things" (Roslyn Duffus - with beautiful photos of her plants) "How to Sharpen your Garden Tools" (Andrew Lowe), "Growing Dahlias" (Krista Gill) and "Pests and Diseases of Trees in Nova Scotia" (Constantinos Liolis). One meeting was even dedicated to "Sharing our Garden Mistakes" where members traded stories!

The end of May saw a successful in-person plant sale, again at our new location. Luckily it was held indoors because it absolutely poured that day! There were over 1000 plants available, as well as garden tools and books from our library, with people lined up at the doors waiting to buy. We sold out in under an hour! Never has this happened before in the club's history. We colour coded the cloths on our tables and provided a legend to match, to enable gardeners to more easily find the types of plants they were looking for. We are already being asked when next year's sale will be held!

Some of our members opened their gardens for a tour this summer. Mary MacDonald graciously offered her garden for members to visit. Keith Jordan led a group through several of his gardens. Despite a downpour of rain, everyone enjoyed the day.

As with many garden clubs, Dartmouth had unfilled executive positions in 2022. During Covid a few members of the executive kept the club going but there were positions to still be filled when



Organization is key to having a highly successful plant sale.

Photos provided by Linda Mosher

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we began meeting in person. These are gradually being filled and our executive is becoming a strong team again. Maggie Parker-Gionet stepped down as President and three former presidents of the club (Susan Hazelwood, Linda Mosher and Eileen Pease) rotated running of the meetings until the position was filled. Recently Avis Faulkner offered for the position. Avis was club secretary for many years, is a long serving member of DHS, is very familiar with the club and its members, and we look forward to continue working with her in this new role. Linda Connelly took on the Programme Chair, after it was empty for quite some time. She is energetic and full of great ideas! We had our first plant exchange in October with members jumping in with both feet—so many plants! Linda is very keen on workshops for members, both for the learned skill set and the social aspects. She has already organized workshops at her home on making stepping stones for your garden in September and fall pumpkin centrepieces in October, both highly successful. Next up is a Fresh Christmas Wreath making workshop in Linda Mosher’s garage in December.

We continue to work at our two community gardens—the Cole Harbour Farm Museum and the Moir Garden at Sullivan’s Pond. Many hands are always needed at both gardens. Karen Rutherford coordinates the Cole Harbour one but the Moir Garden was looking for a new coordinator after Jacquie Jordan had to step down after many long years of tending it lovingly. Laura MacIntosh has offered to take over from Jacquie so 2023 will see some new faces there.

We look forward to our first Christmas potluck since 2019 being held on December 12 at our meeting venue. Tina Small and her team (Andrea, Ginny and Jenny) are planning a super fun evening for us with carols, games, delicious food and prizes!

Another upcoming highlight is the celebration of DHS’s 65th anniversary in 2023. Plans are in the works for all our members to enjoy.

We wish the best of the Holiday Season to all our Nova Scotia gardeners! May all your gardening wishes come true in 2023.



Fall pumpkin centrepieces taking shape



Creative and colourful results of the stepping stone workshop

Photos provided by Linda Mosher



Bridgewater Garden Club Membership Surges Forward

by Evelyn Snyder, President

With Covid still in the air, the Bridgewater Garden Club still managed to hold a successful plant sale that was sold out as well as a sold-out flower show.

Four members attended the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs Convention in Truro. We had several months of meetings with guest speakers. We also had one workshop and a few open-garden tours. Some of our members attended other flower shows.

It certainly has been a roller coaster year. Our membership has grown to over 70 members and we are looking forward to a new year with a new executive and board of directors.



Photo: Jennifer Hill, third in class "Fall Scenes," NSAGC Photo Contest 2022

Pictou and Area Garden Club: A Continuing Success Story

by Jenn Bethel, Pictou and Area Garden Club

The Pictou and Area Garden Club (PAGC) meets six months of the year, from September through to May. We have had a busy summer with many planned activities and, after a summer break, began our first fall meeting with a junior gardeners' presentation. We had a full house with the winning elementary school children and their parents at the meeting to receive their awards. Club members Anne Gratton and Diane Hampton did an amazing job handing out medals and prizes to these young gardeners who spent the past summer carefully tending their nasturium gardens. This program has enjoyed an incredible run of success with some of our most longstanding members claiming fame as junior gardeners from many decades ago.



Photo provided by Jenn Bethel

One of two locations cared for by the club, the Vet's Wing flower bed, was completely revamped this past year. Under tutelage of PAGC member Dawn Westhaver, the plants and compacted, tired soil were completely removed this past summer and replaced with fresh soil and amended. Summer annuals were removed this past September and replaced with perennials along with a topping of new mulch by a group of dedicated members. A new sign is in the works to identify the many years of hard work by the club to keep this space beautiful. We look forward to seeing this commemorative flower bed grow bigger and better than ever next year.

In September the Pictou Home Hardware was awarded a \$3000 grant through Trees Canada which allowed them to purchase eight trees to plant within the Town of Pictou. PAGC was invited by Home

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Hardware owner/operator Jim Proudfoot to take part in the entire endeavor and we very much enjoyed the opportunity to partner with this amazing project. Our Outstanding Member of the Year Linda Morden, an employee at Pictou Home Hardware, was with us on September 20 as we planted several of the trees in Pictou's beautiful Broidy Park.

Several PAGC members travelled to Nova Scotia's beautiful south shore on October 15 to attend the annual District Fall Rally in Sherbrooke. Everyone attending enjoyed a fantastic day filled with interesting and informative presentations, delicious food, local vendors and lots of great door prizes. The event was especially well organized by the host group St. Mary's Club and provided the opportunity for us to mix and mingle with members from several neighboring district clubs.

Several members from our club were called upon

to share their expertise at our October meeting. Joy Sinclair gave an educational talk on "Planting Garlic." Beth Henderson spoke about "End of Season Gardening: Making the Most of the Fall Vegetable Harvest" and our Garden Hero of the Year member Dawn Westhaver discussed "Roots, Tubers, and Slips: Overwintering your Annual Plants." Dawn brought examples of begonia and canna lily tubers as well as a variety of plants to explain how to save these items for spring planting. Dawn's incredible knowledge can be enjoyed by all via her gardening how-to videos found on our YouTube channel. Search "Pictou and Area Garden Club."

With the holidays around the corner in December, PAGC members look forward to our first Christmas pot-luck gathering since pre-Covid. Members will be bringing homemade treats and crafts for an after-dinner auction, the proceeds of which will benefit the Pictou West Food Bank.



(above right) PAGC members at the District Fall Rally

(above left) Planting trees in Broidy Park

(left) Vets' Wing flower bed refurbishment

Photos provided by Jenn Bethel



Outstanding Natural Beauty

Photo by Judy Keating, NSAGC
Photo Contest 2022, Class
"Colour" 2nd in Class

The Eastern Shore Garden Club: Holiday Decorations for All

by Linda Disbrowe

Fall has been a busy time for the Eastern Shore residents, as Fiona spread her wrath throughout the area. Despite the damage, the Eastern Shore Garden Club members rallied around helping with the cleanup as well as taking stock of our gardens and collecting seeds for our upcoming seed exchange.

Our October meeting began with guest speaker Allan Banks who is the owner of Harbour Breezes Daylilies. Mr. Banks spoke on hybridizing daylilies, complete with beautiful coloured slides that highlighted his interesting presentation. He also explained some of the science and steps involved in the hybridization process where new varieties of a plant are developed from those already established. Allan grows over 850 varieties of daylilies and has more than 60 unique varieties to his credit. Included in these is the Eastern Shore Celebration daylily seen below, hybridized in 2019 in celebration of



Eastern Shore Celebration Daylily Photo provided by Linda Disbrowe

the Eastern Shore Garden Club's 20th anniversary. Harbour Breezes Daylilies is located at 10099 Hwy #7. Check the gardens and store out, or visit their website at <http://harbourbreezes.ca/>

After a great presentation, members enjoyed a wide assortment of snacks from cookies and cakes to finger foods, as we shared on the theme "Tastes from Our Gardens." In addition, a variety of free seeds and tubers were exchanged, as we shared information and plans for next summer's gardens.

November is a chilly month and a busy time for gardeners, especially with bulb planting, digging up tubers and getting the gardens ready for winter. It is also a time for holiday season decorating and getting hands on with evergreens galore for our wreath, kissing ball and flower arrangement workshop on November 8. With warm cider and ginger-snap cookies to fuel us on, we trimmed, wrapped, and decorated greenery into beautiful holiday decor. A wide variety of bows, berries and ribbons were added to wreaths, as members added their own personal touches.

While kissing balls are smaller in size than wreaths, their simple elegance was improved when pinecones and bows were added to the greenery. Kissing balls have been around for centuries as they originated in the Middle Ages. At that time a mix of evergreen branches were twined together in a ball shape, often with a baby Jesus figure in them, so all who passed under would have blessings and good luck. With the addition of mistletoe, the balls took on a romantic tone and the word kissing was added to describe this now popular decor.

In addition to the wreaths and kissing balls, lovely flower arrangements were made with boughs, a few flowers, and the addition of a candle. These lovely arrangements would look wonderful on a table in anyone's home.

Thanks goes to Treasurer Darlene Hart and members Caryl, Holly, Ella, Bev, Donna, Jane and Brenda who loaded and unloaded huge piles of evergreens for this fun project. All members were very busy and in good spirits with these festive projects and thankfully pitched in so cleanup was a breeze and the evening was a great success!

Upcoming Event: December 13 Christmas Potluck

Eastern Shore Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Chezzetcook and District Lions Community Centre, 89 East Chezzetcook Road, Head of Chezzetcook, Nova Scotia.

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Masterpieces in the making

Photos provided by
Linda Disbrowe



Mount Denson Garden Club Enjoys Excellent Speakers

by Carla Scholten, Secretary

Hello, fellow gardeners! We certainly have had exceptional weather this November! The plants just keep blooming or seem a little confused.

The Mount Denson Garden Club has been bequeathed a garden of daylilies from Norma Sweet. To date, each of our over 40 members has received ten daylilies as a result of this gift. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Lori Reid who, with her sons (who are junior members of the club), separated, potted up, labelled and/or photographed each of these dug plants. It was a huge project for which we are very grateful.

Our September plant sale was a good success, featuring a variety of potted mums and perennials. We continue our civic projects, maintaining the gardens at Riverbank Cemetery in Hantsport. This fall, we planted mums and daffodils and had a work party for general cleanup.

Over the past several months, we have been sharing the wealth of information held by our fellow club members, having brief presentations prior to meetings.

Like many gardeners, our club members like to share seeds that we have collected. At our October meeting, we hosted a seed exchange and many of us came away excited with new plants to start. Some of us may use these seeds to try winter sowing, using the guidelines shared by our club member,

Lori Reid, at our September meeting. Her explanation was complete with demonstrations and handouts to help us get started. Some of her tips included:

- Choose seeds that are frost hardy, cold hardy or require cold stratification.

(left) Lori Reid sharing a handout on winter sowing

(right) Nicole Barrett taking questions about propagating herbs

Photos provided by Carla Scholten

- Seeds that transplant well and are locally sourced will have better success.
- Desired containers include four-litre water jugs, juice jugs, or clam shell packaging.
- Prepare jugs by drilling holes in the bottom. Leave the lid off or make holes on the top of containers for air circulation and to allow precipitation to enter.
- Number your containers and use tags inside.
- Find a sheltered, sunny spot. Check on them occasionally to make sure they haven't dried out; if they have, drip some water in or mound some snow on them, without opening them until they sprout.
- Once the seedlings are actively growing, watch for the occasional warmer days as it will get really hot inside the container and fry them quickly. More ventilation may be needed, either more holes or pop the top off for a bit. Put the lid back on if it is less than six degrees.
- You can sprinkle water into the lid hole if it looks dry. Take the tape off when you have good growth and warmer nights. You can move the jugs into indirect light if it is a hotter day.

Nicole Barrett lives in Falmouth, where she grows herbs and cut flowers for two local farmers' markets. Nicole is dedicated to community projects through donation of products and seeds. She also creates videos for her YouTube Channel, "Nicole's Garden." Nicole Barrett is one of our members and she spoke to us in August on how she grows on one-third acre with a small recycled-window greenhouse. She graciously shared photos of her space and greenhouse,



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discussing its evolution over the years. She gave tips on growing, caring for and propagating herbs, demonstrating how to take cuttings. She also showed how to use a soil blocker to start seeds.

Most recently, at our November meeting, Markus Kehoe, another club member with extensive experience in plant science and agricultural business, spoke about "Trees and Shrubs." Markus works in production and sales with JC Bakker & Sons Ltd. Wholesale Nurseries, growing on 1000 production acres in St. Catharines, Ontario. It was interesting to hear that trees are at least a four-year growing commitment prior to sales. Markus discussed the importance of considering the type/purpose of the tree you want: shade, columnar, ornamental, flowering,



grafted and contrast. At Bakkers, three-year old shrubs are sold in one-gallon pots and four-year old shrubs are sold in two-to-three gallon pots. Markus cautioned us not to purchase "fast crop shrubs," a less mature plant in a two-to-three gallon pot. If pots are kept at the nursery over the winter, they may become root-bound, so be sure to loosen those roots before planting. Tips on pruning and planting for optimal bloom were shared. Generally, the preferred time to plant trees and shrubs is in the fall, giving the plant the full benefit of spring

growth. Markus told us the evergreens are kept the longest, up to nine years before distribution for sale.

The company considers roses to be the jewel of the operation, with 450,000 grown per year. David Austin Roses are a favourite for Markus. In the fall, he gives them a light prune and insulates them for winter, surrounded by chicken wire filled with leaves.

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Markus Kehoe, of JC Bakker & Sons Ltd. Wholesale Nurseries, giving a talk on "Trees and Shrubs"

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On a sunny September day, the Mount Denson Garden Club plant sale featured potted mums and many other beautiful plants, all attractively displayed, before they left for their new homes.

Photos provided by Carla Scholten

Looking Back: Highlights of the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs (NSAGC) in 1962

- The NSGAC Executive was split into the Board and the Executive.
- The President’s Trophy went to the Shelburne Landscape Club for town improvement, including the hanging of flower baskets on the granite face of the new federal building.
- A library of coloured slides was set up for clubs to use.
- The tenth annual convention was held for the first time in Halifax and hosted by the Halifax County Horticultural Association. For the first time, resolutions were brought before the convention. A few were:
 - a petition to the province to resume placement of roadside tables
 - a proposal to increase dues from the current ten cents per member
 - a resolution to encourage clubs to plant the Almey crab apple tree for Canada’s centenary
- It was agreed to set up a Resolutions Committee to handle future resolutions.



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In 1962 the NSAGC encouraged its members to plant Almey crab apple trees so they would bloom to celebrate Canada’s centenary in 1967.

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2023 NSAGC Convention Registration Form



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Mount Saint Vincent University

Rosaria Student Centre, 131 Lumpkin Road, Halifax

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

I am a member of _____ Garden Club or Society.

Convention Registration Fee (includes Friday evening reception, Saturday lunch, nutrition breaks)

NSAGC member\$ 55

Non-member\$ 65

Late Registration Fee (after May 1, 2023)\$ 10

Saturday Evening Banquet

Number of people for Banquet: _____ x \$50 per person. \$ _____

Chicken _____ or Salmon _____ or Vegetarian _____

Special food requirements: _____

Friday Workshop (2:30 – 4:00)

Japanese Flower Arranging, The Ikebana Shop (limit 25 attendees) (Yes/No) \$ 41.00

Total Amount Payable \$ _____

Private Garden Tours (details and directions will be provided at registration)

Friday, 2:00–4:00 and Sunday, 10:00–2:00

Registration closes on May 13, 2023!

- You may pay by cheque payable to: NSAGC District 4 (no post-dated cheques, please) and mail to Convention 2023, 4 Cameron Street, Dartmouth B2Y 2G6 or e-transfer by emailing: convention@nsagc.com.
- Registration form may be mailed to Convention 2023, 4 Cameron Street, Dartmouth B2Y 2G6, emailed to : convention@nsagc.com or completed on the NSAGC web site (nsagc.com) under the Save the Date box.
- For more information, e-mail convention@nsagc.com or phone 902-469-3661.

You will receive a confirmation email once your registration form and payment have been received.



More Information about the NSAGC Convention 2023

Floral Competition

Theme: Working with Nature

A map of the MSVU Campus may be found at

<https://www.msvu.ca/en/home/campus-life/campus-services/safety-security/campusmap.aspx>

Accommodations

1. Please make reservations directly with MSVU by calling 902-457-6364 or emailing reservations@msvu.ca. Contact is Jill Hurlbert.
2. Rooms require a credit card to guarantee against damages.
3. Check in is after 3:00 p.m. on arrival date and check out is by 11:00 am on departure date.
4. After May 1, 2023, the rooms will be released from the NSAGC reservations so please make your reservation before May 1.
5. Accommodations at MSVU will be in the Westwood or Assisi Hall Residences. All prices include taxes.
 - Single room—\$76.25 each room. Five rooms share one bathroom.
 - 4 Bedroom apartment—\$145.45. Each apartment—4 rooms share 2 bathrooms. Apartment features single bedrooms with full kitchen which includes fridge, stove, microwave and kettle. Common living room features seating and smart TV.
 - 2 Bedroom units—\$111.44 each unit. Units feature two single bedrooms with kitchen, living room and shared bathroom.
 - 2 Bedroom suites—\$93.84 each suite. Suites have one shared bathroom.
6. Bedding and towels are included. Hair dryers are not.
7. It is recommended that guests bring their own toiletries. Included is one small bar of soap and one small shampoo.
8. Breakfast may be purchased in advance for \$9.50 + tax when you register.

Photo Contest Rules for the 2023 NSAGC Photo Competition

Please note that these rules apply to the 2023 contest. Please do not use rules from previous years.

1. The contest is open to amateur photographers. (Photography cannot be your primary business.) The Chair of the contest and others closely associated with organizing the competition are not eligible. Questions of eligibility will be decided by the Chair.

2. Contestants must be members of a club, society or an affiliate that pays dues to the NSAGC.

3. Contestants may enter one photograph in each of the following classes:

Class 1 Life in the Garden

- Insects or Animals (e.g., birds, deer, squirrels, snakes, frogs, etc.) no humans or pets. Best if photo also shows some botanical feature.

Class 2 Close-ups

- Close-up or macro of any botanical feature (i.e., flower, leaf, etc.).

Class 3 Foliage

- Celebrate the beautiful diversity of foliage form, colour and texture featured in your garden plants.

Class 4 Water in the Garden

- Any image depicting water somewhere, somehow in the garden, from a garden pond, fountain, rain (rain drops), stream, rainbow, etc. This is a class where creativity can be expressed!

Class 5 Vegetables or Fruit

- Any type, singly or in groups, or a mixture, picked or still on the vegetation.

Class 6 Garden Art

- Any structure, sculpture or piece of art (any type) among the vegetation. Could involve such things as flower show arrangements, wreaths, topiary, creative flower beds, etc., that are part of a garden landscape (best shown among the vegetation or flowers).

Class 7 Flowering Trees or Shrubs

- One type or any mixture, either in the garden or as an arrangement. Can be shown alone or among the rest of the vegetation at time of flowering.

Class 8 Fall Scene

- A creative opportunity to capture the beauty or activities of the season, either the garden or a work of Mother Nature.

Class 9 Landscape

- Photo should capture the fun, beauty or creativity of a large portion of a garden or natural landscape, including aerial shots.

Class 10 Nature in Winter

- Views of gardens or plants in the winter season. with snow, frost or vegetation shape or colour in this season.

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4. Any individual photo can only be submitted for one particular class.

5. The finished photograph must accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it originally appeared—i.e., no Photo-shop-like editing except for cropping or brightness alterations.

6. Photos will be submitted digitally. Change the File Name to Your Name and Class No. For example: right click the mouse on the photo to change the file name and select Rename from the pop-up menu. Type Adamsmith1 for your name (Adam Smith) and the class number one. Then save the photo using Save as in the original folder or create a new folder for just these photos. Continue for the other photos you will be submitting, changing the class number of each

- Image size is to be no smaller than 1500 pixels on the longest side (portrait or landscape orientation).
- Email your photos to; photos.nsagc@gmail.com
- Very large files may need to be submitted in successive emails
- Include in your email: your name, address, email address, phone number, and the club or organization of which you are a member.
- Photos are to be received by no later than April 29, 2023, to allow time for judging, as well as putting the presentation together for the convention.

7. Photos will be judged on originality, composition, focus and exposure. Judging will be done by two independent judges with years of gardening/plant and/or art/photography backgrounds and will be administered by the Chair.

The judges will accept any photo that is a reasonable interpretation of the title of the class concerned. Remember, one of the four criteria of judging is originality.

8. Photos that have received a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place standing in any class of a previous NSAGC annual photographic contest cannot be resubmitted in subsequent years.

9. One 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize will be awarded for the three "Best Overall" photos.

10. Display during convention: Since all photos will be in a digital format, they will be put together in a video which will run on a screen in a loop during the entire convention so that all attending members will have the opportunity to view them all. Each photo will have the contestant's name underneath, along with any award it received. The three Best Overall winners will be displayed at the end as well.

11. In submitting your photos, you grant the NSAGC permission to display or reproduce them for the following purposes: to promote, inform or advertise the photo contest to members of the NSAGC and/or for the NSAGC to use as promotional material. All submitted photos may be eventually uploaded to the NSAGC website.

In all other matters the owners of the image(s) will retain their rights under copyright law. If you choose to include people in your submission, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary release from the individual depicted.

A Note from the Editor

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A warm and sunny fall in Nova Scotia was marred by a powerful storm which damaged trees and property and brought hardship to many throughout Atlantic Canada. As we picked up the pieces after Fiona, it brought us a new appreciation of the kindness of others. My own backyard lost a cluster of maple trees. During cleanup, we reserved a few good sized pieces of the largest maple to use as nursery logs. This was a new idea for me. I had heard about it at a recent talk given by Clarence Stevens to our garden club. He was presenting ideas for winter gardening and pointed out one particular plant that grows in abundance in our forests—moss. He showed photos of a few of the many varieties, each one delicate and unique. He then told us that logs make ideal growing environments for moss. He called them nursery logs. Mosses enjoy living on these logs and cause them to decay and break down after many years.

Below are photos of the row of moss nursery logs in our backyard. Thanks in part to mosses given to me by a friend, I was also able to top off a stump and place other mosses around its base. So pleased with the results! If you try it, my tip is to water the moss regularly.

Thanks again to garden club members who entered the 2022 photo contest. It is a pleasure to include their photos in the newsletter for everyone to appreciate.

Please mail your club news and photos for the upcoming issue of the newsletter to: newsletter@nsagc.com

Until then,
Emily Walker



Nursery logs the day they were planted amid lots of sawdust!



The big stump and the little stumps are now capped off with moss hats of their own.
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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

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