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## From the Chair

Holiday greetings fellow gardeners!

I hope you have enjoyed the wonderful fall weather as much as I have. Those few extra weeks of warm temperatures really help a procrastinator. (Yes, that's me)

Now we are moving in to the season of catalogues and planning. With the spring bulbs planted, it is time to order summer bulbs. And don't forget the seeds and shrubs and the new perennials and maybe some new annuals. Do we need a new bed? How about some of those new cute vegetables? What about the beaver trimmed trees and shrubs?

As we enter this part of the gardening cycle, please take time to enjoy your family and friends.

Be thankful for your blessings.

Live in the moment.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Vicki Willis, Chair



## Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs

To: NSAGC Club Members  
From: Vicki Willis, NSAGC President  
Re: Scotia Gardener newsletter Printing and Mailing

Over that past several years, the NSAGC Board has been looking at ways to reduce the printing and mailing costs of the newsletter. While we have been somewhat successful, we need your help to eliminate these costs in this age of technology. We thank those clubs that have already reduced the costs by requesting newsletters for only those members without access to email or the internet.

Currently the annual cost to print and mail 4 issues of the newsletter ranges between \$2,000 and \$2,200, depending on the number of pages per issue. There is too much money being spent when the newsletter is sent to the Communications Contact for each club via Canada Post mail to distribute to those members with email access. It is also available in colour on the NSAGC web site for those members with internet access. Since every club has someone in it with email, we are asking that the Communications Contact print off copies for those members who have difficulty getting or are without access to email. Digital issues will start in April next year. A bonus with the

digital issue is no restriction on the number of pages.

If your club expects to have a problem getting access to the newsletter when it is decided that it will only be available electronically, please contact your District Director to have a discussion on how you can overcome the issue.

The saved money will be used to keep the Association viable and allow us to concentrate on increasing its profile as well as those of the clubs. To this end we are asking the directors, with your help, to identify functions and events in your area that can be attended to help raise awareness of each. One such event has already been visited in Halifax which led to an invitation to attend a Fall Harvest Event for military personnel and their families at Stadacona. The value of these events to our goals is that these are geared directly to gardeners and gardening.

Unfortunately the only other option to supporting these costs into the future if we continue to print the newsletter will be to raise membership fees.

Thanks for your support and help with this.

Vicki



### **BIG News for Our Photo Contest**

Remember the days when we took pictures on an instant camera, or a 35mm? Once you took the used film out of the camera, you had to remember to take it somewhere to have it developed. There were lots of surprises when you went through your pictures. As technology improved and Digital cameras were available, we were very quick to drop the old film ones and move on to digital. We quickly learned the convenience of digital; you see your photos right away, no need to have them developed. Our cell phones became simple cameras so you had one with you all the time. Cell phones now have excellent cameras built in; they can even figure out how to make your picture look good without your input at all. There is no longer a need to have pictures printed. You can share them with others instantly, right on your phone

or even on some cameras. You can also upload photos from any camera and share them with the world, instantly. Amazing!

Well, it is time the NSAGC caught up with modern technology in this department. Yes, we still have to dig holes and put our plants in the ground the same old way, but we can now save time and energy by emailing our favorite photos to our Annual NSAGC Photo Contest starting with the 2018 contest. Choose your photo on your computer, rename it, and send it all with a few little clicks. You can have someone else do it for you if you are not able to figure it out. Save time by not having them printed, labeled and mailed, just click, click, click and you are done.

We now have a designated email address where you can send your pictures: [nsagcphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:nsagcphotocontest@gmail.com)

You can also ask questions, get help, or make comments at this email address. No need to wait until May to send them in, you can start in January. For this year, to be sure everything runs smoothly, we have set the **DEADLINE** as **April 2, 2018**.

If you still wish to have them printed and mailed, we have simplified that for you as well. There is no longer a need to mount them, you simply need to tape your information to the back side or use a sticky note to put your information on the back.

The rules for the Annual Photo Contest are now in the newsletter and on the website.

Pamela MacLean, Photo Contest Chair

## **NSAGC PHOTO CONTEST 2018**

### **Rules for the 2018 NSAGC Photograph Competition**

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(1) picture in each of the following classes:
 

Class 1	Spring flowers.
Class 2	Life in the garden (Bees, butterflies, birds, etc.).
Class 3	Autumn Splendor.
Class 4	Nature's Winter Art.
Class 5	Garden landscapes.
Class 6	Food from or in the garden.
Class 7	Flowering shrubs or flowering trees in bloom.
Class 8	Woodland Beauty - Mother Nature's Garden.
Class 9	Garden Art.
Class 10	Close-Up of any single bloom or part of a bloom.
Class 11	Along the Roadside.
Class 12	Water in the Garden.
4. The finished photograph must accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it originally appeared.
5. You now have 2 options for submitting photos. Please do not do both options, choose one.

#### **Option 1**

#### **You can mail in your photos:**

- A. Photos are limited to a maximum size of 4"x 6" and must NOT be mounted.
- B. Exhibitor's Name, email and postal address, the Class Number, Class Name & Name of Club, Society or Affiliate is to be printed on a separate piece of paper and taped to the back of the photo or printed on a sticky note and stuck on to the back of the photo. This needs to be removable.
- C. Mail printed submissions to:

**Pamela MacLean**  
**18 Flinns Hill**  
**Bedford, NS**  
**B4A 3S8**

**Option 2****You can email your photos:**

- A. Photos may be sent in digitally. Change the file name of your photo to "your name and the class number". For Example: (right mouse click to change the file name, select rename) "Johnmacdonald1" for John MacDonald and class number 1, Spring flowers. For his next one, he would change the file name to Johnmacdonald2, representing Class 2. This photo would be judged in class 2, Life in the garden.
  - B. Simply email your renamed photos to [nsagcphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:nsagcphotocontest@gmail.com)
  - C. Please attach your information to your email, your Name, address, email address, phone number and the club you are a member of.
6. Photos will be judged on originality, composition, focus and exposure.
  7. Photographs that have received a 1st 2nd or 3rd place standing, in any class in the NSAGC Annual Photographic Contest, cannot be resubmitted in subsequent years. Photographs that have received a 1st 2nd or 3rd in any other contest remain eligible for the Annual NSAGC Photographic Contest.
  8. All submitted printed photos may be claimed prior to the banquet on Saturday. Contest participants are responsible for photo pick-up. If you cannot attend, have someone pick them up for you. The NSAGC will not be responsible for returning photos.
  9. Stickers will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place photo in each of the contest classes. The judge has the discretion not to assign all the stickers in any given class. One 1st, one 2nd, and one 3rd place prize will be awarded for the three "Best Overall" photographs.
  10. Entries must be received no later than April 2nd of this contest year. Please note this date as it is earlier than previous years.
  11. In submitting your pictures either digitally or in print form, you grant the NSAGC permission to display or reproduce them for the following purposes: in order to promote, inform or advertise the photo contest to members of the NSAGC; for the NSAGC to use as promotional material. In all other matters, the owners of the images will retain their rights under copyright law. If you choose to include people in your submission, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from the individuals depicted.

**Suggestions and Explanations for Competitors.**

The judge or judges will accept any photograph that is a reasonable interpretation of the title of the class concerned. This means, that while the following comments are designed to help, they should not be used to exclude other reasonable interpretations of the class description. Remember, one of the four criteria of judging is "originality".

**Class 1: What are Spring Flowers?** Spring flowers are usually, flowers which have evolved to be in blossom before the deciduous trees are completely in leaf. They are usually frost hardy. Some flowers bloom in late spring and continue to bloom into summer. To ensure that your flower is a Spring Flower, all photographs of spring flowers must be taken on or before June 20th of any given year. Photographs of flowering shrubs and trees are to be submitted in class 7 and not this class.

**Class 2: Life in the Garden**, is for photographs where the primary subject is any life form found in the garden that is not a plant, a fungi or a human.

**Class 3: Autumn Splendour.** This is a creative opportunity to photograph either the beauty of the autumn season or the activities of that season.

**Class 4: Nature's Winter Art.** Winter provides its own beauty or art that is unique to this season. Snow draped trees, swirling drifts of snow, frost patterns, frozen lakes and rivers and freezing rain that sparkles and coats the branches of shrubs and trees are all examples of where beauty can be found. Some gardeners choose plants whose beauty is enhanced during this season whether it be the blue of spruces or the coloured berries of holly, nature's art can be found in winter gardens.

**Class 5: Garden Landscapes.** The photographs entered into this class should capture the fun, beauty or creativity of a garden.

**Class 6: Food from or in the Garden.** Vegetable and Fruit Gardens have a long history. In this class the photograph can be of the plants themselves, the garden itself or of the produce whether harvested or not. Anything that can be eaten, and is grown in a garden, is covered by this class.

**Class 7: Shrubs and trees in bloom.** No further explanation is needed.

**Class 8: Woodland Beauty - Mother Nature's Garden.** This Class is not restricted to a specific season or to flowers.

**Class 9: Garden Art.** This class can be either art which is made from the materials found in the garden or it can be a landscape addition to a garden. This covers a large number of possibilities from artistic categories found in flower and vegetable shows to Christmas wreaths and tableaus. In the outside garden it can cover sculptures, topiary, carvings, creative flower beds and added decorative objects that are all part of the garden landscape.

**Class 10: Close up of any single bloom or part of a bloom.** No further explanation is needed

**Class 11: Along the Roadside.** This class provides an opportunity to capture pictures of natural habitat, flowers, berries, grasses, fungi, shrubs, trees as well as the inevitable garbage.

**Class 12: Water in the Garden.** Water is often used as a landscape feature. Photographs of ponds, fountains and streams are obviously topics to explore in this class but water can also include much more. For example, it can include drops of dew, a rainbow created in a garden spray, a drip from a garden water faucet, a close up of rain impacting on garden soil. This is a class where your creativity can find expression.

## Report of the Central District Fall Rally - Oct. 21, Great Village

The Great Village Garden Club hosted the Central District Fall Rally on the afternoon of Saturday, October 21 in Great Village. A beautiful, sunny, autumn day made for pleasant travel for clubs coming some distance. The Central District covers a large area encompassing Cumberland, Colchester, and Hants counties as well as a portion of the Halifax Regional Municipality. Given its



Elsie Locke welcomes guests to the Central District Fall Rally

geographical dimensions, the district is split into halves - Central North and Central South - each with its own director and six clubs. Eleven of the twelve clubs were represented at the rally with 70 to 80 members in total attending. The task of hosting the annual rally moves back and forth between the halves of the district and 2018 will see the rally hosted by a club or clubs in the southern part of the district.

The event was held in the spacious gym of the Great Village Elementary School which was decorated with



Members of the Great Village Club prepare gift bags

autumn leaves and produce. The rally commenced with brief words and welcomes from hosting club president Patti Flemming, NSAGC chair Vicki Willis and Directors Elsie Locke and Elizabeth Hill. Arthur Haskins as Master of Ceremonies led guests through the afternoon program. Guest speaker Sharon Bryson followed with a wonderfully informative and illustrated presentation on magnolias. She had lots of practical advice on propagating, caring for and selecting magnolias and assured us that there were many varieties that would grow and thrive in all parts of Nova Scotia.

Lunch and refreshments were enjoyed by guests as they listened to club reports and received door prizes of houseplants, perennials, and gardening-related items. Many of the door prizes were donated by members from their own gardens. All attendees received gift bags decorated by local school children and containing King Alfred daffodils. Clubs attending had been invited to bring donations for the local food bank and \$190.50 was raised in addition to 50 pounds of food items. It was an afternoon to share gardening enthusiasm with friends new and old, and enjoy what has been a wonderful Nova Scotia autumn.

Patti Sharp

## Eastern Shore Garden Club

As the year winds down, our Club had a great year and was enjoyed by one and all.



Neville McKay

For our July meeting we were fortunate to have the famous Mr. Neville McKay, entertaining us on the topic of "Flowers & Tricks of the Trade". He was very informative, entertaining, and extremely funny. All had a smile on their faces from ear-to-ear. He's a must see for anyone not to have the fortune of meeting him.

Our August meeting brought us Deb Bromley for our limited "Paint Night". We were given lots of information on painting and had loads of fun spreading our paint on the canvas for our final creations.

In early spring, Club members decided that their project for 'Provincial Gardening Week' would extend for the whole summer. A plot was rented in a new Community Garden in Musquodoboit Harbour. From this adventure a basket of



Paint the night

beans (both green & wax), Swiss chard, tomatoes, and carrots were proudly given to the local food bank. A productive and



worthwhile project.

November's Meeting was all about wreath making for club members and guests. The before process below shows some members that went out and gathered brush for all of us to use.

Our evening of learning, laughing and construction brought us to our final production pieces from one and all:

And finally, we'll wind down the year in December



with our annual Christmas Potluck where everyone will be filled with the spirit of the season, yummy food, and loving gardeners of old and new. God Bless one and all and may your year end great and your

new one bring more greatness!

P.S. Keep a look out in the next issue for information about the District 4 Meeting which will be hosted by the Eastern Shore Garden Club on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in Mineville...as planning is currently underway.

Susan Llewellyn

**Halifax Garden Festival 2017**



The NSAGC participated in the 1st Annual Halifax Garden Festival on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at Victoria Park, Halifax, across from the Public Gardens. The theme of this year's festival was Inspire, Celebrate, Grow!

This fun festival was aimed at attracting food and flower gardeners from around the province. Admission was free and it ran all day with seminars, door prizes and lots of exhibitors offering plants, garden art, floral, garden or nature themed items. There were also plant and garden-focused clubs and community groups in attendance providing information. Attendance was great, even though there were rain drops falling some of the time.



Our hopes were to raise awareness of garden clubs across the province. We expect to attend again next year on June 16, 2018 and sell some plants while we are there. We are looking forward to this event being

one of our main functions used to attract new members. We would encourage all clubs to look for and participate in events in your community where you can raise awareness of your garden club to other gardeners or those interested in gardening in your community.

Pamela MacLean

**The Stewiacke Garden Club –Growing Shiitake Mushroom Workshop**

A most interesting workshop concept quickly grew to become a great success for the Stewiacke Garden Club in May 2017. Growing Mushrooms in your own backyard was an intriguing idea for the Stewiacke Garden Club membership, but would there be enough interest to be able to host an event? 'We were so delighted that Dr. David Boyle accepted our request to deliver this workshop and now it was our duty to enlist enough participants to make it possible' explained Beate Acker president of the SGC. It was decided to invite fellow gardeners from the NSAGC Central District #3 South clubs and the local public, and in no time we reached our upper limit of 30 participants.

Dr. Boyle, a fellow Director of the Nova Scotia Mycological Society, [www.nsmushrooms.org](http://www.nsmushrooms.org) and [www.facebook.com/group/355584021179041/](https://www.facebook.com/group/355584021179041/), provided the Shiitake mushroom spores as he instructed us and navigated everyone through a hands on demonstration to construct our very own Shiitake log. Dr. Boyle shared information with a slideshow presentation on the essential role that Fungi play in our forests, noting that in some cases certain fungi can only exist in a symbiotic relationship with

certain trees and under certain environmental conditions.

Our members Ada Swift, Cathy Newton, Marilyn Newman, Fran McIntyre, Irene Huybers, Kara McCurdy, Lynn Newton, and Elizabeth Grzesik immersed themselves into the event and ensured that registration, safety, lunch and clean up went off without a hitch. Lunch was fabulous.



Dr. David Boyle & NSAGC Central Dist #3 Director, Elizabeth Hill



Shiitake Spawn

It takes a year of planning for a prepared mushroom log to produce mushrooms. We broke out into 4 teams assigned to 4 workstations. We began with drilling several holes into each hardwood log that the club provided and filled them with the spawn Dr. Boyle provided. We then capped each one with hot wax. After laying dormant in a dark most area, preferably under an evergreen, the log will begin to show signs that the fungi is feeding

through the wood fiber of the log, as seen by the whitest growth on the ends of the logs. Fast forward several months



Participants placing and capping spawn into a log

to the next spring, when each log must be immersed in cold water for 2 days to shock the fungi into fruiting. Each log can produce up to 4 lbs. of Shiitake mushrooms for several years.

Shiitake mushrooms are high in protein, potassium, vitamin B, magnesium and phosphorus and essential amino acids. They also have antiviral and

immunity boosting benefits and they are delicious too! We are all eagerly looking forward to harvesting our Shiitake mushrooms in the spring along with our fresh young greens from our own vegetable gardens. Many thanks to Dr. David Boyle and all the participants for a wonderful day and making our mushroom growing workshop such a success.

**FROM OUR CLUB TO YOURS MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Beate Acker

### Isle Madame Christmas Workshop



Although some would say it was a little too early in the season, IMGC members came out on November 7<sup>th</sup> to enjoy a festive holiday workshop, held at the Rocky Bay Irish Club. The enthusiastic group made three crafts: #1., A wall plaque with gold mesh ribbon & white candle, #2., A table centerpiece of fir, holly, pine & red candle, and #3., A burlap bag with dried garden materials suitable for an outside door. A beautiful afternoon lunch of sandwiches and sweets were enjoyed. Even though Santa was not in attendance, he sent 2 of his best helper elves, Lorna Williams, and Margaret Buffett; many thanks to you both! That day, three newly registered members brought this little club up to 27 in total. Also on November 7<sup>th</sup>, IMGC member Ann England unveiled the new club banner and much appreciation is bestowed to Ann for her many hours of diligent work. HAPPY HOLIDAYS from IMCG!



Back row (left to right): Lorna Williams, Cheryl O'Hearn, Margaret Herdman, Claire Doyle, Louise LeBlanc, Margaret Buffett, Lillian O'Hearn. Front row: Lucy Martell, Lois Boudreau, Blanch Doyle. Not shown in this picture is Gail Hern, Claire & George Kehoe, Sally Mauger, and Joanne Ford

Joanne Ford



### Westville and Area Garden Club Fall Rally

The Westville and Area Gardening Club hosted the Annual Fall Rally this year. It was successful for the most part because of all the hard work which our club president Margie Beck put into it. With the 150 theme in mind our club planted red and white flowers through out the town but our very special project took a lot of time and planning. It was our intention to come up with a race less, ageless, genderless steel gardener to stand for our club's commitment to the town. This special project was unveiled at the end of the rally



by three founding members, who were able to attend - Mrs. Sally Polley, Mr. Bill White and beside him our club president Mrs. Margie Beck and the last founding members, Mrs. Maurgerite Munro. In the back row is Mr. Sam Graham, superintendant of Town Works, Mr. Darren Martin the artist and His Worship Mr. Roger MacKay the Mayor of the Town of Westville. Our club wishes to show all those who frequent Acadia Park, the home of the sculpture, that it is, was and will be a beautiful green space to enjoy for years to come. The sculpture sits on top of a large rock which is believed to be one of the ballasts that would keep the ship upright. And that it had originally come from the Isle of Skye, in Scotland. Quite a fitting foundation since Westville is made up of mostly people of Scottish descent. Margie explains "We wanted something to show our heritage and build on what was a good base and a solid base", the same as our club and the Town of Westville. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Darren Martin for bring the sculpture to life and to Mr. Sam Graham and his town works department.

As an added note we would like to pass on our deepest sympathy to Margie Beck in the passing of her husband, Roy Beck. The Becks have been members of our club for many years and along with Margie, Roy was always willing to help out in any way. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him!

Hughie Palmer

**PLANT GIVEAWAY 2018**

A new approach will be tried this coming year to eliminate the quality problems of the last two years. The plants will be taken to the Spring Board meeting with directors taking plants back to their district for distribution, this would eliminate at least two days delay from previous practice of bringing them back from the convention. Plants will be picked up from the supplier and allowed to thawed out for a day and then additional volunteers will spread out the plants and dry the root ball somewhat before packing in club bags, this drying out hopefully will reduce the moulding of plants. This would cut another two days delivery time from the previous practice. In addition I have ordered a larger plant 2-3 eyes, as before it was 1-2 eyes, a larger plant should help with survival rates as well.

The plant chosen this year is Astilbe 'Vision' and I have ordered 1700 as the plant giveaway and an additional 1000 plants to be sold to offset the cost of the giveaway plants. With the delivery date at the end of April it is hoped a number of clubs will purchase additional plants to be resold at their plant sales in May.

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## Plant Give-Away 2018

In 2008 the NSAGC Future Projects Committee initiated a plant giveaway to every member of a garden club in Nova Scotia. Each year a different perennial is chosen and is purchased in bulk and distributed to garden clubs for distribution to their members. These are given free to members as one of the many perks of membership in the NSAGC.



The perennial selected for 2018 is Astilbe 'Visions'. This perennial is of a compact 12" to 15" tall plant with bronze/green foliage and purple/pink flowers. Blooming period is July-August and is deer and rabbit resistant. This Astilbe prefers semi shade and medium moisture although the chinensis types are more drought resistant than other types. Ideal for woodland gardens, around water features, cottage gardens and foundation plantings.

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### Order form for additional Astilbe 'Visions' plants

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants Requested @ \$2 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person in Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in Order Form; make cheque or MO out to the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs and forward to: Arthur Haskins, 8780 Highway #2, Great Village, NS., B0M 1L0 .

For any further information contact Arthur at 902-668-2838 or ahaskins@eastlink.ca.

**Your District Director will pick up your Giveaway Plants and any additional plants at the April 28th Board Meeting and will contact your club for pickup on returning home.**

### Tags and Seals from NSAGC

For your next Flower/Vegetable Show don't forget to order your Tags and Seals from the NSAGC. NSAGC provides 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, Honorable Mention and Best in Show Seals or stickers for the judges to use during your show. These seals can be placed on the Flower Show Tags after judging. It is a nice way to remember what award you won.

The Tags have room for the class, selection, variety, exhibitor's number, name and address. The participant's information can be covered during the judging by a fold and a slot to insert the end of the tag so the judges can't see who the exhibitor is.

The Tags & Seals are both 10 cents each to purchase through your garden club. These can be mailed to your club or your club can save on postage by being picked up during our Annual NSAGC Convention.

If your club would like to place an order please contact Valerie Despres either by phone or email. The phone number is (902)847-1001 or email address is [vdespres@eastlink.ca](mailto:vdespres@eastlink.ca)

Valerie Despres, NSAGC Tags & Seals

### NSAGC's Scotia Gardener

The Scotia Gardener is published in October, December, April and July.

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Deadline for the April issue is March 15, 2018

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Scotia Gardener, please contact Don Butler at [butlerdon@live.ca](mailto:butlerdon@live.ca)

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### THE NSAGC ON FACEBOOK

Join the NSAGC Group. We now have almost 3,000 gardeners who have joined. Every member of the group may post events, pictures, questions, answers, and interesting things about gardening. Members may also invite others to join. On Facebook, go to Groups, search NSAGC on the top bar and ask to join.

Questions? Contact [annjones@eastlink.ca](mailto:annjones@eastlink.ca)

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**2018 NSAGC Convention Registration Form**  
**Theme "Springing to Life"**  
**Hosted by the South Shore District 6**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Days Inn, Bridgewater**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club or Society

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

NSAGC member(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-member(s) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday evening Banquet** (includes salad, stuffed chicken breast dinner, dessert, gratuities, taxes)

Number of people for Banquet: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 40.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate special dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

(Please also mention dietary requirements to your server at the time of the meal)

**Optional Guided Tour – Freemans Forest** – \$10.00 per person (Maximum number for the tour is 30 people (See below for details). Appropriate footwear is recommended. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Freemans Forest is located at 29 Anglican Church Road, Hwy 332, Upper Lahave, 10 minute drive from Days Inn.

**Total Amount Payable** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration is limited to 200 delegates & closes on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Please make cheque payable to: **NSAGC 2018 Convention** (no post-dated cheques, please). There will not be any refund on the banquet portion of the registration, once the head count is submitted on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, unless the ticket can be sold.

Mail registration form and cheque to: Brian Kenefick, 226 North Side Rd., Riverport, NS B0J 2W0 (902-764-2145) or [cynffig@eastlink.ca](mailto:cynffig@eastlink.ca). Confirmation of registration (if requested) will be via email only.

For more information, please contact: Charles Berry (902-527-0432) – [berry177@live.com](mailto:berry177@live.com) or Kathie Kirkpatrick (902-634-9192) – [kkirkpatrick@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:kkirkpatrick@ns.sympatico.ca)

**Accommodations**

Please make hotel reservations directly with the Days Inn (902-543-7131). The Days Inn is offering Convention rates of \$99.00 for double occupancy, extra person(s) \$10.00 each. Rooms will be blocked until April 30th, 2018. Parking is provided free of charge. Make sure you specify NSAGC when making your reservation. Other accommodations include Comfort Inn (directly across the street) – 902-543-1498 and Best Western in Cookeville - 902-530-0101.

**Floral Competition Theme:** "Spring Tea". A composition using a tea service set on a tray (teapot, cup & saucer, creamer & sugar). Tray not to exceed 18" in any dimension. Floral element to be displayed in the teapot. The floral competition is limited to **club entries only**.

**Freemans Forest** – Rosmarie Lohnes and her team from Helping Nature Heal have been working with Tim & Ann Freeman to develop this private property park. It is approximately 8 acres and is mostly wooded. There is a storm water management system in place called Lil Brook. Approx 2km of woodchip trails wind through the area, as well as a woodland labyrinth. Other features are a 15' tall inukshuk, raised bed vegetable gardens, perennial/shrub beds. The septic field has been converted to a "wild" flower meadow. The whole property has become an art gallery of the owner Tim and Ann's inspirations of scrap metal artwork (some for sale). Rosmarie will be on hand as your tour guide.



**2018 NSAGC Convention Program**  
**Hosted by South Shore District**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**  
**Days Inn, Bridgewater**



**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup>**

1:00 – 5:00	Registration
1:00 – 5:00	Vendors open/Self guided tours of local attractions, nurseries & farm markets (map in registration bag)
1:00 – 4:00	Floral Arrangements in place (Judging on close of entries)
2:30 – 3:30	Demo/Workshop – Charles Berry - Cleaning & Sharpening Hand Tools (max. 40)
2:00 – 4:00	Tour of Freemans Forest (Details on registration form)
6:00 – 6:30	Opening ceremonies, cash bar open
6:30 – 7:15	Erica Poole – Maritime Osteopathy – “Stretching into Spring”
7:15	Social time

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 – 12:00	Registration
9:00 – 4:00	Vendors open
8:45 – 9:45	NSAGC Annual Meeting and AGM Door Prize
9:45 – 10:15	Nutrition Break/Door Prizes
10:15 – 11:00	Iain Jack – Fernwood Nursery - Ferns in Garden Design
11:15 – 12:00	Chris Sanford – Yonder Hill Farm - Soil Preparations
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch/Raffle Draw # 1
1:15 – 2:00	Chris Sanford – Bridgewater Community Gardens Coordinator - Planting for Pollinators
2:00 – 2:15	Nutrition Break/Raffle Draw # 2
2:15 – 3:00	Greg Sutcliff – Chestnut Hill Farm - Beekeeping
3:15 – 4:00	Mersey Tobeatc Research Institute – Monarch Butterfly
4:00 – 5:30	Free time to explore the area
5:30	Meet & Greet in Foyer, Cash Bar Open
6:15	Banquet/Guest Speaker – Rosmarie Lohnes – Helping Nature Heal - Ecological Restoration Awards
	Closing Announcements

**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00 - 2:00 Open Garden Tours (Map in Registration Bag)

Floral Contest:

The floral contest will be club entries only. The theme will be “Spring Tea”, a composition using a tea service set, on a tray (Teapot, Cup & Saucer, Sugar & Creamer). Tray not to exceed 18” in any dimension. Floral element to be displayed in the teapot.

Note: Some timings may be adjusted slightly on the official program.

