



## 2025 NSAGC Convention Garden Tours Antigonish, June 13, 14, 15

Tours will be self guided in some instances, particularly on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14. Sunday, June 15 will feature both self-guided tours plus those at private gardens where the owner/host will be available. Everyone will receive a Garden Tour Brochure in their registration bag.

**FRIDAY, June 13**      Free time after registration

### **St. FX Campus**

“[The Medicine Garden](#)”, located close to Kiknu, the St. FX Student Indigenous Centre in Coady West. “The idea was to create a space on campus for Indigenous students, staff and faculty to practice their culture, to have a sacred healing space.” Plants were chosen as indigenous species and with medical properties. Area is known as “The Warren Gardens”

*(A short walk across campus near the Coady Institute)*

# BETHANY GROUNDS

Prayerful pathways for private reflection

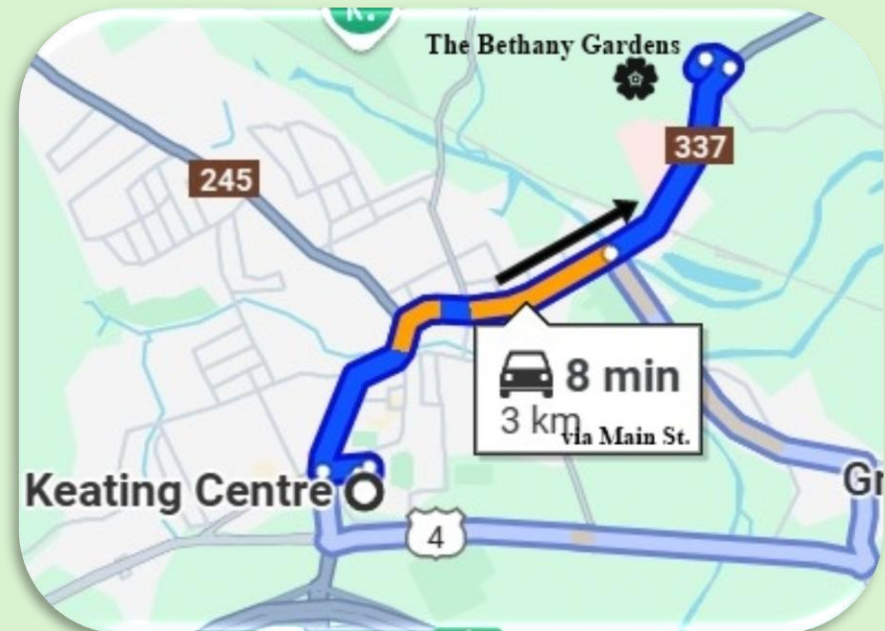
## Bethany Centennial Garden

The goal for the new space is to capture the historic and religious significance of the site where the Bethany Motherhouse once stood. The Martha Story is told through interpretive panels and the incorporation of the salvaged landmarks from the Motherhouse building, such as the bell tower or the steeple. The garden/park provides green spaces, walking paths, and a few contemplative areas. Sisters of St. Martha welcome the larger community to enjoy this unique place.



The Bethany Gardens are available at all times for self-guided tours. They are only about a five minute drive from St. FX. on Marion Drive, the first left past St. Martha's Hospital. There is parking available.

Three components at Bethany- St. Theresa's Garden, Bethany Centennial Garden, Bethany Arboretum. All three can be enjoyed at the visitor's leisure and time frame.



**SATURDAY, June 14**

**Time for tours may be limited by The Convention schedule. Late afternoon before the Banquet would be the logical choice. The variable self-guided tours of Bethany and the St. FX Campus would be available.**



**SUNDAY, June 15**

**~ Time 9:30 AM until 1:00 PM**

**Tours are hopefully convenient for those travelling both East and West from Antigonish. All may not be inclined to visit every location but will have 2-3 options for their direction of travel. The Gardens along Rte. 245 present an alternate more scenic route to Rte.104 West. Hopefully you make an effort to visit those Gardens where you will be welcomed by the host gardener.**

**Bethany Garden areas and the St. FX Campus are still options for Sunday.**

## **Leona English's Garden**

92 Arbor Drive Ext., Antigonish

Leona has created a beautiful garden of bulbs, perennials and shrubs, utilizing all of her town property.

*(~5 minutes from St.FX, Arbor Drive is 2<sup>nd</sup> Right off Hawthorne St.)*





## The Willow Garden

Sharon Bryson (host)

This 3+ acre garden is now over 40 years old. Mid-June is the optimal time to enjoy the bloom of hundreds of Azaleas and Rhododendrons and meander through a park-like setting.

*~15 minutes from Antigonish to Maryvale via Rte. 245. Right @ Old Maryvale Rd. ~2 Km. to*

**407 Old Maryvale Road**



The Willow Garden  
[www.willowgarden.net](http://www.willowgarden.net)



**Jean Luc DeClerc (host)**

Maryvale via Rte 245

Jean Luc has been creating a beautiful and productive vegetable garden for many years. His use of organic methods and innovative techniques provide his yearly vegetable supply.

*121 Greendale Road, ~2 Km. from The Willow Garden*

*Right at Greendale Rd. ~600 Meters on left*



**Jean Luc DeClerc (host)**





## The Old Barn Gallery and Gardens

Carol Rivoire (Host)

71 Melanson Rd. Pomquet

The Garden is on the site of the former horse farm with perennial plantings, many shrub roses, a developing meadow and a quite new greenhouse. There are art displays featuring Carol's art and that of wildlife photographer Rodney Tate.

*via Rte 104 East Left @ Exit  
35B, left @ Melanson Rd. ~15  
minutes from Antigonish*



The Old Barn Gallery and Gardens

**WE WELCOME ALL THE CONVENTION  
VISITORS FROM ACROSS THE PROVINCE  
TO SHARE IN THE GARDENING ENTHUSIASM  
SHOWN BY ALL THE GARDENS THAT ARE  
OPEN TO YOU THIS JUNE WEEKEND**