



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Sept 26 & 27, 2025
Via Zoom

Item	Notes
Meeting called to order at Regrets: In attendance: Review Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting, April 26, 2025	Melissa Weir, Beate Acker , Dale Kelly, Sharon Bryson, Bill Mercier, Geoff MacDonals, Debbie Innes, Susan Hazelwood, Deb Bowes-Lyon, Janet Rose, Janet Patterson, Lori Reid, Chuck Boyd, Liz Hill, Kathryn Davidson, Brenda Graser Geoff declares minutes approved as circulated
Old Business a. Convention 2025	a) Chuck who was on convention committee, commented that there is an opportunity for issues if there is not stricter parameters when it comes to the finances and paying vendors and clubs. Maybe a timeline after convention where everything should be “wrapped up”. Chuck would like to see specific guidelines on how districts divide up profits from convention. Geoff reminded the board that it is up to the district and convention committee how money is divided and NSAGC isn’t in the business of telling clubs and districts what to do. Deb suggested that maybe in the convention planning document that it suggests committees make a plan for the money early on in their convention planning. Susan suggested that there also be something adding to the handbook

b. Membership cards c. Facebook guidelines	about when the convention loan gets paid back, set a deadline. Deb suggested a new section for the convention portion on the handbook be created for a general timeline on when things should be done. Susan suggested herself, Chuck, Kathryn and Deb form a subcommittee to tackle this. Susan asked that she gets the registration forms well in advance of the convention so it can be changed on the website before registrations start rolling in. b) Melissa suggested membership cards be held by a second member of the board so they can be distributed between meetings without mailing them. c) No major changes were made, just removing “ non profit”, Deb will make changes and send updated document
New Business a. Convention 2026 D1 b. Veteran Farm Project c. 2026 Plant Giveaway d. Director Training e. Melissa	a) Will hold this for tomorrow when Glynis Is present b) There is a go fund me circulating for Veteran Farm Project, while the NSAGC does not advocate for projects or causes we could support DD’s sharing the info from their personal accounts without affiliation to the NSAGC. Susan will share information c) Janet and Janet used everyone’s suggestions to create a list of the 5 most voted for plants for the give away. Decision is needed today so order can go in Monday for the ordering discount. If we pay early we also get another 3%

	discount. Chucked asked why enough extra plants aren't ordered to bring it to a 0\$ cost to the board. Geoff explained that they tried in the past and not all the extra plants sold, and the plant chair ends up taking care of the plants waiting for them to sell. The number of extra plants ordered now is based on how many have been consistently sold in the past. There has been years where plants have been thrown out. After much discussion Dianthus – Rockin Red was chosen. d) Vice Chair will become a mentor to the District Director. November 8 we will hold district director training in Truro. e) Bill brought to the board an issue with the district meeting St. Margarets Bay is holding, with low registration. Board members made suggestions for Bill to share with Maxwell of St. Margarets Club f) Melissa informed the board of her decision to resign as secretary at the end of her term. She loves the position but is finding her time very divided between her family, work, university and the position. She suggested a replacement could be found before June and Melissa would mentor them until the end of her term
September 27th 10am New business Convention Report	• Convention Report : Venue and all but 1 speaker are confirmed. There will be a plant giveaway and aprons instead of t-shirts. Glynis has a great executive group that is working well

Reports Highlights a. Treasurer b. Web Content Manager c. Newsletter d. Facebook e. Plant Giveaway f. Photo Contest g. Historian h. Nominations i. Membership Coordinator j. District Directors • D1 Glynis • D2 Chuck • D3N Beate • D3S Brenda • D4 Bill • D5 Dale • D6 Emily • D7 Kathryn Motion made to accept all reports made by	together. The theme is Culture, Rhythm and Roots. • Glynis said that one new club didn't have a secretary or communications person and was worried that they couldn't apply without those positions. She suggested that the website should make clear to new clubs that they are covered under NSAGC's RoJSC and Insurance. a) Treasurer – Susan made a motion that transfers only be made to members of the NSAGC board. Glynis Seconded. Beate heard that cheques are more vulnerable than transfers. Geoff said that the cheque money can be gotten back from the bank whereas transfer money is usually moved from the account instantly. Chuck suggested that the club email addresses be set up in the bank account. Susan said that it would be a lot of work and that we don't send money to clubs often. Motion carried. Susan aske for someone to volunteer to be the auditor , in addition to Melissa for 2025/2025. Pamela volunteered. Susan moved that Melissa and Pamela be appointed as the 2025/2026 auditors. Liz seconded. Motion carried b) In report c) Debbie suggested that an article on Facebook usage would be helpful. She
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	would also like to see more DYI articles d) Chuck said that some clubs are not accessible via social media. Pamela noted that clubs are able to post info about their meetings on the NSAGC page. There were 16,245 members as of the meeting date. The facebook page is used to promote clubs as a way to get new members e) Already covered under new business f) This year only the winning entries were posted on the website because of the labor involved in converting the photos to a size compatible wit the website. Sharon suggested converting the Power Point slide to PDF and having a link on the website. Susan confirmed this was a great solution. Rules will be the same as this year, perhaps with minor adjustments, and will come out in January g) Pamela continues to collect information and work on the next edition h) Melissa is not reoffering so Deb reinforced approaching potential candidates i) This year the membership form has been changed to ask for method of payments to make matching payments and forms easier. Directors will get the form and letter at the Nov 8th meeting. New form and letter are on the website now. Dale asked for a copy of the form and letter that was sent to Harbourville GC. Someone asked how many clubs and members.
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	Liz reported that, as of April 1, there were 53 clubs and 1088 members. j) D1 – no reports because of the focus on convention. A member of the Coal Coast Club is going to be a speaker. Glynis noticed that the seed giveaway made great connections with other community groups D2 – Chuck has made contact with 3 of 5 clubs. Anne will be representing NSAGC at the Westville rally next week D3N in report D3S in report D4 He has only been to 2 clubs so far D5 – no report D6 Emily not at meeting D7 in report Geoff asked for a motion to approve the reports. Janet Rose moved, Kathryn seconded. Motion carried Other notes – • Debbie confirmed that the submission is Nov 15th for the Dec newsletter • Clubs can reach out to Brenda for info on tree planting projects • Beate is looking for donations of 1000 liter water totes • Beate asked anyone with media contacts to let her know • Chuck asked what clubs are charging for memberships. Responses were between 10-25\$ • Bill asked where the
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	seed donations came from. Beate indicated that the donor wishes to remain anonymous • Glynis asked if there was a best practice report on the seed project. Beate says no but will put together a one pager for the Nov Meeting
Next Meeting	Aril 25
Adjournment	Moved by Dale at 12:20
Action Items	

Plant Giveaway Committee Report
September 26, 2025 NSAGC Board of Directors Meeting

As of the last Board meeting, all plants had fully sold out and there were no extras remaining. As noted in the previous report of April 2025, there was the potential of another 150 to 200 plants being sold if we had extras available. The majority of the plants were picked up at the district meeting in Truro and some in the HRM area were collected a couple of days before the meeting. The sorting and distribution was done with our home club, Hants North Late Bloomers. Janet Patterson opened up her garage to help sort all the plants and get them ready and Geoff MacDonald transported them to Truro. Geoff has been a huge asset to this program with the assistance he provides.

In total, 2,754 plants were shipped. 1,888 were allocated as giveaway plants and 866 were purchased at a cost of \$3.00 per plant. As with last year, there was an overall cost to the organization of \$529.35 to run this program. In essence, we are able to provide our members with 1,888 plants at a cost to the organization of \$529.35, which is very reasonable. Where we had a decrease in HST from 15% to 14% after our order was paid, we have a small credit of \$28.03 on our Joly Farmer account which will be applied against our order for the 2026 plant giveaway selection.

There were no issues with the \$3.00 price of the plant this year and our quick sell out indicates this is a fair price point. We would recommend keeping it at this price for next year.

There has again been a very positive response to this year's plant selection and to the best of our knowledge, there have been no complaints. Of the members we have spoken to, they have indicated their plant has done very well.

As with last year, the aftercare instructions sent to clubs were appreciated and given that we did not order tags this year, we shouldn't have to worry about ordering them in the future, since no clubs seemed to have an issue with not receiving tags with the plants this year.

As in past years, the e-mail address that was setup for this program (giveaway@nsagc.com) has been a very helpful tool as a one stop place for people to reach out with questions, place orders, or to make any follow ups. Generally, e-mails are very minimal outside of the time we are placing orders, however, we do keep an eye on it in case any questions come in. We will be using the same order format as last year, where orders can be placed via online, through e-mail or regular mail. The online order option continues to be the most popular method with a big uptake in the e-transfer option.

A new catalogue was received from Jolly Farmer in August, and we have reached out to NSAGC board members for plant selection choices for next year. We will prepare a final report for the board with five plants to choose from for the 2026 giveaway at the September 26th meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Rose and Janet Patterson
NSAGC Plant Giveaway Co-Chairpersons
September 10, 2025

Central South District 3 Director's Report

April – Sept. 2025

I am happy to report that all six clubs in District 3 South are doing well. The overly hot summer & lack of rain presented a challenge for most garden club members. Some clubs had to truck in water from various sources to keep community gardens watered. Stewiacke Garden Club has been asked to relocate their community garden by the Town of Stewiacke. They have secured a new location and fund raising took place to help support this on going move of their garden. Several members also helped with the revival of the Flower & Vegetable Show at the Provincial Exhibition held in Bible Hill.

Stewiacke Valley Garden Club & Stewiacke Garden Club received a \$10000.00 Grant from Trees Canada to be used in developing a Food Forest. Preparations have been in progress all summer. Both clubs are excited to be involved in these community garden projects.

Stewiacke Valley & Musquodoboit Valley Weeders Garden Clubs continued their involvement in in the Halifax Count Exhibition. Stewiacke Valley GC is responsible for the Vegetable Competition for adults & sponsorship of the Children's Competition. The Musquodoboit Valley Weeders are responsible for the Flower Show & sponsor the Children's Competition. This event involves a whole week & the participation of many club members. The Musquodoboit Valley Weeders are re-emerging with a total of 17 members up from 10 in 2024. They have recently elected a new executive. The local community has been rallying behind them for fundraising & events.

Country Garden's membership has remained stable at 13 members. They have indicated it has been a struggle to increase their membership and find speakers. They are busy planning the Fall Rally for District 3 South & North. The NSAGC president Geoff MacDonald is scheduled to bring greetings. President Jennifer MacKeigan & club members have arranged for 2 interesting speakers and program on October 4, 2025, 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the River View United Church in Elmsdale.

Hants North Late Bloomers report a stable membership. Two members Minou Morley & Liz Hill are working with a group to form a new directory that will display what benefits and resources are available to their membership in their area.

The Village Garden Club Gore held strong with 33 members. They held 4 meetings with a variety of speakers and events. They held their annual plant sale and did a seed give-away at to celebrate Provincial Gardening Week. The free seeds provided from the NSAGC were a big success for their club.

On May 1, 2025, District 3 North & South held their Council Meeting. There were 11 out of 12 clubs represented at the meeting. Many topics were covered, such as

Membership renewal deadlines, adding a few extra members, Club AGM be held in Dec., Club Reports reviewed, Newsletter information, Invasive Species Topic, Judges List , speaker & tour suggestions, Provincial Convention, Fall Rally, NSAGC updates from the Spring Board of Director's Meeting & more. This Council meeting really helps keep our 12 clubs up to date, informed, a chance to meet everyone & express their ideas & concerns. Our next Council meeting is October 9, 2025.

Most clubs have indicated that the NSAGC Plant Give Away "Coreopsis" grew very well despite hot, dry conditions. A great drought resistant plant. Several clubs mentioned that the NSAGC web site helped improve sales for their club plant sales. The Convention in Antigonish was attend by many club members and enjoyed by all.

Respectively submitted by

Central South District 3 Director

Brenda Grasser

5 Report District

By Dale Kelly, Director

Since accepting the position of Director of District 5 in June of this year I have had the pleasure of speaking to the Presidents of all of the clubs in the district. I have been blown away by the enthusiasm present in each of these members. Some of the clubs are few in number but still have a great impact in their communities.

One of the remarkable things I have noticed and absolutely love is how some of the clubs, who are in close proximity to each other, get together for activities ie: social gatherings and tours. I think this is great and plan to encourage this practice when I visit the clubs this year.

I plan to get all of the clubs together in October for a get acquainted and brain storming session. It is my goal to foster more cohesiveness amongst the clubs.

I received reports from all the clubs which I have attached to this report.

Charing Cross Garden Club

Barb Naugler – President

Our club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm in the Mew Ross Legion. We have 13 members and have added 3 new members this year.

Our club takes care of maintaining 22 hanging baskets at various locations in the community. This requires watering daily and regular upkeep. They are really beautiful and brighten up the community so much. Closer to the Christmas season we decorate the gazebo which is located in the town centre.

Summer activities have included a flower show at the fair grounds. Our theme was 'True North Strong and Free'. Our show included specimens and arrangements highlighting the provinces and territories or areas ie: the prairies of Canada. We also gave away lots of seeds at this event. We had a plant sale at the Fair Grounds the first weekend in September. We gave away seeds to those attending the event. The sale was a great success. We will be participating in the annual Christmas tree decorating contest held at the Ross Farm Museum in December. We won the event last year so heres hoping things go well this year as well.

Forties Garden club report:

We have taken care of the gardens at two churches in the Forties, Fraxville Corner and the Forties Community Centre.

Repaired the donated bench for walkers to rest, placed at one of the churches, which is appreciated by those who walk.

Had monthly meetings.

Three members attended the District meeting of 2025

We have gained a few more members and looking forward to helping with the Christmas Festival.

From Jean Frank (secretary)

The Haliburton Garden Club's 24 members had a very busy spring and summer. We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our lifetime members, Helen Hendy. She will be remembered in our gardens.

Some of our Hi Dale.

activity highlights included having 2 of our members attend the provincial conference in Antigonish, the club had a great bus tour of nurseries on the south shore, and thanks to the Vaughans Club, we attended a second bus tour to nurseries in the valley area.

Our members enjoyed a guided field trip to Smiley's Park to view the showy lady slippers in bloom along with other rare floodplain plants.

Our annual garden party, held in July, and was enjoyed by all.

Our Volunteer of the Year is Marie Harvey, and she will be recognized by the Municipality of West Hants at their annual Volunteers banquet in Sept. for her service to our community through gardening.

In partnership with the Municipality, the West Hants Trails Association, and community-funded grants, we completed phase 2 of developing a community park and public gardens at Ardoise. these public gardens have been a major project for us and contains over 200 species of plants. This summer has been a valuable learning experience in gardening during drought conditions and in adapting our gardening practices for the optimal results in our changing climate.

Written by Art Crowell, President

Report of Spring and Summer 2025 Activities

Mount Denson Garden Club

Written by Dale Kelly, Vice President

The Mount Denson Garden Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at the West Hants Wildlife Association building on Bog Road in Falmouth. We have a membership of 47 with between 15 and 20 on average attending the meetings.

On April 12 we hosted the District 5 annual meeting held at the Brooklyn Civic Centre. Our club worked very hard to make this gathering extra special for the clubs in the District and it was a tremendous success. We had 4 of our members attend the annual convention in Antigonish in June which was indeed a highlight. Our club hosted our annual plant sale in June at Victoria Park in Windsor as part of the local Farmers Market. Many members helped out with this event which proves to be our major fundraising event each year. On July 23rd we held our annual Summer Social at the Meander River Farm owned and operated by one of our members. We invited three other clubs to join us for this event where we had a barbeque and potluck, a plant exchange and were free to stroll the beautiful lavender fields at the farm and we were even encouraged to pick a bouquet of lavender blossoms to take home. On August 24 our club was invited to join the Upper Vaughan Garden Club on their bus tour of Revival Seeds and Summerland Nursery. It was a wonderful event and what a pleasure it was to come together with other clubs to share fun and food and lots of laughs. On September 13th we are having a sale of fall mums at the Clifton House Museum in Windsor. We have over 100 potted mums to sell so are looking forward to very busy time this coming Saturday.

We have enjoyed a nice variety of speakers at our meetings this spring and summer. Allen Banks, a hybridizer of day lilies from Harbour Breezes Day Lillies, Salmon River Bridge, Halifax Co. brought us a very interesting talk about his passion for coming up with new varieties of lilies. One of our members, Carla Schelten, gave a demonstration and talk on creating beautiful arrangements and pictures using painted pine cones. Her creations were beautiful. Leslie Porter of Caremongers Windsor West Hants brought an address explaining the important work of this group who provide support to the unhoused, marginalized, and those needing support due to sickness, tragedy and otherwise in need. That was a real eye opener.

Our ongoing community involvement includes maintaining the 4 memorial gardens in the Riverside Cemetery in Hantsport, which by the way were designed by Rose Marie Stirrat one of our Honorary members. We also maintain a poppy garden at the cenotaph in Victoria Park in Windsor which is where the Remembrance Day Ceremonies are commemorated on November 11th each year. This year we embarked on a new project, the creation of a sizable garden memorializing one of our long time members who passed away a few years ago, Norma Sweet. It will be a part of the Falmouth Family Park which is in the planning stages at present. We have formed a committee of members who are meeting regularly to make this project a reality. I will be updating you on our progress in future reports.

We have a core group of dedicated members who work tirelessly to keep our club vibrant and visible in the communities of Hantsport, Falmouth, Windsor and rural areas of West Hants. We are quite spread out covering a large area so bringing everyone together for projects continues to be our biggest challenge.

North Mountain Garden Club

The past six months have been a great time for the newly formed North Mountain Garden Club. Our first meeting in the spring included a “Tick Talk” by Lois Hare and an opportunity to gauge the level of interest in creating a garden club on the North Mountain. The response exceeded our hopes, with 38 attendees who expressed their enthusiastic support for a club, with its possibilities for sharing knowledge and learning from others.

Since that first meeting, we have held three presentations. This has included one on organic gardening (Marilyn Cameron), another on winter sowing (Amanda McReynolds) and a third on the importance of native plants to support pollination (Carolyn Green).

We have also held a membership drive and received a good response. In July, we organized a garden tour, featuring three different types of gardens developed by Kirk Robillard, Raymond O'Neill and Sheila Mason. This tour proved to be very popular. We hope that a summer garden tour will become an annual event.

We are taking August off, with plans for our next presentation/meeting on September 28th. We are delighted to have joined the Nova Scotia Association of Garden Clubs and look forward to being an active member in the coming year.

Written by Lois Hare

Hello everyone,

It's been a full and flourishing summer for the Petal Society! Members have been busy digging in, learning, and growing together through a variety of events and workshops.

Here's a quick look at what's been happening:



We welcomed several guest speakers, including a great session on organic pest control that offered practical tips for keeping gardens healthy the natural way.



Our worm demo was a hands-on hit—members learned how to build and maintain their own composting systems at home.



The Veterans Farm Project presentation gave us a meaningful look at how gardening is supporting veterans through healing and connection.



Our first jarring night was a huge success! We preserved wild blueberries, and the turnout and enthusiasm were amazing.

Following that success, plans are already in motion for more jarring nights ahead. Next up: homemade salsa at the Ellerhouse Community Hall.

It's been a season of sharing knowledge, building community, and celebrating all things green and growing. We're looking forward to what fall will bring!

– The Petal Society Team

Written by Siobhan Kalverda

June was a busy month for the Garden Club. We conclude our two annual fundraisers. Our plant sale was a huge success, and our ticket sales/draw was another great contribution to our funds. Money raised from our fundraising goes to maintaining and building our community flower gardens, workshops, field trips, and operating costs.

July, we added 2 public gardens to our community. 1 at the Vaughan United Church and we built

and provided the Vaughan Fire Hall with 7 large planters and filled them with annuals. Our club now maintains 4 public Garden locations – Vaughan United Church, Upper Vaughan Baptist Church, Vaughan Fire Hall, & the Upper Vaughan Community Hall. We also participated in the

local farmers market and sold bouquets and garden plants. Our District 5 Director, Dale Kelly, attended our monthly meeting and presented the club with their NSAGC 1 year Certificate.

We don't schedule a monthly meeting in Aug. We use that evening to enjoy a garden tour at a member's home. This year, we toured 2 home gardens. Next door neighbors Mark Kehoe and Shirley Walker hosted the club members. Following the garden tours, we gathered at Nancy Maxner's cottage for a summer potluck and social. We also organized a club bus tour in Aug. Members from the Haliburton Garden Club and the Mt Denson Garden Club were invited to join us. We filled the bus and visited Revival Seeds in Middleton, Summerland Nursery in Wilmot and enjoyed lunch at the Big Scoop in Middleton.

We're looking forward to fall and plan to keep busy with guest speakers, workshops and our community gardens.

-Mark Kehoe – UVGC President/Co-Secretary

The Valley Gardeners Club was on break for the summer so no meetings and unfortunately, our planned bus trip had to be cancelled. However, we did have a number of members volunteer at the Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville this summer. We started in late spring cleaning up the front and rear gardens as well as the courtyard garden. Many years of basic maintenance had left things in need of sprucing up.

We had a core group of six members visit the gardens on a weekly bases weeding, pruning, and tidying the beds. We also held a one day invitational to our members to join in and help specifically with the courtyard gardens. Who knew mulching could be so much fun...lol.

It was a great project which we are continuing to work on into the fall and hopefully start up again in the spring.

The work in the courtyard was especially meaningful as the Valley Gardeners Club initially designed and constructed the courtyard garden in 1995. Also, it was interesting to find signage in regard to plants donated by other clubs in the area.

Cheers

Karen Marsh
President, Valley Gardeners Club

Photo Contest Report – September,2025 Board Meeting

Sharon Bryson

The 2025 Photo Contest information was added to the NSAGC website after the last update of the Rules and Classes.

There were small changes in the Rules and Classes to include one or two clarifications on the number of images per person per class, the optimal image size, and the naming of image files.

There has been good exposure via the Scotia Gardener and the NSAGC Facebook page in the time leading up to the April,2025 deadline. Reminders were also sent to District Directors to be forwarded to their clubs.

The NSAGC website reflecting a more direct link to The Photo Contest has been good.

There were 42 contributors and 243 images submitted to the 2025 contest.

All entries were organized on the NSAGC Google Documents site and were easily shared with the judges. They also exist on my computer.

Bernice MacDonald and Anne Louise MacDonald were the 2025 judges. Both were impressed with the quality of submissions.

The slideshow for the Convention was completed and given to Denise Chisholm for use at the 2025 Convention. The summary of the winners was presented at the Convention. None of the winners were in attendance and the prizes were mailed to them. Jennifer Hill, Deborah Gillis and Emily Walker were the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners.

The winning images are displayed on the NSAGC website. Susan Hazelwood and I may work out a method for displaying all. There seems to be some issue with respect to image size for web purposes. Garden Clubs were sent a link to view the slideshow. I am thinking a pdf version of the slideshow could be inserted as a link on the website. That hasn't been discussed yet.

I do not foresee any great changes in the Rules and Classes for 2026.

Treasurer's Report For September 2025 Board Meeting

Tags & Seals

We got an order for 300 tags, which is the largest order in at least 5 years.

Financial Notes

1. With Nancy McCara stepping down as a District Director, the bank signatories had to be changed. They are now Pamela MacLean, Goeff Mac Donald and me.
2. I was caught up in a \$750 scam this summer. It involved one of the clubs that I was trying to Etransfer grant money from one of the municipalities to. Thankfully it was caught by the RBC Security Department, and they were able to cancel the etransfer before it went to the scammers. As a result of this situation and the recommendations of the RBC Security Department, I would like to make a motion that will add security to our bank accounts and our money.

Motion that Etransfers are only sent to board members for approved expenses and trusted vendors (e.g., insurance, plants supplier, web site support). Cheques will be sent to anyone else (e.g. clubs, photo contest judges and winners).

Balance Sheet

1. The balance sheet shows that we are in a very healthy cash position.

Profit and Loss

1. The Garden Club dues are from the two clubs that joined after March 31.
2. The Awards expenses increased after the convention because we had a higher number of Board members who left us than we had expected.
3. The increase in Board Meetings expenses was due to having to move the April accommodations to a more expensive location without much notice. In January I will check the hotels in Truro and area for the best price. We decided to stay at the NSCC for the Saturday meeting because it is a better room at a lower price than that offered at the Willow Bend.
4. Insurance was paid before year end.
5. The web site maintenance expenses were paid before year end.

Budget

1. The Budget comparison is not particularly meaningful at this time of year but is included at the Board's request.
2. We will receive most of our revenue in the spring from the Sale of Surplus Plants and the Garden Club Dues.
3. The budget for the meeting expenses includes the Executive Planning meeting.
4. The plant giveaway is budgeted to have a loss of \$600.

Auditors for 2025/2026

Each year we ask 2 Board members to audit the books for the year. Ideally one of the auditors is from the previous year and one is new. Once again, we will need auditors to review the financials in April 2026, after our year end and before the April Board meeting.

Motion to appoint auditors for 2025/2026.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report.

Submitted by Susan Hazelwood

Balance Sheet

April 1 - August 31, 2025

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Bank Accounts		
Chequing	8257.35	8764.96
Savings	13248.27	8686.95
TOTAL Bank Accounts	21505.62	17451.91
Other Assets		
Convention Loan Due from Host District	0.00	1000.00
Tags & Seals Inventory	653.78	672.70
TOTAL Other Assets	653.78	1672.70
TOTAL ASSETS	22159.40	19124.61
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Dues - Affiliates	0.00	0.00
Dues - Garden Clubs	0.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
EQUITY	22159.40	19124.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	22159.40	19124.61

Profit & Loss Statement

April 1 - August 31, 2025

	2025	2024
INCOME		
Income from Sales		
Newsletter Advertising	50.00	50.00
Sales of Surplus Plants	1119.00	1071.00
Sales of Tags & Seals	30.00	0.00
TOTAL Income from Sales	1199.00	1121.00
Income from Other Sources		
Affiliated Garden Clubs Dues	0.00	50.00
Garden Clubs Dues	135.00	0.00
Interest	96.47	87.59
TOTAL Income from Other Sources	231.47	137.59
TOTAL INCOME	1430.47	1258.59
EXPENSES		
General Expenses		
Awards	179.18	75.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00
Photo Contest	278.92	262.00
Plant Giveaway	114.00	0.00
TOTAL General Expenses	572.10	337.00
Meeting Expenses		
Board Meetings	1344.53	757.40
Board Members	635.23	853.68
TOTAL Meeting Expenses	1979.76	1611.08
Operating Expenses		
Bank Fees	37.35	55.65
Incidentals (postal, printing, etc.)	28.48	78.72
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Joint Stocks Membership	31.15	31.15
Web Site	0.00	655.50
TOTAL Operating Expenses	96.98	821.02
TOTAL Expenses	2648.84	2769.10
OVERALL TOTAL	-1218.37	-1510.51

Budget 2025/2026

	2025/2026 Budget	August 31 Actuals
INCOME		
Income from Sales		
Newsletter Advertising	200.00	50.00
Sales of Surplus Plants	2600.00	1119.00
Sales of Tags & Seals	30.00	30.00
TOTAL Income from Sales	2830.00	1199.00
Income from Other Sources		
Affiliated Garden Clubs Dues	250.00	0.00
Garden Clubs Dues	9500.00	135.00
Interest	180.00	96.47
TOTAL Income from Other Sources	9930.00	231.47
TOTAL INCOME	12760.00	1430.47
EXPENSES		
General Expenses		
Awards	125.00	179.18
Newsletter	0.00	0.00
Photo Contest	265.00	278.92
Plant Giveaway	3200.00	114.00
TOTAL General Expenses	3590.00	572.10
Meeting Expenses		
Board Meetings	2200.00	1344.53
Board Members	1300.00	635.23
TOTAL Meeting Expenses	3500.00	1979.76
Operating Expenses		
Bank Fees	110.00	37.35
Incidentals (postal, printing, etc.)	100.00	28.48
Insurance	1400.00	0.00
Joint Stocks Membership	31.15	31.15
Web Site	1150.00	0.00
TOTAL Operating Expenses	2791.15	96.98
TOTAL Expenses	9881.15	2648.84
OVERALL TOTAL	2878.85	-1218.37

NSAGC.COM Web Site Report For September 2025 Board Meeting

As always, the web site remains stable and used.

The following updates have been made to the site since April 2025.

- Added the Summer 2025 Scotia Gardener.
- Changed the Save the Date box to reflect the 2026 Convention.
- Added the AGM Minutes.
- Added the April Board Minutes.
- Updated the Photo Gallery with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category.
- Updated the Board Members under Our Team and the President's message and photo.
- Added our new clubs to the map.

I ran a link checker against the website for the first time. It found 3 broken links (links that no longer took you to the correct web site) under the Resources section that we updated to reflect the new web sites.

I continue to check the emails from the Contact Us page every couple of days. From April to September the emails slowed down due to summer but there were still requests received weekly on a wide variety of topics.

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